



11 APRIL, 2025

TE KARERE O TE KURA TUARUA O WHANGAROA

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Kia ora koutou,

Term One has gone by very quickly, which is usually a sign of a very busy term. This term's newsletters certainly support that. The first CAA session for 2025 starts on 19 May. These Common Assessment Activities examine a student's literacy and numeracy skills. There is one numeracy exam, and two literacy exams - one for reading and one for writing. Students must pass all three to gain Level One Literacy and Numeracy. Level One Numeracy and Literacy are required before a student can achieve a National Certificate of Educational Achievement at Level One or above. The 20 credits available for the CAAs cannot be used towards the 60 credits required for Level One or higher.

All of our Year 10 students, and those Year 9 students who are ready, are given the opportunity to sit the CAAs. We aim for most students to achieve Level One Numeracy and Literacy before they reach Year 11. Literacy in Te Matatini, and Numeracy using papers translated into te reo Māori are also offered to students who will benefit from this.

Earlier this term, the Senior Assessment calendar was emailed to parents/caregivers of senior students with the hope that students would be encouraged to plan out their work and get assessments done on time. Upcoming assessments are also published in each newsletter. Due date time extensions are not automatically given. A student must have an acceptable reason to ask for an extension. Planned events, such as trips away, require students to complete assessments in advance. If your child requires an extension, they should talk to their subject teacher. If you have any NZQA queries, contact Mr O'Donnell. For other subject issues, contact Mrs Cairns-Cowan.

This year there are programmes of targeted support in numeracy and literacy for senior students, and for literacy for Year Seven and Year Eight students. Encouraging your student to read for leisure when at home will help them to increase their reading ability and vocabulary. Books, recipes, instruction manuals, the Road Code, online newspapers and magazines are all good reading materials. Experiences of problem-solving and reading in everyday situations can help by increasing our students' confidence and achievement levels in literacy and numeracy. Real-life activities make the skills learned at school useful, memorable and relevant.

Raewyn Cairns-Cowan
Director of Student Learning.



TERM 2 REMINDERS



CELLPHONES



From the start of Term Two, any confiscated cellphones will be held at the school office and will need to be retrieved by the student's parent/caregiver.

UNIFORM



As the colder weather sets in, it is important for students to dress accordingly. The school has plenty of items for students to wear. Only school-approved uniforms are to be worn during the school day. Students should be going to the uniform exchange room before classes start to swap out any non-regulation items.



ABSENCES

As we value student attendance, we are asking parents/caregivers for assistance with this matter. Please ring or text in any absences or send in a note following the student's return to school. It is important for us to keep up-to-date records.

LOLLIES/FIZZY DRINKS

Students and whānau are reminded that fizzy drinks and sweets are not to be consumed at school. There are plenty of snacks and fruit available during the day.

The local shops have agreed to not serve students between 8:30 am and 3:10 pm unless accompanied by staff or caregivers.

We thank the Kāeo businesses for their cooperation with this matter.

THANK YOU



We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Ritchie Patterson for his generous donation of clothing to our students. Mr Patterson recently spoke to our students about mental and physical health of elite athletes and the perseverance needed to achieve your goals.

ANZAC *Lest we forget*





*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the
morning
We will remember them.*



*Ekore rātou e kaumātuaia
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei
Ekore hoki rātou e ngoikore
Ahakoa pēhea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā
I te hekennga atu o te rā
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.*

SWIMMING SPORTS



INDIVIDUAL *Results*

HOUSE POINTS

SUB-JUNIOR GIRLS	SUMMER-MAY PIHAMA
SUB-JUNIOR BOYS	FLOYD PILCHER
JUNIOR GIRLS	RAINA HILLS
JUNIOR BOYS	BUSTA RUDOLPH
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	CHE-NICOLE HILLS
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	LEE TOETOE
SENIOR BOYS	JACKSON HIMIONA

	KAURI	438
	MATAI	219
	TAWA	165
	MIRO	152



SENIOR SCIENCE

MATTER: *Change of state*

In Term One, the Level One Science students have been learning about microorganisms. This involves learning about the different types of microorganisms and their life processes. They have also learned that not all microorganisms are harmful to people. The students have made ginger beer using the microorganism that exists in yeast and yoghurt in thermos flasks using live microorganisms from store-bought live culture yoghurt.

Some students have used agar dishes to grow more organisms that exist on everyday items. This is a great hygiene reminder that we are surrounded by many microorganisms, both beneficial and harmful.

On a completely different tack, two other students who are not planning to do Level One Science but are building up their scientific understanding have also made yogurt. In addition to that, they have done an experiment to learn about chemical reactions and chemical change. In this experiment, sugar, golden syrup, and baking soda are combined to make carbon dioxide, which then produces scrumptious hokey pokey.



TOP OF YEAR & ATTENDANCE



Champions





SCHOOL VALUES ASSEMBLY



PARENT STUDENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



MAY 7 - MAY 8



The PSTs for all students will take place on

Wednesday, May 7th: 3:30 pm - 7 pm
Thursday, May 8th: 3:30 pm to 6 pm.

Further information and bookings will be available early in Term 2. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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SENIOR ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Below is the list of up-coming assessment due dates for senior subjects. Students need to ensure they are completing their work by the due dates.

SUBJECT	STANDARD	DUE DATE	SUBJECT	STANDARD	DUE DATE
L3 Te Reo Māori C4	AS91650	02 May	L3 Life Skills	Wai Fencing	05 May
L1 Science	AS92020	03 May	L1 & 2 Literacy CAA	Reading/Writing	10 May
L1 & 2 Senior Literacy	AS91107	03 May	L1 & 2 Numeracy CAA	Numeracy	10 May
L1 Social Pod	US32834, 32837	03 May	L1/2 Design - Board 1	AS 91320	10 May
L2 Social Pod	US 82835, 82840	03 May	L1/2 Creative - Board 1	Photography	11 May
L3 Social Pod	AS 91501, 91505	03 May	L3 Creative - Board 1	Photography	11 May

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAYS



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 25 APRIL

Friday, 25th April (ANZAC Day)

5:30 am: Rededication of Whangaroa RSA, Kaeo.
 6:00 am: Dawn Service.
 10:00 am: Community service at Memorial Hall, followed by refreshments, closing karakia, and poroporoaki.

TERM 2

WEEK 1

28 APRIL - 02 MAY

Monday 28: TERM 2 BEGINS
 Tuesday 29:
 Wednesday 30:
 Thursday 01:
 Friday 02:



WEEK 2

05 MAY - 09 MAY

Monday 05:
 Tuesday 06:
 Wednesday 07: PST Evening 1: 3:10 - 7 pm.
 Thursday 08: PST Evening 2: 3:10 - 6 pm.
 Friday 09:

KEEP INFORMED



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APPS



COMING SOON