



Notes from Mr Sands:

Tēnā rā koutou, Hello to everyone.

Each week we will be focusing on a Ki Waha - a saying in māori. We will be using that saying at every opportunity possible.

This weeks Ki Waha is "Tumeke - Choice / Awesome" Please help us by using the Ki Waha each time you see your child doing something nice.

Last week we had a survey go home asking for your opinion about Pet Day Dates, School Uniforms, and the School Logo. The results are in;

- 1 The preferred Pet Day Date is Saturday 27th October.
- 2 Most families want to have a small gala on the same day.
- 3 An extremely positive result for the reviewed school logo. 91% said Yes.
- 4 97% said yes to adding an orange stripe in the sports top.
- 5 91% said yes to adding an orange stripe in the uniform. This will not be done this year.

There were questions raised in the comments section that will need to be addressed before any changes in the uniform occur (this will take time). The sports tops we will proceed with as we are looking at funding to purchase a set of tops. This will be discussed at the next BOT meeting and I will inform you all in the newsletter following the meeting. Thank you for sharing your opinions with us.

Today I spoke with all the year seven and year eights about the role of Student Councillor. This is a very important position in the school. There are a lot of responsibilities that go with the position. Job Descriptions were handed out to the students and the application process is also outlined on the Job Description. Each applicant will need to fill in the application form and prepare a one minute speech. They will share the speech with the students next week. We intend to vote and have the councillors named by the end of next week.

Last week I had the pleasure of speaking with Joe Parkes 'Joe the Blacksmith'. We had a discussion about the front gates as they are falling apart and need to be replaced. Joe spoke about the gates being made out of wrought iron. Joe also suggested on one gate to have an image of an (ANZAC Soldier) and on the other gate two children (boy and girl) with the possibility of the school logo in the middle of the gates (split over the two gates). This of course will cost money which we are trying to fund. Thank you Joe Parkes for you time and knowledge.

We have nine basketball players for this year's competition so we will only be fielding one team in the competition. We have room for one more child. If anyone is interested please let me know.

Finally, as the weather is beginning to turn we have decided to close the school pool as of Monday 19th March. Thank you to everyone who has purchased a key and has been using the pool over summer. Sara and Dalwyn will now start the process of collecting the keys and giving back the deposit and/or crediting your account. You can drop off your key to the office at any time.

Aku mihi rā ...
Nā Mr Sands



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minds!

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday 20th March	Golf Whole School
Friday 23rd March	Panitahi Assembly
Friday 30th March	Good Friday Easter
Monday 2nd April	Easter
Tuesday 3rd April	Easter
Friday 6th April	Kahui Assembly
Monday 9th April	Athletics Day
Tuesday 10th April	Postponement Day for Athletics
Friday 13th	End of Term one



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News from the Classrooms

Kāhui:

Kia ora everyone! We hope that you all had a lovely long weekend. This week, Kāhui class will be continuing our theme of "The Three Little Pigs" where we will be developing our retelling skills, as well as looking at the story from different character's perspectives. We will also be consolidating our learning of the letter Pp and the letter Uu and their sounds as we have identified this is still an area of need. Last week, we learnt all about 2D and 3D shapes for Maths Club and how to name them and identify them in our everyday lives. We even extended this to find the symmetry lines in these shapes! This week, we will be working on developing our number knowledge through place value. This will help us to understand what numbers represent and how we can manipulate and partition numbers to help us add and subtract them. So much great learning!

A big congratulations to *Lucas, Lilly, Cole and Liam* on receiving a class award in Kaitake's assembly. We have been so impressed with your hard work and positive attitude towards your learning. Keep it up!

Caitlyn Moratti and Julie Anderson

Panitahi:

Tena Koutou Katoa,

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing long weekend with your tamariki! We had yet another awesome week for the Panitahi class last week. We were lucky to have David Kinane in our class last week showing us how to use Google Classroom to enhance and extend the learning we are doing with our writing. David gave us some great tips and ideas that we will be introducing into our learning program over the next few weeks, and I hope that this will be a great platform for sharing more of our learning with whanau. This week we are also getting Maths Buddy up and running which is an awesome online tool for teaching and learning maths. Google Classroom and Maths Buddy are both accessible from home, using students log in details so that families can be involved in this learning too. This week we begin a new science topic. We will be exploring the animal kingdom and learning about the different ways that species are classified, based on their characteristics and behaviour.

Students of the Week: Luke Perrett, Tyler Bellamy and Bella Bryson for being excellent students.

Have a great week! Nga mihi, **Wendy McKenna**

Kaitake:

Well done Kaitake Class, you presented our assembly really well on Friday.

We had David Kinane in our classroom for two hours last week. He helped to set up Google Accounts for some of the children. Over the next two days all of the children were able to set up their accounts.

We are completing our Number Maths Unit this week. I have been really impressed with how quickly the students are picking up all aspects of the unit and demonstrating excellent understanding.

Students of the week: Georgie Vickers and Esta de One for the excellent writing they are doing. They are very imaginative and creative and I always look forward to reading what they have written.

Wendy McGregor

Paritutu:

Congratulations seniors, week six was a lot of fun, thank you everyone for helping to rearrange our York Road Loop Track walk #1 it was a fantastic day. Best of luck to the two teams and individual swimmers competing in the Turnbull Cup swimming competition on Wednesday 14 March. Thank you Sara for helping out the teams in my absence.

Good luck seniors I look forward to seeing what you have been doing in my absence, have a fantastic week.

Student of the Week: Pania Henderson for great improvement in work presentation.

Colleen Tett

Turnbull Cup

Best wishes to the two teams competing in the Turnbull Cup at Stratford on Wednesday 14 March.

Thank you Sara for managing the swimmers.

Team 1: Bailee Robertson, Pania Henderson,

Hayden Kinera, Nathan Du Plooy

Team 2: Richard Drummond, Charlotte Frazier,

Tegan McNab, Erica Bright

Individual Swimmers: Corey Kinera

Warm up for all swimmers begins at 6.30pm, racing begins at 6.50pm. Admission for spectators is free!

The school has met competitor's costs. Programmes are additional. Students need to arrange own transportation to and from the event. Students are to wear own goggles and swimming caps

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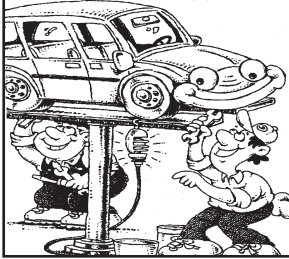
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