



TE KARERE O TE KURA

8 March 2018



Please remember that all visitors (and this does include parents) must sign in first at the office when visiting the school

Kia ora Whanau,

We have important changes happening in the school we would like to keep you up to date on.

The Board of Trustees have considered very carefully and decided to shift Whanau Marama (R17) and Whanau Ra (Rooms 14 & 16) from the Lucas Road side of the school over to the main site on Otiria Road. The reasons for this are many and we acknowledge the discomfort this may cause for some of our whanau.

One of the biggest advantages of moving closer together will mean it will be much easier to keep our children safe. The area our classrooms cover currently is greater than the area we can effectively patrol as teachers on duty. In moving the school closer together it will mean the children are safer.

It also will mean that our school culture of "whanau" will work more easily. Children working between different classrooms, different whanau units will be easier to promote and encourage. It will also mean a reduction in costs to maintain the school. Keeping classrooms vibrant, colourful and modern will be less costly. There will also be cost savings in services such as power and cleaning (these savings are considerable). Again this money can be spent in other ways supporting our learning.

We are also planning to upgrade our swimming pool, as many have requested this as a property priority.

We would like to hear from you, our whanau, our community as to possible uses for the classrooms that will become available after our shift. We have had expressions of interest from Ngati Hine as a potential adult education site, an expression of interest as a waka centre, the possibility of part use as a special education site has also been discussed.

Watch out for our soon to be released Official School Facebook page and upcoming questionnaire.

Nga mihi whanau,

Jason Tane

LATE PUPILS

We have noticed a pattern lately with some children getting to school very late. It is important that they are here in time for the 8.50am assembly everyday. This is where they get any notices, find out what's happening etc. Constantly coming late is disruptive to the classrooms and doesn't help with the child's learning. Please try to ensure your children are always on time

The children really enjoyed the Children's Author Deano and his interactive Yipadee Show on February 15





BUS CHILDREN

If whanau are picking up children after school who normally catch the bus please let either the office or someone in the school staffroom know. This saves a panic when children can't be found once the bus arrives.

SUNHATS

Terms 1 and 4 all children are to wear an appropriate sunhat if they want to be able to play on the school grounds in the sun. Children not wearing hats will be directed to play in the shade only.

The Three Eyed Ugly Angry Jellybean...

Once upon a time there lived a three eyed angry Jellybean and his 6 legged dog. They lived in a dark and gloomy house in the middle of the deep deep forest.

He was as ugly as a walking dead zombie and his breath smelt

like rotten eggs and cod fish. His dog was a spooky looking beast with 6 legs and 1 eye that was as big as a dinner plate.

Their favourite time of the year was Halloween, because they would hide in the bushes and wait for kids to come past. They would jump out and scare them with their ugly angry eyes balls that would roll around in there head.

The kids would scream and cry loudly for there Mummys and the three eyed angry Jellybean and his dog would laugh so loud with excitement the birds in the trees would fall out and drop dead.

Written by Jamain and Anaru Supported by Whaea Cassie Room 4



WHANAU KOPUNUI

LATE TO SCHOOL

Whanau please try to get our tamariki to school on time. Some children are straggling in during assembly and even after we get into our morning hui in Hineamaru. Nga mihi ki nga whanau i tae wawe mai.

UNIFORMS Thanks to those whanau who are making the effort to dress the tamariki in the correct uniform. They look lovely and it reflects well on our whanau. If you need uniforms we might have some tops that have been here left by old students..

LUNCHES

Arohamai whanau. Some of our tamariki are feeling embarrassed when they tell us they have no lunch. We can make sandwiches and give them fruit and milk but it would help if you could send us a note in the morning or a txt to the office. It gives us time to make something up before interval.

SWIMMING

AROHAMAI to those whanau who are now confused about Kopunui swimming dates. Unfortunately we didn't go swimming last Friday due to transport clashes. We also weren't able to warn whanau who had made plans to come and support that day. We certainly don't want to lose your support. Whaea Marg will panui our last 2 swimming dates closer to the time.

CAKE STALL

Kopunui raised \$400.00 from the Cake stall last Wednesday. Thank you to all the whanau who donated baking. We had tamariki bringing cakes from Whanau Ra, Whanau Marama and Whanau Matariki. We appreciate your support so much.

Our next stall is in week 8. More info on that later on.



Room 16, have started the term with a Bang!!! We have been doing Hip Hop with Horrace Maunsell from Sport Northland and have entered a team into the regional's in two weeks. Watch this space!!!

We have started our boxing classes with our local hero, Quin Hati, who has not only rocked the socks off our student's, but who has our teacher trying to beat us, Cass smashing the leg work and Lauren just cruising along.

We have also picked some swimming skills up with Nikki from Aqua Sports.

We had our presentation for our whanau assembly and all our awesome teachers and pouwhirinaki took part in it. All about having a good time. We have implemented our new skills based programme which are Action English and Dragon Maths that cater to the level of our learners and work at their pace. Feedback from our class. Traeh Cooper- I like this Whaea Rae because I can read what I need to do. Hemi Haporona, can I do my Action English (during break time). A huge thanks to all the whanau that support our kaupapa...

Below is our class having a photo with the Northern Mystics netball team in Kawakawa.





Caregiver

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