

Newsletter

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Hiringa Resilience

"He toka tu moana, he ākinga nā ngā"
Like a rock standing in the sea, buffeted by the tides.



BEST ATTENDANCE CLASS OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROOM
5 ON THEIR 98% ATTENDANCE
LAST WEEK. THEY HAVE BEEN
REWARDED WITH A
DELICIOUS CAKE!

Kia ora koutou

We have a busy term ahead with sports and trips.

Looking ahead, basketball commences next week, our junior classes are looking forward to their upcoming trip to the Morrinsville Museum (18 & 19 August) and Room 5 are gearing up for Snow Camp (8 to 11 Sept).

We have a few reminders for parents and caregivers of children who are participating in the 3 x 3 Basketball at the Events Centre. Children are only permitted to be at the Events Centre 15 minutes before their game commences and are to leave immediately after their game.

Our Senior Kapa Haka group is practising weekly preparing for the Piako Cultural Festival which is being held at the Events Centre on Wednesday 16 September. Our Junior Kapa Haka practice every fortnight. All kapa haka children will be performing at the Festival.

Welcome to Celandré Krugel, who will be teacher aiding for this term and we farewell Tania Russell wishing her all the best in her future endeavours.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 18 August**
 - Rooms 8, 9 & 12
 - Trip to Morrinsville Museum**
- Wednesday 19 August**
 - Rooms 7, 10 & 11
 - Trip to Morrinsville Museum**
- Tuesday 25 August**
 - **BOT Meeting 5:45pm**
- Friday 28 August**
 - **Daffodil Day**
- Tuesday 8 Sept**
 - **Snow Camp departs**
- Friday 11 Sept**
 - **Snow Camp returns**
- Wednesday 16 Sept**
 - **Piako Festival**
- Thursday 17 Sept**
 - **Soccer Hockey Funday**
 - (Postponement date: Fri 18th Sept)
- Tuesday 22 Sept**
 - **BOT Meeting 5:45pm**
- Friday 25 Sept**
 - **Last Day of Term 3**



Hockey

Hockey season commenced last Friday and it was fantastic to see the children having so much fun. Thank you to Clay and Bridgette who have offered to train our junior team on Thursday afternoons from 3.20-4.00 p.m. Whaea Rosé will train MS Topehaehae on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30-2.30 p.m. Please send your child's shin pads, mouthguards and shoes on training days. Our team managers are Whaea Rosé (MS Piako) and Lycinda Lett (MS Topehaehae).

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Friday 14 August 2026

5.00 p.m. MS Piako v DSS
Falcon - Turf One

5.30 p.m. MS Topehaehae v
Tahuna Goal Getter - Turf Two

Year 7 Vision Screening Information Sheet

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the vision check is to identify previously undetected vision defects.

The check that is carried out is long distance vision tests on all Year 7 students.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, they should let the school know.

This will not be a complete vision examination, but a simple screening test. When an unsatisfactory result is obtained, it will be necessary for the Technician to obtain personal details ie; home address and date of birth, and parents/caregivers will be asked to seek further advice.

Our Service may share health information gathered in this way with other Health Professionals involved in the student's care.

Cricket Skills

A big thank you to the Waikato Valley Cricket Association for visiting our school last week. The coach spent time teaching cricket and ball skills to all of our children who enjoyed learning the game.



Room 9 Artwork

Room 9 enjoyed creating artwork inspired by the stories of Māui and the Big Fish and Lupe and the Great Octopus.

Through these stories the children explored where New Zealand is in the world, learnt some fascinating facts about octopuses and began discovering more about our country's history. Over the coming weeks they will continue their learning by exploring the differences between then and now, as they learn more about the history of Aotearoa New Zealand.

