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TE KARERE O TE KURA TUARUA O WHANGAROA

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*From the
Principal's
desk*

Tena koutou katoa e te whānau,

There is always a wonderful sense of energy in the air when we return to school after the holidays. It has been fantastic to see our students dive straight back into college life, making the most of the diverse opportunities available to them. As you browse through the rest of this newsletter, you'll see plenty of evidence of our students' vibrant engagement in both their academic and extracurricular pursuits.

Every Day Counts: Attendance Goals

We are continuing to push forward with our attendance initiatives. Our primary goal is to bring our overall attendance figures in line with the Government's national targets.

Consistency is key. When students are in class, they have the best possible chance to:

- Strengthen academic performance through direct teacher support.
- Develop social skills and build lasting peer relationships.
- Build momentum in their learning, ensuring no gaps are left behind.

We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring your children are at school every day. Every day at school is another chance to learn.

Cultivating a Love for Reading

We have noticed that many of our students would significantly benefit from increasing their reading time at home. Literacy is the foundation of all learning; strong reading skills are imperative for students to fully engage with the entire curriculum, from the sciences to the arts.

To support your child's development, we recommend the following:

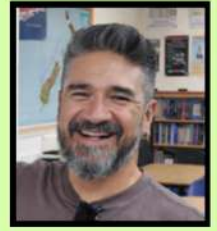
- **The Power Hour:** Encourage your children to swap their digital devices for a book for at least one hour each day.
- **Read Widely:** Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, or biographies, all reading helps build vocabulary and critical thinking.
- **Home Support:** Engaging in conversations about what they are reading is a great way to reinforce their comprehension.

The more reading our students do, the better equipped they will be for the challenges ahead. Let's work together to make reading a daily habit!

Ngā mihi nui,

Jack Anderson
Principal

WELCOME
Bienvenido
Ronoel
'Rono' Vigil



Kia ora koutou,

My name is Ronoel, though I prefer to go by Rono; please feel free to call me whichever you're most comfortable with. I'm originally from El Salvador, and I have been living in New Zealand since 2006, and I now call Northland home with my wife and two children, who were born and raised here in Northland.

I bring nine years of teaching experience in Design and Visual Communication, alongside English and Social Studies and Agriculture. I'm passionate about the creative side of education and enjoy finding ways to bring creativity into all areas of learning.

I'm really excited to be joining the school and beginning this new chapter. I look forward to getting to know students, staff, and whānau and to contributing to the life of the school community.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rono



REMINDER



As the colder weather arrives, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school. School jackets are available from the uniform office. Please note that gumboots, crocs, and hoodies are not part of the school uniform and are not permitted.

Cellphones are not allowed during the school day. Students are required to hand their phones in at the office each morning and may collect them again at the end of the day.

We also ask that students do not bring fizzy drinks or juice to school, as these are not supportive of learning. Water is the preferred option.

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Illnesses such as colds and flu can spread quickly within our small school community.

PST CONFERENCES

PARENT - STUDENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL**3:30 pm - 7 pm****THURSDAY 30 APRIL****3:30 pm - 6 pm**

- Our Parent, Student, and Teacher (PST) meetings for ALL students will be held on Wednesday 29 April between 3:30 pm and 7 pm and Thursday 30 April between 3:30 pm and 6 pm.
- Interviews will be with subject teachers. A list of staff and subjects can be found below.
- Students are expected to attend the interviews with their parents or carers.

BOOK ONLINE



If you have internet access this is the easiest option, especially if you have more than 1 child at the school.

Step 1: Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz or scan the QR Code

Step 2: Enter the event code **dkerc**

Step 3: Enter your name, email, and your child's name

Step 4: Choose your child's subject teachers.

Step 5: Choose an appointment time (for each child)



DONE! A confirmation email will be sent to you so you have a record of your appointment time. If something changes, you can go back and change your appointment time to when it's convenient for you.

PHONE/VISIT/ TEXT



If you don't have internet access no problem. Call the school office and staff can book for you over the phone or in person. Alternatively, you can get your child to book for you at school.

(09) 405 0199

WHO SHOULD WE SEE?

Rosemary Chakkunny	Y8/9 Maths, Y9/10 Maths, Senior Science, CAA Numeracy.	Room 1
Raewyn Cairns-Cowan	Senior Literacy, Primary Pod.	Room 11
Robyn Grey	Y8/9 Integrated Studies, Y9/10 Integrated Studies, Senior Design, Service Pod	Room 5
Abby O'Donnell	Senior Academic Literacy, Creative Pod.	Room 8
Ben O'Donnell	Senior Academic Numeracy, Senior Applied Health Science.	Room 9
LeeAnn Samuels	Y7 English, Y7 Maths, Y7 Integrated Studies, Y8/9 Integrated Studies.	Room 3
Wendy Sutherland	Y8/9 English, Y9/10 English.	Room 4
Joe Tua	Y9/10 Health/PE, Senior Life Skills, Gateway.	Uniform office
Stacie Tumoana	Y7 Te Reo Māori, Y8/9 Te Reo Māori, Y9/10 Te Reo Māori, Senior Te Reo Māori.	Whare
Nikita Williams	Y7 Integrated Studies, Y9/10 Integrated Studies, Y7 Health/PE, Y8/9 Health/PE.	Room 7

We look forward to seeing you there!



GATEWAY: WAI FENCING



ADVENTURE TOURISM PARASAILING



TERM 2 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Subject to change due to availability
The school menu operates on a two week cycle.

MONDAY	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE FRESH FRUIT	MEATBALL SUBS FRESH FRUIT
TUESDAY	CHICKEN, SPUDS, VEGES FRESH FRUIT	CHICKEN, SPUDS, VEGE FRESH FRUIT
WEDNESDAY	NACHOS NUT TRAIL	CHICKEN WRAP BROWNIE
THURSDAY	CHICKEN, EGG SAMMIES MUESLI BAR	HAM, EGG SAMMIES FRESH FRUIT
FRIDAY	BUTTER CHICKEN FRUIT CUP	HAM BURGERS FRESH FRUIT

STAY CONNECTED



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2026 Term 2 CALENDAR

2	APRIL 27	28	29	30	MAY 01
	ANZAC DAY (OBSERVED) NO SCHOOL 	SENIOR DIVING COURSE	PST's 3:30 - 7 pm	PST's 3:30 - 6 pm 	
3	04	05	06	07	08
				Y9/10's TURBO TOUCH	
4	11	12	13	14	15
		SENIOR FIRST AID COURSE		Y7/8's RUGBY 7's	SENIOR ASSESSMENTS DUE L2 ENGLISH: AS 91104 L3 ENGLISH: AS 91478 L2 CONSTRUCTION: US 24350 PINK SHIRT DAY
5	18	19	20	21	22
	CAA EXAMS: LITERACY/NUMERACY - 18-22 MAY				
6	25	26	27	28	29
				 Y10-13 NOVICE TABLE TENNIS	
7	JUNE 01	02	03	04	05
	 KING'S BIRTHDAY NO SCHOOL		SPRINGBANK CROSS COUNTRY		
8	08	09	10	11	12
		BARISTA COURSE Y7/8 GIRLS KIWI TAG		CUSTOMER SERVICE COURSE: SENIORS Y7/8 NOVICE TABLE TENNIS	TOTARA NORTH CROSS COUNTRY
9	15	16	17	18	19
10	22	23	24	25	26
	LEARNER'S LICENCE COURSE 				 MATARIKI CELEBRATION
11	29	30	JULY 01	02	03
	SCHOOL PHOTOS 				 END OF TERM 2