



# Moerewa School

## Kura Kōrero

## 2 December 2021

### NGĀ AWA O NGĀ RANGATIRA





Hineamaru te tupuna  
Ngati hine te hapu  
Tona whakatauki. he pukepuke rau  
Kei Taumarere, here here i te riri  
Te Rere i Tiria e!

As part of our school's strategic direction and over the course of a year, we have been consulting with whānau students and staff at different kaupapa. As part of our school's strategic direction we want to signal a return to the rich history of Ngati Hine and the place names that connect us through our whakapapa – our Awa. Throughout the renaming process we have been fortunate to have the support of our local historians who have guided us on this journey.

We must acknowledge the previous whānau names that have guided us over the years and we also acknowledge the many tamariki and staff who were a part of these roopu;

- Whānau Kōpunui
- Whānau Matariki
- Whānau Rā
- Whānau Marama

As we head into a new year, 2022 will see the introduction of new whānau names, which will form the foundation of the strategic direction and vision for Moerewa School and our connection to the many hapu that sit within Ngati Hine.

-  **Tere Awatea** - previously Whānau Kōpunui - Rms 8, 9
-  **Taumarere** - previously Whānau Matariki – Rms 3, 4
-  **Otiria** - previously Whānau Rā – Rms 5, 6
-  **Waiharakeke** - previously Whānau Marama – Rm 7

### NGĀ AWA O NGĀ RANGATIRA – PRODUCTION!!

Throughout the term our tamariki have been learning about their Awa, its history and its connection to Ngati Hine, their whānau and our kura. They will be presenting their stories based on the new learning they have acquired. Due to COVID restrictions, this production will be a CLOSED EVENT and will be livestreamed for whānau to enjoy.

### 2021 KEY DATES

#### END OF YEAR DATE CHANGE

We have realized that due to COVID-19 and lockdown this year, we had one Teacher Only Day in our calendar that we have not used. This means that **our last day for pupils is the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

**Monday 13 December** SCHOOL PRODUCTION

**Tuesday 14 December** SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING  
(Both of these will be CLOSED EVENTS and will be Livestreamed for whanau)

### 2022 KEY DATES

**Friday 28 January 2022** Office is Open

**Tuesday 1 Feb 2022** School is open for instruction.

**Monday 7 Feb 2022** Waitangi Day (Observed)  
School is closed

## Schools at Red

At **Red**, we must minimise attendance on site for non-essential services as much as possible.

- Those on site must be captured in a visitor register or other system, to support contact tracing and must meet any other health requirements applicable at the time.

At **Red**, there are no non-essential visitors on site.

- All visitors, including parents and caregivers, if they do come onsite should wear face coverings when on school grounds.

## Covid-19 Vaccinations (for pupils 12 years and older)

### Everyone aged 12 years and over can now be vaccinated

Everyone in Aotearoa New Zealand aged 12 years and over can now book their COVID-19 vaccination

- The Ministry of Health advises that two doses of the Pfizer vaccine are necessary to protect each other, our whānau and our community against the Delta variant of the virus.
- Reservations can be made through [bookmyvaccine.nz](https://bookmyvaccine.nz) – when booking appointments remember to stay local and book as close to home as possible.
- If you have questions or need help booking, call the COVID Vaccination Healthline 0800 28 29 26.
- It may be that you will be able to book directly at your local general practice, community pharmacy or hauora provider. For more information visit Health point or Karawhiua.

### VACCINATION REGISTER

Recently the Ministry of Education provided schools with a privacy statement that schools need to use to meet our obligations for putting in place a vaccine register. As we have children 12 years and over this includes our school.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Vaccine information will be kept on our Student Management System (SMS) in the same manner as we record all other immunisation records. The privacy statement and a questionnaire will be sent home today. This questionnaire should be completed regardless of whether your child has been vaccinated or not. Please return to office asap.

### 2022 WHĀNAU VOLUNTEERS

As we prepare for 2022, teachers will be asking whānau to register as a whānau helper/volunteer in the event of school trips, overnight stays etc. This will enable us to plan activities with the support of whānau. If you are able to support our tamariki, you will need to meet the following requirements:

- Be fully vaccinated
- Complete a Police vetting form

If you would like to volunteer your time, please speak with our office staff OR your child's classroom teacher.

### NGĀ MIHI MAIOHA!

A big mihi to our relievers who have been working in our kura this year;

- ❖ Whaea Desirei Davis
- ❖ Whaea Josie Thompson

We appreciate the commitment you have given us during an uncertain time and we wish you a safe and happy holiday with your whānau.



