

Kia Ora Whanau

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had! Where to begin. Tai Timu and Tai Waenganui had a great camp at Lonsdale. Everyone came back tired but very happy. Thanks to the parents who helped over the three days, you were amazing. Thanks also to Ms Bowden, Mr Ford and Matua Richard for organising and leading this awesome camp experience.

Last week a year 5/6 and year 7/8 represented Ngunguru School at the inter-school Epro8 Challenge. Both teams did our school proud. They were focused, collaborative and innovative in their approach to all the challenges. Our Year 7/8 team was placed first which was fantastic. They then went to the Regional finals on Tuesday night, where again they were victorious! It was a nail-biter but they got there in the end. Congratulations to Hannah Evans, Sam Gittos, Henry Bedell and Brody Sherman for their teamwork and success.



Last Friday was our school triathlon and what a day that was! Nearly all the students from NE to year 8

participated and gave it their all. It was a real showcase of the grit and determination our tamariki possess. Thanks to FONS and all the parents who showed up on the day and supported us. Thanks also to Mr Burns for all his mahi organising and running this event. Mr Burns we appreciate you!

This week we have also had Rippa Rugby for the year threes and four. This was another day where our year threes and fours showed their grit, determination and can-do attitude - tino pai!

A big shout out to Chloe Dickson from Tai Pari Rua for her awesome success at Horse of The Year 2025. Chloe placed first overall in the High Point class and placed second in the High Point series over the season. Chloe was also sixth in the Equitation series. Ka Rawe Chloe, we are super proud of you.

Goal Setting Interviews

Tuesday the 8th and Wednesday the 9th of April are our Goal Setting Interviews. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher with your child present and hear how they are going. From this learning conversation your child will set a goal around their learning and ways they can achieve this with support from their teacher and you at home. The booking portal is now open for these at schoolinterviews.co.nz event code: huyb2

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Notices From the Office

Last week after the Triathlon we had a number of students try to sign themselves out and telling us their whanau were waiting in the car. Just a reminder students cannot sign themselves out of school. Parents and care-givers must come into the office and use the Vistab to sign a child out. Thank you in advance for following this procedure.

Please ensure your child knows what they are doing prior to coming to school in the morning. We are having a large number of students coming down to the office during the day saying they are not sure what they are doing after school. We do not mind ringing but coming to the office is an interruption during their learning time. This can be easily solved by covering this off clearly with them prior to the start of school and maybe popping a reminder note for them in their schoolbag. Thank you.

Attendance

Daily attendance is so important for learning. The only justified explanations for time off school are Tangi/Funeral, Sickness/Medical/Dental and Judicial. Overseas trips and time off with family, or family visiting are not justified absences. Time off to shop in town or because it is the student's birthday are also not justified. These will be coded as E - explained but not justified. It has often been said to me that "they will learn just as much from the experience" when students are going on holiday during

school time. Research suggests this is not true. Students often return from these behind in learning compared to the rest of the class. Remember, every day matters when it comes to your child's learning.

Sunsmart

Just another reminder. As per our health and safety policy and guidelines we ask that all students wear clothes that cover their neck, shoulders, back and midriff. We are all aware of the long term damage that can be caused by sunburn in these areas so ask for your support with this. Students must also wear a hat (preferable a bucket hat to cover their necks).

Library Books.

Please keep these coming back in. We have had a number returned which is awesome as it means we don't have to spend money on replacing books but can use it to buy new titles instead. Please keep checking wardrobes, bags, underbeds, on bookshelves etc for any you may still have at home.

Our school is humming and it is such an exciting place to lead. Don't forget to sign up for a three way conference, we are aiming for 90% attendance!

As always, my door is always open.

Ngā Mihi Nui,
Rosemary Murphy

BOT spot

On Monday night the School Board members completed training on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the board's responsibilities to this. It was an excellent night of learning and meaningful korero.

On Tuesday night we had our March board meeting. The major focus of this meeting was the review of our Strategic Plan and the development of our annual plan. Top of our minds was how we can ensure we are

honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi through our strategic plan. Watch this space for more exciting updates on this.

All Boards of Trustees in Aotearoa are currently involved in writing a STAR (Stepped Attendance Response) for their school. Our School Board is currently getting this underway. We will be analysing trends in our school attendance and looking at ways we can address these and improve overall attendance. As we develop our STAR we will continue to update you.

Year 5 and 6 Lonsdale Park Camp

Last week, our Year 5 and 6 students embarked on an unforgettable adventure to Lonsdale Park for their annual camp. It was a truly fantastic experience for everyone involved, filled with laughter, teamwork, and many memorable moments.

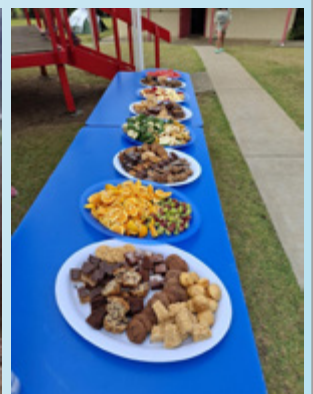
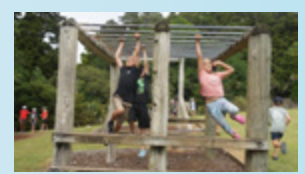
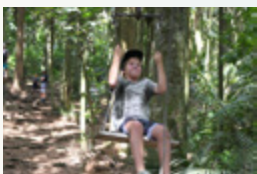
Lonsdale Park proved to be the perfect setting for students to push their limits and step outside of their comfort zones in a safe and supportive environment. The camp provided numerous challenges, from navigating the obstacle course to adjusting to the unfamiliar surroundings. Students faced their fears head-on, growing in confidence and resilience along the way. It was inspiring to watch them embrace each challenge with determination and a positive attitude.

We are also very grateful to the parents and caregivers who helped make this camp possible. Whether it was providing transport, providing home baking, staying overnight, preparing meals, or offering support throughout the camp, your involvement made a real difference. Your presence helped create a positive and reassuring environment for our students, ensuring they had a safe and enjoyable experience.

A special thank you must also go to teachers Emma and Eden. Their exceptional organizational skills ensured that every detail was carefully considered and expertly prepared and delivered, from providing all the necessary sports equipment to ensuring that we had shovels for sandcastle building, plus the multitude of other details. Their thorough planning and attention to detail allowed the camp to run smoothly and ensured a fantastic experience for all.

It was amazing to see students take on new challenges and support each other throughout the camp. The smiles, laughter, and sense of camaraderie truly made it all worthwhile. A huge thank you to everyone involved for making this camp a success.

We are already looking forward to the next camp and the many opportunities for our students to continue growing, learning, and making memories together.
Nga mihi, Richard





In Tira, we have been practising our descriptive writing skills. This week, we wrote about Miss Casey's puppy called Bandit! Here are some pieces of our hard work!

Bandit has big long floppy ears. He has cute eyes like a crystal. He also has a plump tummy. He has black fur like a black beetle. He has giant paws! - Lenn Kusser, 6.

Bandit has mega paws. He has shiny eyes. He has very big floppy ears. He has a long pink tongue, He has a small black nose. He has black fur. - Lily Yates, 5.

Bandit has floppy ears. He has shiny eyes. He is a fluff ball. He is so cute! - Toby Roycroft, 6.



Drawing by Rebel Pulham, 6.



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