

Kia Ora Whanau

I sit here writing this with such a proud smile on my face with all we have accomplished this term. We have incredible teachers, teacher aides and support staff who work so hard for our students, incredible students who give it 100% and we have incredibly supportive whanau. What more could a principal want?! All the achievements of our kura this term sum it up:

- Winning Epro 8
- The School Triathlon
- Participation in all inter-school sporting activities
- Amazing Camps

Last week we had a visit from Jamie Troughton media producer for AIMS Games. He interviewed our students going to AIMS Games and took some great photos of them as well. He was very taken with our students and our school. We are going to be the front page article in their official newspaper The AIMS Gamer. The article goes live tomorrow so please check us out.



This term our Student School Council started. Each class has a representative and a deputy representative. They meet with me on a Wednesday at 2.00pm in the staffroom where we talk about ideas and initiatives etc that they have and how we can make Ngunguru School even better. I have had to say no to teacherless days and slushie machines in the classroom though! Each class voted for their reps and I am very proud of how seriously they take their role. Meeting in the staffroom is also a very big drawcard!

Next term our hard working teachers from year three to eight will commence their structured literacy training through BSLA. They are excited about this. It is a big commitment as they have special tasks and homework to do for it. At the end of the year they will have achieved their BSLA qualification. I am really lucky to work with a team who want to continue to learn and grow their practice. Their commitment will benefit all our students at Ngunguru School.

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Congratulations again to our year seven Chloe Dickson who was part of the successful Te Kamo High School Equestrian Team at the Secondary Schools Equestrian event on Tuesday.

Chloe was a draft rider for the team and her individual placings in dressage and overall helped Te Kamo team 2 successfully gain a Team third place for both Dressage and Overall.

Goal Setting Interviews

Thank you for attending these. It was great to see so many of you here setting goals with your children and working in partnership to ensure they achieve these. Thank you!

Notices From the Office

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. 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.

Thanks everyone for a settled, productive, exciting and fun first term. Roll on term two! Have a lovely and safe two week break. See you in two weeks when as always, my door will be open.

Ngā Mihi Nui,
Rosemary Murphy

BOT spot

The BOT has had a very busy term. We have sub-committees working away in the background on our STAR attendance requirements, our ASC programme and our strategic plan. It is rewarding being part of these committees as they are all having a positive impact on learning at our kura. Our school Strategic Plan will be a big focus at our first BOT meeting in term two. Please come along and hear all about it.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and Easter Break. Remember it is the BOT elections in September. Please reach out to any of us if you think standing for the BOT is something you are interested in. It truly is a rewarding experience.



Ngunguru Mahinga Kai - Pumpkin Festival

Saturday marked the Ngunguru Mahinga Kai - Community Garden's 3rd Annual Pumpkin Growing Contest. This year, we saw entries across five fun categories: Prettiest, Ugliest, Biggest, Smallest, and Best Carved Pumpkins.

It was a fantastic day filled with good old-fashioned, wholesome family fun. The kids had an amazing time with treasure hunts, games, and playing in the garden.



The Ngunguru Mahinga Kai - Community Garden is a fantastic resource for the whole community. It's a beautiful, peaceful, and

tranquil spot to take a rest and reflect - we highly recommend checking it out if you haven't already!

The Pumpkin Festival was inspired by Loren Hope, and we are very proud to continue her great work - thank you, Loren!

We're already excited and planning for next year. Keep an eye out in October for your seedling!

Thank you so much to the sponsors and everyone involved for all of your amazing support!
Nga mihi,
Richard



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ALL OUR lovely locals!!

PSB print shop booth

Lauren Hope, Ngunguru School, Bunnings, Bobs Shop, Mahinga Kai, Tutukaka Kaia, Tapercenter, Toots Timber & Hardware, Fair & Square Soap, Village eats, Marina Wood fire dining, Tawapou Coastal Natives, Schnapper Rock, Tutukaka Surf, Community Church, Straight up Landscapes

See you @ 2026

NGUNGURU PUMPKIN FEST



Tahi Bees and our Bee Team did a 5 point health check of our hives last week.

The hives are healthy, there is plenty of honey to support the hive through the winter.

The bee team:

- Hannah Evans
- Kaelee Henry-Helleur
- Nate Low
- Fletcher Ford
- Helena Lord
- Amaia Hope-Carrion
- Sarah Mortensen



AFTER SCHOOL CARE DONATIONS

If you have any girl's toys not being used eg. Dolls, doll's clothing/accessories, maybe a doll's house or any items for girl play, we would appreciate donations. The students have plenty of arts and craft and colouring and drawing games etc. Please drop items to the school office or into after school care between 2.30 and 4.30 next term



Training 4 Safety
 Entries close 27th April
 Prize: \$50 Prezzy card
[click here](#) to download and print

Harcourts

Our Easter Colouring Competition is now LIVE! Download the image from the website [click here](#).

Download the colouring image at the link below, colour until your heart's content and then either email it through to us, (we can collect bulk lots from the schools direct) or drop it into our office at 33 Robert Street, Whangarei to be in to win some Easter goodies!

There will be a draw for three age categories, 3-5 years, 6-9 years and 10-12 years - & all prizes have been sponsored by the Agents within the office




FRIENDS OF NGUNGURU SCHOOL (FoNS)

HELP OUR TAMARIKI

We're a fun and dedicated group of parents and caregivers working together to support our tamariki and make our kura the best it can be. From fundraising for resources to running awesome events, we help provide the extras that make learning even better.

There's a way for everyone to be involved!

- ✓ Become a member - have your say and help plan
- ✓ Lend a hand at events - big or small, every bit helps
- ✓ Share your ideas - we love fresh thinking!
- ✓ Support fundraisers - buy tickets, donate, spread the word

Every bit of support makes a difference for our kids.

Keen to be part of it?
Get in touch today!

Louisa, 0211290530



FoNS would like to thank everyone in the community who support us in our BBQ at the local Pumpkin Festival. We raised \$187 for Garden to Table. A special thank you to Theo Johnston who has donated \$63 to Garden to Table, which he worked hard for with his Badge making stall at the festival.


Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets and donated Easter eggs over the last two weeks. All the money will go to buy new maths resources for our kura.

This year, FoNS is excited to launch a new project: creating a school recipe book to celebrate our wonderful school and wider community. We're currently looking for anyone with experience in photography, publishing, printing, digital media, marketing, or design who might be willing to lend their expertise. If this sounds like you—or someone you know—please get in touch. We'd love your support! We're also inviting local businesses to support this project through sponsorship. If your business is interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you. Very soon, we'll be calling on families to contribute their favourite recipes. So start thinking about those special family dishes you'd love to share with the community! For all contributions, enquiries, or to get involved, please email us at: fons.recipebook@gmail.com


Our next FoNS meeting will be on **Tues 6th May at 6.30pm** at the local playcentre. All welcome.

Centre for Assessment & Monitoring 2025 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions


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Kiwi Science Competition



Kiwi Maths Competition



Kiwi English Competition


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The competition will run during the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3.

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