# Whanau Kopunui becomes **Tere Awatea**



As you may have heard, our school whanau names have been changed. Previously our school whanau were named after nga purapura whetu, or star clusters with the whakaaro of encouraging tamariki to reach for the stars. A beautiful whakaaro and very fitting for the time. I'm sure you will all agree that our school is going through some great changes. As part of those changes, our school whanau names have been changed to the local awa that surround our kura. This ensures that our local awa, stories and purakau will continue to be shared, learnt, and passed on within our kura.

So here we say thank you to our whanau name Kopunui and all the great things that came under that whanau name. And now we introduce ourselves as Tere Awatea and look forward to sharing our stories with the whanau whanui at our end of year assembly.

Tere awatea have been very fortunate to be joined by whaea Te Aroha Paraha. Te Aroha is whanau tata to our kura and community and is in her final year of study towards her Bachelor of Teaching Degree. She has brought a great wealth of knowledge to our whanau and this Friday we bid her farewell for now, and say a big huge thank you to her for her inspiration and her time vested in our tamariki. Nei ra te mihi maioha ki a koe e Te Aroha, tena rawa koe. E ki a nei te kupu o te himene E toru nga mea, *"Ko te mea nui, ko Te Aroha"*



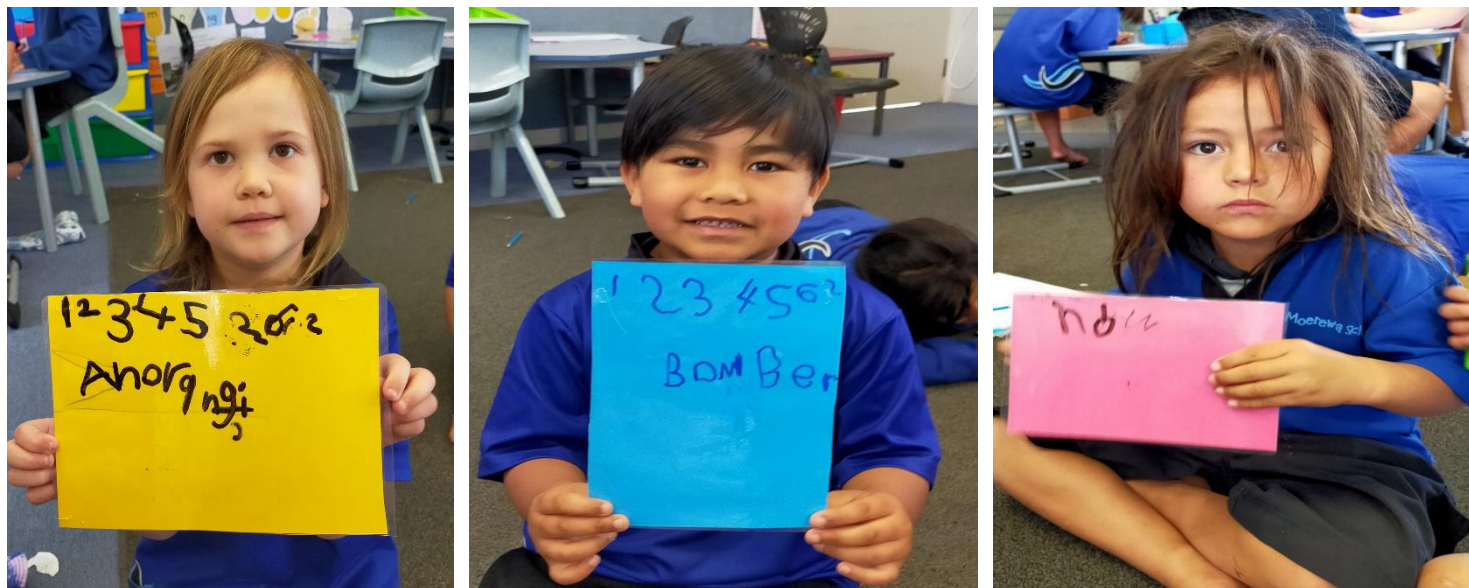
Swim safe with Torongare.

Our tamariki had their first swim safe class last Tuesday.





Mahi tika ana teina maa. Tino pai o mahi e Te Ahorangi. Whuuu e kaha ana koe ki te tuhituhi e Bomber. Ka timata tika a Maui ki te noho me te mahi aa roopu. Ka wane kee teina.



During Whaea Te Arohas time in Tere Awatea, she prepared the whanau to host our first whole school assembly for term 4. She had 2 weeks to have the tamariki ready with 3 items. One whole whanau haka with rakau, one tuakana rakau tiktok and a rather funny skit. Thank you to the whanau who were able to come in to watch our assembly. It's always lovely to have whanau celebrate with us the success of our tamariki. Thank you whanau. The following are some photos of that assembly.





