

Newsletter

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**Whakaute
Respect**

**“Manaakitia te teina, kia
tupu ai tana mana.”**
“Nurture and respect the younger generation,
so their dignity may grow.”



Kia ora koutou

It has been wonderful to see the tamariki back at school settling into routines.

We have hit the ground running with children already beginning their assessments. These evaluations provide teachers with valuable insights into each student's current learning level helping teachers tailor their teaching to support the tamariki's progress throughout the term.

Children will commence athletics training this week. Our Senior Athletic Day (8 year olds and up) will be held Tuesday 17th November and Junior Athletics, Tuesday 24th November.

Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Survey

As part of the Board's strategic planning process a brief survey will be emailed to all school families today. The Board uses your feedback as a vital foundation for shaping our school's future direction, ensuring that governance decisions reflect the values, needs and vision of our community.

Please keep an eye out for the email and complete the survey by Friday 30th October .

If you did not receive the email, please check your junk folder or contact the school office.

If your email address needs updating or you would prefer to complete a paper copy please contact the school office.

We encourage everyone to complete the survey as family/whānau insights make a difference.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Tues 17 November
- Senior Athletics
- Friday 20 November
- Grandparents Day

Year 3 Waharau Camp

Our Year 3 tamariki are counting down the days until their first-ever school camp at Waharau, from Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th October!

They have been learning about the exciting places, habitats and wildlife they will discover along the way. Their adventures include visiting Miranda Shorebird Centre and heading out to the bird hides to spot migratory birds, exploring Tapapakanga Regional Park, setting fish traps in the stream near our campsite, discovering Ngatea Water Gardens and finishing their camp with a splash at Te Aroha Swim Zone! They can't wait to put their learning into action, try new things, build independence and teamwork and make some unforgettable memories together. Three days, two nights, plenty of adventures and a whole lot of fun! Year 3, let the camp countdown begin!

Camp Parents are: Jasen Barclay, Lisa Bigham, Kayla Te Hau Tanwhea, Kathleen Howell, Ray Hohipa, Francine Clarke, Steven Mules, Delwyn Rakatau, Kayla Te Huia and Jucel May Maque.

Livestock Day

A huge well done to Ellie-Rose Foster, Macy Lett, Mackenna Lett, Reid Lett, Zoe van de Pas, Charlotte van de Pas, Lukah Tyler and Charlotte Hall for all their hard work on Friday at Livestock Day. We are proud of their efforts and will post the official results as soon as we receive them.



Ellie-Rose Foster and Flossie



Macy Lett and Moo Moo



Charlotte van de Pas and Rudolph



Mackenna Lett and Sugar



Zoe van de Pas and Casey



Reid Lett and Buttercup

GROUP DAY

We have three students competing at Group Day this Friday 23rd October. Ellie Rose Foster with her calf, Flossie; Zoe van de Pas with her calf, Casey and Charlotte van de Pas with her calf, Rudolph.

BEST ATTENDANCE CLASS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Room10 on their 96% attendance for last week.
They have been rewarded with a delicious CAKE!

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