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## Powering Ahead For Our Future "Kia haere kaha mo apopo"

### Dates to Remember

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|--------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Friday | 28th Feb  | Pancakes @ 8.30am        |
| Friday | 28th Feb  | School Assembly @ 2.15pm |
| Mon    | 2nd March | Technology               |
| Wed    | 4th March | Swimming Sports          |



### From the Principal

Well done to our students who competed in our school triathlon and congratulations to our winners. There are 2 triathlon sections, junior and senior. 5 year olds compete with 8 year olds, and 9 year olds compete with children up to 13 year olds, this is a big difference. We are looking to review our sections and will conduct an online survey, all parents who participate will go into a prize draw. Thank you to all whanau who came to support the competitors and stayed for our shared lunch, it was an awesome day. We have more fun, whanau events in the planning.

Forest Schools. Last year I explored the Forest Schools curriculum. I visited a forest school, we were visited by a Forest School trained teacher and I attended the Natural Phenomena Conference. Teachers and I agree that our children would benefit from more hands-on learning experiences in nature. To get the ball rolling we have moved loose parts to the back of the field, and I am making a mud kitchen for our sandpit, with children. We will keep you informed as our curriculum develops.

Mr McGirr



# Back to School



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## School changes

Mrs Bodell works one on one with children and small groups, she also supports the Kakano teacher with the transition to school programme. All teachers can nominate children to work with Mrs Bodell and Mrs Moar our Special Needs Co-ordinator, allocating children with time. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Bodell has a new office, the room off the side of the classrooms in the end of the old block.

Mr Madge and Mrs McGirr have changed rooms. Kakano's new room has historically been the New Entrant room and is better setup to support the needs of our transition to school programme and young learners.

Mrs Moar continues in her role as Sports, Special Needs and Events Coordinator, this includes organising well-loved events such as our Fancy-Dress Ball and the Flower Show.

This year we welcome Mr Madge as Co-DP with the responsibilities of acting as Principal when Mr McGirr is away and developing our POWER values programme which includes our new and popular, "It's in the bag" prize draw.

We have bought back House Sports. Teachers have identified a need for children to develop their physical skills and Whanaungatanga through games such as Cricket and T-Ball. You will see us on the sports field every second Friday.

## Councillors

James Squires, Troy Harrison, Talia Brough, Hayley Strickland, Katia Wilton and Bronson Fryer.

## House Captains

Fountaine - James Squires and Crystal Harris

Monteith - Russell Ellis and Talia Brough

Selwyn - Bronson Fryer and Damian Pinfold

Duff - Kaydee Barnett and Troy Harrison

## Camps

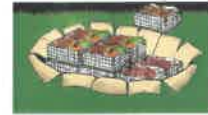
Wharite and Totara are booked for a week long camp in Porirua in term 4, we will have costs out soon, you can start making weekly payments to cover this as soon as you like. See Helen at the Office.

Kakano and Rata are still looking at options. One option is a day trip followed by a night at school and another day trip. If you have any great ideas or affordable options please let us know.

Mr McGirr will be going to all camps to ensure that our children are well fed.

Teachers have planned 6 fundraisers as follows:

Easter Raffle-organised by Mrs Moar



End of term 1 Pizza Lunch-organised by Mr Madge

Matariki Hangi-organised by Mrs McGirr



School market day-all staff

Halloween Disco and Pizza night-organised by Mrs Pemberton



Christmas Raffle-organised by Mr McGirr

Thank you to Grahame Mercer for replacing the backboard on our basketball hoop. It is greatly appreciated.



School Swimming Sports, Wednesday 4th March, 2020.



Wharite and Totara Rooms swimming sports will commence at 9.30am at the school pool.

Kakano and Rata will begin their swimming demonstration at 12.00 at the school pool.

All parents, grandparents etc are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

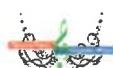
The Bush Swimming Sports are on Friday 13th March at Tararua College. Those participating will be informed following the school swimming sports and details given when they come to hand.



Mondays 2-3pm

Starting 2nd March

phone 021 462 1975  
OR email  
tararuaipiano@gmail.com



The school's garage sale is on Saturday 4 April. It is great to see the amount of goods donated already, keep them coming.

All funds raised from this go towards the playground upgrade project that the Kotahitanga group are working on.

Any donations towards this would be gratefully received, sorry but no clothes or books.

Donations can be collected or left at school. For collections contact Melanie Bolton 021344992

## Room Totara Weekly

### Happening - Week 1 Term 1

The first week of school has been busy and exciting for our class. Each student has their own Chromebook so we have been setting them up and displaying our 'Power Value' of persistence as we learn how to use 'Google Classroom'. Through this Google app the students can assess videos, readings, websites which will support their learning. They can also complete assignments and send them directly to the teacher for feedback.



## Room Totara Weekly

### Happening - Week 2 Term 1

#### **Fitness Wednesday's:**

Every Wednesday our class show 'Power Values' of persistence and whanaungatanga by participating in a range of fitness activities. We run laps of the track, complete a range of boot camp activities like squats/lunges and finally yoga stretches. We show persistence by not giving up and whanaungatanga by supporting other class members. We finish off our session with a summer sport, this week we played cricket and practised cricket skills.



# Room Totara Weekly

## Happening - Week 3 Term 1

### Technology

This week we have been learning how to create Google Slides and Google Sheets. We have created slides about The Treaty of Waitangi and Google Sheets displaying statistical data. The students have shown great 'persistence' in learning these new skills.



# Room Totara Weekly

## Happening -Term 1 Week 4

### Skateboarding

Totara Class have been participating in a Skateboard programme which is run Tuesday mornings. The students have shown great persistence as they learn new skills and develop their confidence. This week the students even practised skating over a ramp which required a lot of confidence and balance.





WALK-A-THON



Walkathon, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

The annual walkathon to raise money for the Duffy Books is on Friday 27 March at 12.00. Notices will be sent home with your children shortly and we look forward to your continued support for this worthy cause.



# Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent Conferences, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Teachers look forward to meeting with you and your child at these conferences to discuss and set goals. Notices will be sent home shortly and we encourage you to attend these conferences.