# SWIM SAFE 2021

A huge mihi to our Sports Coordinator, Whaea Deb Marsh for organising our SWIM SAFE kaupapa to prepare our tamariki for the summer swim season. Whaea Deb organises all of our sporting kaupapa, manages our Bike crew as well as helping in our classrooms. We couldn't do without her organizational skills in our kura! We have a lot more planned for 2022, so keep an eye out whānau!



## Class Photos

We had in school class photos recently. These were not taken by our usual photographers as sadly they are stuck in Auckland. However, the good news is that every child will be bringing a class photo home today. These are free for you to keep.

**This will be our last newsletter for 2021.**

**We wish you all the very best for the coming festive season.**

**Have a great holiday, enjoy summer, take care out there and we will see you all again next year. School begins again on Tuesday 1st February 2022. The school office will be open for enrolling and uniforms on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.**



# Whanau Taumarere

This term our kaupapa for learning is based around the Taumarere Awa. The tamariki were excited about the train ride and linking what they know thus far about our awa, especially the story of how Taumarere got its name. When we got to the Taumarere landing we ate lunch together and then took a stroll across the bridge. What a beautiful place to sing our new waiata, that Whaea Desirei composed for our whanau. We are grateful to parents and Pouwhirinaki that were able to help us on the trip.

Nga mihi mahana kia koutou katoa

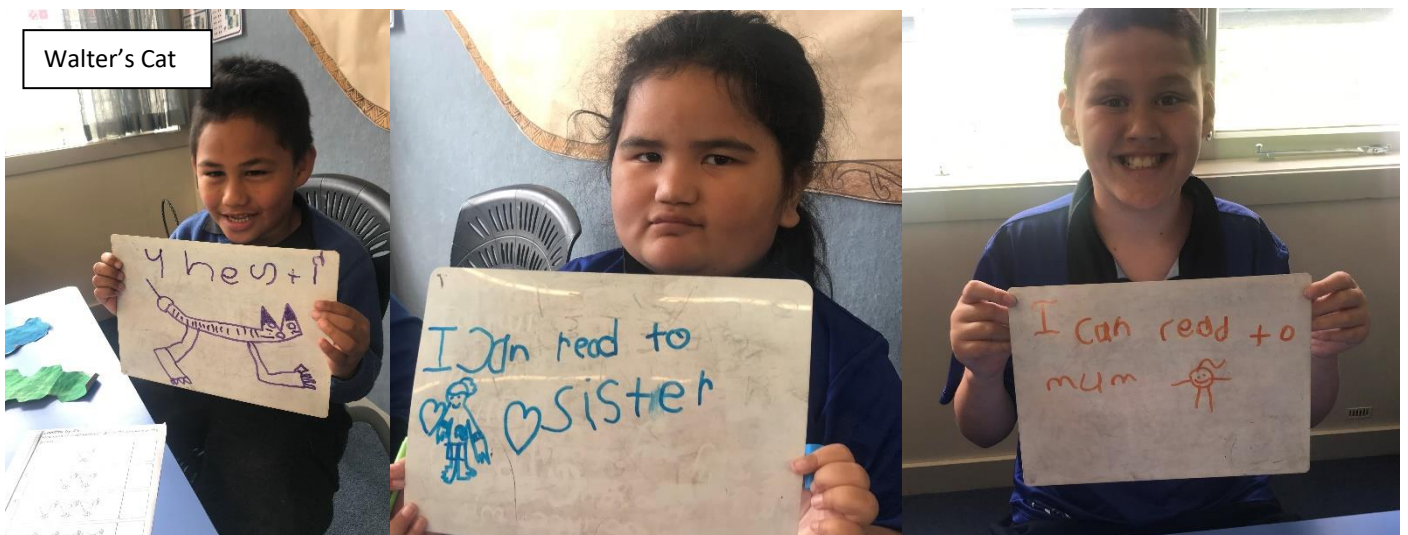
Whaea Sophie







Some of our teina, showcasing their reading goals; Walter, Taimana and Tainui





# Life Education



## WHANAU WAIHARAKEKE



Room 7 learning about  
Water Safety



# WAIHARAKEKE TUHITUHI

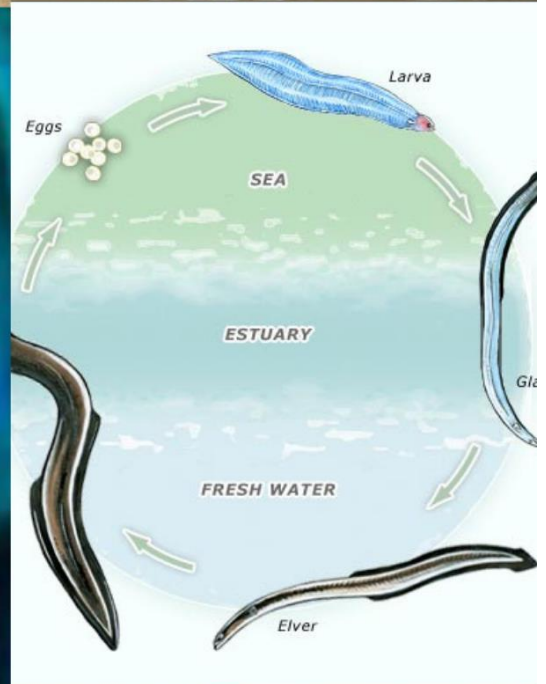
" KO AU TE AWA ,KO TE  
AWA KO AU"

