



# Ngunguru School

## Hooked on Learning

PUPURI TE PIHUKAHUKA MO TE AKORANGA

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th

June 2024

Kia Ora koutou,

It really is the term of winter sport. Last week our year five and six students competed in the inter-school winter sports tournament. They did very well, winning most of their games across all the codes. They fully embraced the 'give it a go' attitude, participating in a wide variety of sports. A number of our year three and four students also participated in a Rippa Rugby tournament, again displaying a 'give it a go' attitude. Thank you to Matt Burns and the parents who supported this. One of the things I admire about our students is their willingness to take on a challenge.



Our first student led Roopu Day was a success. The Roopu leaders planned and led a range for team building activities for their Roopu. This was lots of fun. Thank you to Kristen Sanderson for supporting the Roopu Leaders with the planning and facilitating of this morning. It was topped off with some great kai at the OPC home baking stall. Thanks to all the parents who donated food for this.

The staff had a great day of professional learning on Tuesday. We learnt about the use of breathing techniques and

mindfulness to support students in the classroom. This fits well with our zones of regulation. We then worked on our localised curriculum. This is almost finished. I am very pleased with it as it reflects the uniqueness of our school. In the afternoon we looked at the PE resources, MoveWell. We participated in a number of games which was fun, although a little bit of staff competitiveness did come out!

Currently the teachers are working on mid year assessment and reports. They are busy assessing reading, writing and maths. Their progress in these areas will be shared in reports that will be sent out in Week 10. There will also be follow up three way conferences in early term three. Every school has a ten year property plan that is developed with the BOT and the Ministry of Education. This is then broken down into two blocks of five years. I am pleased to say that we have nearly completed all the property projects for this five year cycle, all within two years! The upgrade of the music and sensory room is almost complete. The final project is the joinery and outdoor space for Tipa and Manaia rooms. The planning for this is almost complete and this will happen over the December/January break. You may have noticed our school water tanks starting to slide down the hill. The MOE is going to remedy this in the holidays. They will be building a retaining wall for the tanks, to ensure they don't end up on the road!

Jermaine has the last coat of paint to go on the new bag bays for Moana. These are looking great and will keep the bags high and dry. Thanks Jermaine for all your work with this.

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Our garden and feathered friends continue to do well. We are eagerly awaiting the next two weeks as we should soon see some eggs!

### Policies for Review:

This term the BOT is reviewing the following policies. We invite feedback on these to ensure we have them right for our school. Please take the time to read and review and offer feedback where appropriate. You can do this through logging into SchoolDocs [ngunguru.schooldocs.co.nz/](http://ngunguru.schooldocs.co.nz/)

Login: ngunguru

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- Policies for Review
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Safety Checking
- Classroom Release Time

### Board of Trustees Meeting

Our June meeting is on Tuesday the 11th of June at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome.

### OPC DISCO

Our disco is tomorrow! Excitement is high as this is our first disco for quite some time. Tickets are still available **via KINDO until 1.30pm Friday**. The theme is Disney, the year 7 and 8 students and teachers have put a lot of time into organising this so please support it by sending your child along. Tickets are \$5.00. There are snacks available as well as face painting with all proceeds going to OPC.

### Winter Illness

There are a number of nasty bugs around at the moment, not to mention another wave of Covid. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are feeling better. Please also check that you have updated your contact information with Steph in the office so we can contact you if your child is unwell and needs to go home. We do not want bugs spreading to others, including our teachers. Thanks for your support with this.

### LineWize

As you know this year Ngunguru School introduced Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) from year three to eight. A component of implementing BYOD was making sure our internet security was robust and fit for purpose. To ensure this, we have added the LineWize system to our school internet. I have used LineWize previously and found it to be very effective for cyber safety. You can read more about LineWize here <https://linewize.co.nz/>

To complete the implementation of LineWize we are making some changes to student access to our school internet. From next week our students will not be able to access the school internet from

2.40pm to 8.00am each day. This is so our school internet can be used only during school hours, allowing LineWize to monitor and block (where necessary) any untoward material coming into the system. The only change for our students will be each morning they will be required to log into their school account through the login system rather than just automatically joining. We feel this is a very small adjustment for the students in comparison to the amount of online safety it will bring. This process will be up and running from Monday 10th June. If you have any questions or queries on this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Upcoming Speed Limit Review Consultation

In response to numerous community requests and feedback about road safety in our area, the council is proposing a new Interim Speed Management Plan for the Tutukaka Coast catchment area.

The consultation will be open for one month, allowing us to learn more about the proposal and make a submission. The council would love to hear from us about our experiences with speed and road safety around our kura and where we live.

From Wednesday, 29th May 2024, the Statement of Proposal, supporting information, and submission form will be available on the Council's website at: [www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

Additionally, there will be a drop-in information session here at school

Have a great weekend everyone! As always, my door is always open

Ngā Mihi Nui,  
Rosemary Murphy



### NGUNGURU SCHOOL DISCO!!!!

**Disney Theme - Friday 7th June**

**Juniors 5.00-6.30pm ~ Seniors 7.00-8.30pm**

**Ngunguru School Students only**

(Sibling toddlers allowed at the junior event with parental supervision)

**Venue:** Multi-Purpose Room **\$5 entry** - Paid via Kindo

**Bring change for:** Snacks, drinks, face paint

**Prizes to be won!**

**Tickets on sale until 1.30pm Tomorrow**  
[click here](#)



Tipa tahi were inspired by Dr Zeuss' 'Oh, the Places You'll Go' story. We made our very own hot air balloons and wrote imaginative stories describing where we'd like to go the most in our colourful balloons.



## Rippa Rugby competition:

The teams did awesome and represented the school well. A big thank you to Nate Coe and Karl Johnston for managing the 2 teams.

