

Welcome

Kia orana e te whānau, and welcome to the end of week 4 in Term 3.

Language Weeks

Last week saw us celebrate in the classrooms, Kuki Airani (Cook Islands) language week. Meitaki Ma'ata - thank you for giving Kuki Airani reo a go. Next week we celebrate Uike kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga - Tongan language week. *Malo e lelei - greetings* and *Malo aupito - thank you*, are some simple phrases to kick start us off.

7 aside Tournament

Well done to all our competitors and athletes who contributed to a fantastic day out in Pahiatua. While results didn't go our way, we displayed great courage and sportsmanship on and off the field. A huge congratulations to our Y5/6 Football team and their coach Mr Roberts, who had a fantastic run of games to the final and were crowned champions at the end of the game.

DanceNZ Made

We are so proud of our performance group, 'Woodville Bratz' after entering their first ever DanceNZ Made competition in Palmerston North. You were all amazing ambassadors for Woodville School and contributed to the success of Tararua by supporting Pahiatua School in their outstanding performance.

Aqua-Bots

This coming weekend has 2 teams from our school taking part in their first ever Aqua-Bots event in Masterton. We wish them the best of luck!

Ngā mihi,
Pā Wes

Winter/Seasonal Bugs

The wintery blast has taken quite the toll on our school community with sickness affecting a large number of people. Our classes have seen heavily reduced student numbers and our staff numbers have also been limited. To prevent the risk of spreading sickness, we continue to utilize good hygiene practices and disinfecting high traffic and shared spaces. Please support the health of the school by kindly keeping your child home if they present with flu-like symptoms and letting us know in the office.

Farewell and welcome

We would like to congratulate Alisea McDonald on securing her first ever teaching job at Central Normal School later this term. Alisea had been training as a teacher this year and this is a fantastic opportunity for her. We will miss having her as part of our team. Thank you for serving our school with pride and commitment. We also take this opportunity to welcome Dena Roberts into our TA team. Nau mai hoki mai!

Tapping Back Fundraising

Monday 17th August - we continue our fundraising efforts with tapping back at the Woodville/Pahiatua Racetrack. All funds raised contribute to, or subsidise, many of our extra-curricular programmes, EOTC camps, or classroom and playground equipment. Tapping back only requires your time and energy - and *we desperately need more whānau involved* so please consider taking part.

Kind Hearts

Last week our student leaders attended a Kind Hearts conference in Palmerston North with Mr Steele. We have been associated with Kind Hearts since 2023 and our students not only enjoyed the day but represented us proudly. Ka rawe!

School Strategic Planning Survey

Earlier this week, a survey was sent out via email encouraging you to help guide our school's strategic planning over the next 3 years. Your responses play a pivotal part in shaping our school's future so please take the time to fill out the survey. Hard copies of the survey are available and can be returned to the office if you require one.

Attendance Matters

It comes with no surprise that our attendance figures are lower than normal this term with the amount of sickness in and around the school. Currently this term, our average daily attendance rate (*percentage of students at school each day*) is at **84.2%** and our average regular attendance rate (*percentage of students attending school 90% or more of the time*) is at **47.1%**. This is a significant percentage drop but it is also completely understandable given the context not just in our community, but nationwide.

Upcoming/Important Reminders

- Aqua Bots - Sunday 16th August, Masterton
- Technology - Monday 17th August
- Tapping Back Fundraiser - Monday 17th August @3.30pm
- Neurodiverse Support Group - Friday 21st August @4.00pm
- School Speech Competition - Monday 24th August @9.15am
- Woodville Lions Speechmaker Competition - Wednesday 26th August
- Daffodil Day - Friday 28th August - Yellow-themed Mufti Day - Gold Coin
- Celebration Hui - Friday 28th August @2.15pm

Our Awesome Ākonga



Triumphant Junior Football Team - 7 aside



7 aside tournament - Senior Netball Team



Dance NZ Made



Woodville Bratz Dance Crew



Aquabots - Building day with help from Alex



Junior Classes with their Daffodil Pencils



Whāia Te Iti Kahurangi - In Pursuit of Excellence