This Awa means peace and kindness it makes me feel fresh. The awa is good to me because it is spiritual and healthy for my tinana and hinengaro. The awa hits bad vibes by bad people, when throwing rubbish in the water and all the cows walking across the water's cold top, and by all the oil from people dumping and crashing all their cars in the water.

Every time I get hot or anything like that, I just go for a swim in these types of waters to make me feel relaxed and chilled out, and so I can get away from all of the drama.

The awa is also good for me and my friends to hang out manu off the rocks and swim during the days after school.

Carter Potter'Kire



What this means to me is that the awa needs to be respected because the awa is a food resource and it's a part of the world and we need it to be in this world. The water has been here longer than us. People need to treat the water with rights in this land. Most awa were made and are found in most hapus and iwi. The awa help plants grow, the korero behind the awa have history and the creatures in the awa have life. Most awa are dirty because people don't know how to get up and take their rubbish to the bins because they are too lazy. Look after the water, it will look after the people that help it.

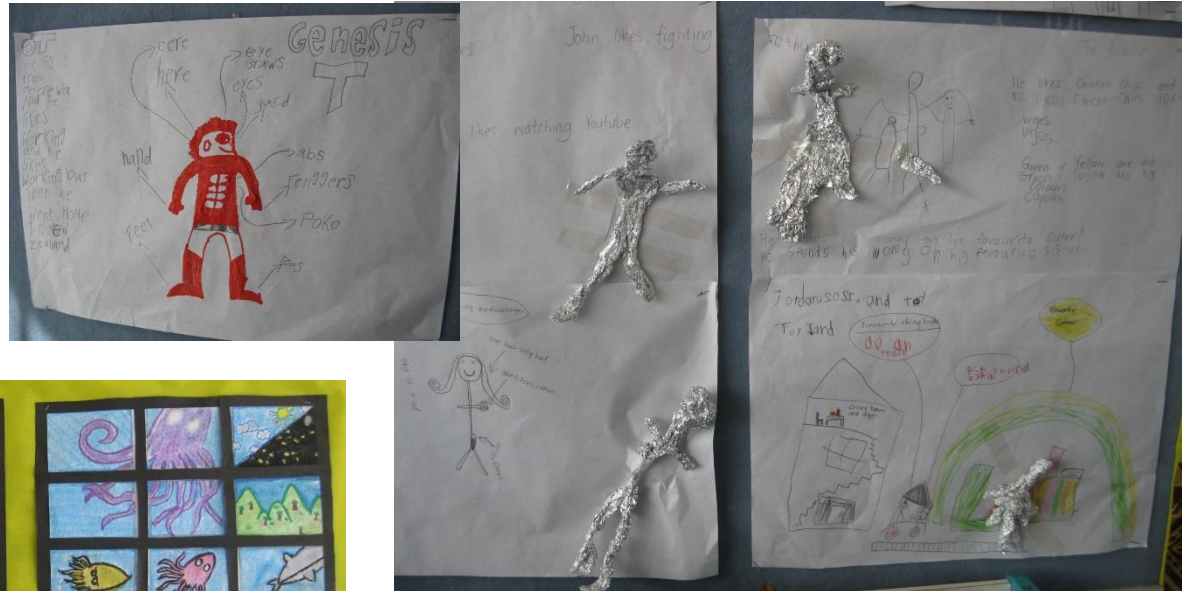
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# Ko Otiria te Awa!

This term Otiria have been working on the story of the 'Elvers of Taumarere' to create scenes for their production. The story of the 'Elvers of Taumarere' speaks of the migration of elvers make from Taumarere to Otiria and how they navigate their way up Te Rere i Tiria, overcoming barriers. This korero also connects to the idea of working together to achieve collectively so that everyone benefits.

Each child got sheet of tin foil, mould a person. Name your person, describe their fav food and what they like to do.



Exploring

