



Newsletter

Week Four Term Two 2022

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Kia Ora Whānau

What a busy couple of weeks we have had and we have many more exciting learning opportunities coming up too.

I must start off with congratulating our **leaders** - not only did they take their first full house meetings last week but have also put themselves out there to grow their leadership capabilities through participating in the **Mana Potential** Programme. This programme builds the mana of our leaders and provides them with skills to support younger learners throughout their day too. We are very lucky to have such amazing tuakana leading our teina.

Speaking of another bunch of great students at our school - our **basketball teams!** They are two games deep into their season and have already displayed our school virtues, had heaps of fun and made heaps of improvements! All the best for the rest of your season!

Our **environmental group** has really got into the swing of things too! They have grown a whole pile of taewa (Māori potatoes) and the excitement was real when they could harvest their baby carrots too.



Creativity is one of our values, we encourage students to be creative beings, to be creative thinkers, to accept and celebrate differences. One of the places that you can see creativity in action is the playground. It is fantastic to see children of all ages playing together, making shops, sharing skills and equipment and generally making the most of their amazing environment. While we encourage this creative play, lately some have taken it a step too far, pulling apart equipment to find the exact piece for that exact job in their creative play. For example, taking planks off buildings, dismantling doors, taking off railing to be the side of a hut, very creative but also not quite the ideal situation. We have had a chat with everyone because of course "Mr Nobody" did it, could you please remind your SuperStars to be creative but also respectful and sensible. Much appreciated.

Maths - we have started a few support groups in maths and are also supporting maths learning for some students with digital programmes. We are finding that number knowledge, mainly basic facts and times tables are holding students back from progressing through the stages. Cast your mind back to last year, we introduced the basic facts notebooks for this exact reason. In term two 2021, we had a 60% increase in achievement for our students in this area. When the notebooks became 'boring' the achievement stopped. It is so very important that students know their basic facts and times tables instantly - this helps them in all areas of maths - 5-10 minutes a day with a few quick fire questions will support their progress in this learning area. They need your help and support, so do we. Appreciate all you do to support the learners in your whare.

We are very excited to welcome Tammy and Dr Anne Ryan from the House of Science that will be working with us for the next year. We are aiming to weave science throughout our curriculum. This is a lengthy and detailed process but we will keep you informed of developments, our learners love science!

What an amazing day we had on Friday for Pink Shirt Day! Such great support for a great cause! We are currently working on our Tier Two training for PB4L, this supports positive choices made by our Super Stars, also tier two support those that need a little extra help to make those positive choices. Check out our Facebook page for snaps.

Last Thursday night saw one of our Super Stars showcase his talents with another bunch of amazing humans that have supported our school for a while. Damian aka Thunderfoot opened for Pull Down the Sun! Jason, Stefan and Koert put on an all ages gig and Damian was on the drums doing his thing! This was such an amazing opportunity for not only Damian but also some very keen students that got to see Jason on stage, it was great to see a few faces from school that came down to support both Damo and Jason!



Celebrating Our Super Stars



Virtue Certificates: Ryan B, Andrew, Leah and Galatea

Classroom Certificates: Madeleine, Ruby, Zay, Alistair, Khaleese, Noah, Eli and Mason

PB4L Voucher: Iris

Principal Award: Josh - *You are an inspiration for many! Your kindness and*

dedication is a true credit to you and one of the big reasons why you have an important leadership role. Nothing is ever a problem for you and you are always looking for the good in people and encouraging them to be the best they can be! You are always striving for excellence! Be very proud!!!

"E kore te tangata e pakari i runga i te wai marino."

"A person who remains in calm waters will never get strong."



Important Dates that are coming up fast:

24 May - BOT meeting

25 May - National Young Leaders Day

3 June - Teacher Only Day - no school for students

Thank you for all you do, we value this partnership.

Ngā Mihi

Tarnz and Team Awesome