

### Welcome

Kia ora e te whānau, and welcome to the end of Week 4 for Term 1.

### Whānau Hui and Connect

Last week our whānau meet and greet was well attended and many parents and caregivers were able to connect with their child(ren)'s teacher. This was a very important part of the school year for relationships and expectations to be communicated kanohi te kanohi (face to face). There will be more opportunities to connect with teaching staff and the School Board throughout the year so we'll keep you posted.

### Concerns and Complaints

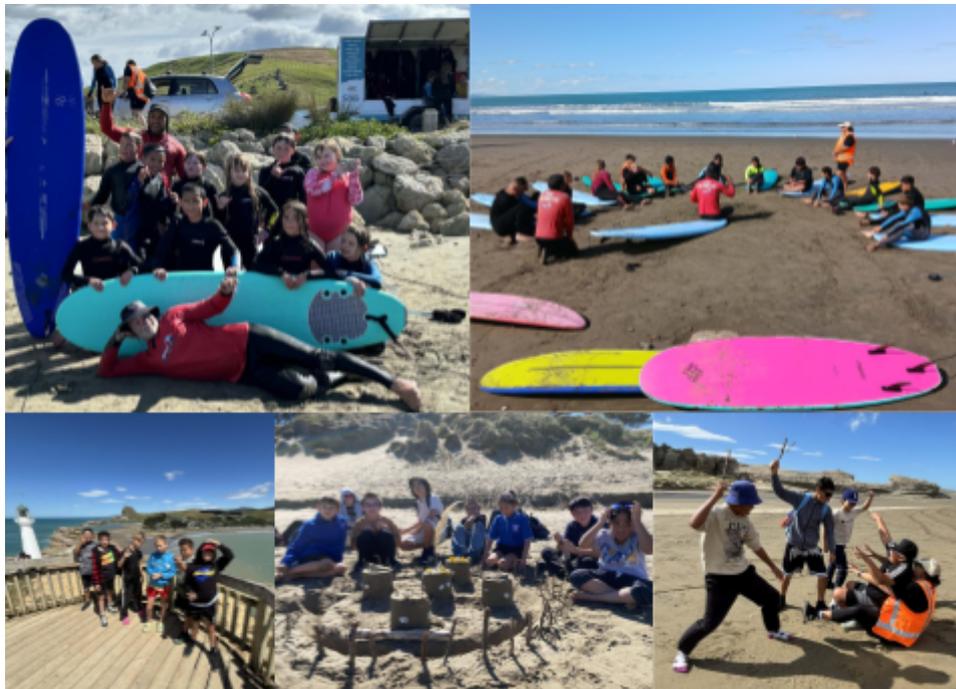
Please don't be shy about reaching out to our teachers or myself if pastoral queries or school concerns arise. We are all here to help, and the sooner we are made aware of any issues, the sooner we can try to resolve them. Open, honest, and timely communication is our recipe to supporting our students, staff, and whānau thrive in our school environment.

### Attendance Matters

As we've mentioned before, there is a direct correlation to achieving in school, and attending regularly. Our daily attendance rate at the mid-term point is 91.3%. And our regular attendance rate at the mid-term point is 66%. Lets push to increase our regular attendance so that all of our tamariki have the highest possible chance of long-term academic success in our current education system.

Ngā mihi,  
Pā Wes

### Our Awesome Ākonga



### Surf Camp 2026

Our Y5s-Y8s had a wonderful camp experience away at Castlepoint. I am confident they would have made life-time memories of surfing, hiking, and travelling. Likewise, our parent helpers were amazing and perhaps were ready for their own beds by Friday night. Thank you to everyone who helped support our tamariki to receive these amazing opportunities. From whānau who help with fundraisers, to organisations and the school board who contribute funding, and to the staff who contribute a lot of their own time to ensure every step is organised and successful - we truly appreciate you all.

### Celebration Hui

Last year, as part of our Celebration Hui on Fridays, we decided as a staff to bring back opportunities for classrooms to share their current learnings to a larger audience. While we continue to acknowledge students with certificates and school value rewards, our school-wide hui (assemblies) are much more engaging now as we provide another forum for students to showcase their talents and learning. Our fortnightly Celebration hui is a chance to celebrate all the great things happening in and around our school. So whenever you are available, and because you are an important part of our school community, you are warmly invited to come along and support our teachers and tamariki during their classroom presentation.

### Upcoming/Important Reminders

- Bush Swimming Competition - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Interschool Touch Rugby continues this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Y7/8 Technology - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Junior Minor Sports - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- A reminder to students that any phones need to be handed into the office for safe keeping during the day.