

# Newsletter

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## Hiranga Resilience

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



Kia ora koutou

Naumai haere mai ki te wāhanga tauwhā. Welcome to Term 4. We hope everyone enjoyed their break and the tamariki are ready for a busy Term 4.

### Staffing

We welcome Whaea Bruna and Carla Rodriguez Joure to our school. Whaea Bruna will be teaching in Room 4 for Term 4. Carla has joined our Cleaning team.

We are fortunate to have four Occupational Therapy students working alongside our junior tamariki in our junior classrooms (Rms 7/8/9/10). A warm welcome to them all.

### Uniform

All children are required to be in full summer uniform this term, e.g. black shorts/skort, black sandals/crocs, a named potae (sunhat). If your child does not have a hat they will be limited to playing in shaded areas.

### Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring tamariki attend school. Our attendance rate for Term 3 was 90%.

Once a child turns 6 years of age, it is a legal requirement that they attend school every day unless they are unwell. Missing one week of school each term adds up to missing a whole year of learning by the time your child is 16. Regular attendance (missing less than 5 days a term) is strongly linked to your child's learning and overall well-being.

If your child is not attending and we do not receive a phone call or text advising of their absence and our office staff are unable to make contact with you, they will be marked as Truant.

## Upcoming Events

Friday 16 October

- Combined Livestock Day (DSS)

Friday 23 October

- Agricultural Group Day

Tuesday 27 October

- Board Hui 5.45 p.m.

Wed 28 Oct to Friday 30 Oct

- Yr 3 Waharau Camp

Tues 10 Nov to Friday 30 Nov

- Yr 4 Waitawheta Camp

## BEST ATTENDANCE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Room 5 on their 93% attendance for the last week of term 3.  
They have been rewarded with a delicious CAKE!



### Reading with Rotary

Congratulations to Kruze, Thiwen, Macy and Khean who received a certificate and \$20 Paper Plus voucher for their improvement in reading last term. The awards were presented by Pip Feast and Tracey Waite.

Left to right: Mr Noonan, Pip Feast (Rotary), Kruze Rakatau, Thiwen Liyana Athukorala, Macy Lett, Khean Balaba and Tracey Waite (Paper Plus).

### Virtues

The following children's names were drawn out for virtue rewards:

**Junior School:** Bella Hun, Room 8, for showing the virtue of KINDNESS: MANAAKITANGA AROHA

**Middle School:** Marlee Randall, Room 11. For showing the virtue of RESPONSIBILITY : KAWANGA.

**Senior School :** Braxton Mabbott, Room 4, for showing the virtue of KINDNESS : MANAAKITANGA



## Drop Off/Collecting Your Child/ren

Please ensure you **do not** park on the yellow lines or over our neighbours driveways. We also ask that you do not make u-turns outside the school gates.

## Combined Schools Livestock Day

All children participating in the Combined Schools Livestock Day, being held at David Street School, this Friday 16th October, have received notices regarding the day. We wish them all the best for the day.

# CHARACTER DAY



## School Lunches

Our supplier, BiteLab, have taken on feedback received from tamariki and altered the menu, with some meals removed and others modified. As you will note Fridays are now sandwich days.

If your child is not participating in the programme and you would like them to do so, please let the school office know.

Those children not participating in the lunch programme are expected to have nutritious food, e.g. sandwich, fruit, wrap, etc. in their lunch box. We ask that lunch boxes are not full of packet food as teachers have found these children tire easily in the afternoon and are not able to concentrate.

With the warmer weather upon us it will be a good idea for children to bring a named drink bottle.

**BITE LAB**

## EXCITING NEWS FOR TERM 4

We are excited to announce that in Term 4, **BiteLAB** (our Healthy School Lunches supplier) will be supplying **COLD LUNCH FRIDAYS**. **YES, THAT IS RIGHT A COLD LUNCH!!**

Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Batons and a Moogurt Suckie  
Served on Friday in our Week 1 rotation

Chicken and Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Batons and our homemade Brownie  
Served on Friday in our Week 2 rotation

All students with dietary requirements will be accommodated with a cold lunch too.

## STANDARD LUNCHES

As per the Nutritional Guidelines set by the Ministry of Education Healthy School Lunches Program, lunches are to have a compulsory balance of protein foods (animal and/or plant-based proteins) (eg meat, cheese, lentils), vegetables, grain foods and starchy vegetables (eg pasta, rice, potatoes).

### BUTTER CHICKEN ON RICE

Chicken, tomatoes, butter chicken sauce and rice (No changes to recipe)

An outstanding overall favourite lunch from Term 3 as per the Akonga Survey and feedback.

### POPCORN CHICKEN WITH MASH, BEANS & GRAVY

Our version of KFC with Popcorn Chicken, very similar to KFC potato and gravy with green beans

An overall favourite lunch from Term 3 as per the Akonga Survey and feedback.

### BEEF NACHO MINCE WITH RICE AND CORN CHIPS

Beef Mince, Lentils, Tomatoes, Rice, Cheese and an Individual Packet of Corn Chips

A return of this lunch (with improvements) but with corn chips as many asked where were the corn chips in the Akonga Survey and feedback from Term 1

### BEEF LASAGNE

Layered lasagne pasta with beef mince, lentils, tomatoes, cheese sauce and cheese (No changes to recipe)

Baked in large trays and portioned into each lunch tray

An outstanding overall favourite lunch from Term 3 as per the Akonga Survey and feedback

### COLD LUNCH FRIDAY

#### Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Raw Carrots Batons and a Moogurt

Served in a compostable sealed tray.

Piece of White Bread, Piece of Grain bread, Ham, Cheese Slice, Raw Carrot Batons and a Berry Flavoured Moogurt. We cut the sandwich on the diagonal with the white bread facing upwards.

**NB** Made without Dairy and Vegan lunches will receive bliss balls as a dairy free alternative.

Lots of feedback through the Akonga Surveys for a cold lunch.

TERM 4 - WEEK 1

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### BEEF MEATBALLS, MASH, PEAS AND GRAVY

A return of a favourite from Term 2 as per the Akonga Survey and feedback.

When we changed to Meatballs in Term 3 in one of the lunches this proved to be popular.

### MAC N CHEESE

Macaroni Pasta, Cheese Sauce, Cauliflower Rice and Cheese (No changes to the recipe)

An outstanding overall favourite lunch from Term 3 as per the Akonga Survey and feedback.

### PASTA BOLOGNESE

Penne Pasta with beef mince, lentils, tomatoes and cheese.

An outstanding overall favourite lunch from Term 3 as per the Akonga Survey and feedback.

### HAM PASTA BAKE

Spiral pasta, ham, cheese sauce and cheese baked in large trays and portioned into each lunch tray (No change to base recipe just the protein)

This was overall a popular lunch in Term 3 as per the Akonga Survey and feedback, but we have changed it up with Ham.

### COLD LUNCH FRIDAY

#### Chicken & Cheese Sandwich, Raw Carrots Batons and our Homemade Brownie

Served in a compostable sealed tray.

Piece of White Bread, Piece of Grain bread, Chicken, Mayonnaise, Cheese Slice, Raw Carrot Batons and our homemade brownie. We cut the sandwich on the diagonal with the white bread facing upwards.

**NB** Vegan and No Egg lunches will receive bliss balls.

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TERM 4 - WEEK 2