

# **Student Leader News**

Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened.



# e Kura o Wairau

# Papatùànuku Awards

Room 7 - Summer-Rose, Adam & Solomon, Eljae, California-Shine, Hakopa, Shkayel-Honey, Malachi & Mia

Room 8 - Nukuhia & Mose

Room 11 - Akuila, Alexandra, Charlie-Rose, Esaias, Sacred & Rushmin

Room 12 - Shaelah-Raen & Vayanga, Harness-Mana & Aarush

Room 14 – Manaia, Aubrey, Te Rangimarie, Milemoti, Johnny-Mac, Renezmay, Kulture, Windsor, Te Waiohua, Te Riuu, Màkohakoha, Qaeda, Kemu, Boss, Mason Taeaso, Zane &

Neriah

# **Assembly Awards**

Wairautanga Awards

Playground – Mikaere R6, Sophie R11, Alex R9, Manaia R14, Johnny-Mac R14, Boss R14, Kulture R14, Tala R9, Te Rangimarie R14, Xander R5 & Te Riuu R14

Classroom – Mele R6, Hakopa R7, Emma-Jane R6, Ashton R5, Kanavale R12, Caleb R5, Lala R5, Zavarah R5, Sacred R11 & Milemoti R14

Top Cat Class - Room 5 - tino pai tamariki ma

Lunch with Mrs Johnson - Neriah R14 & Lala R5





Star Staff Award - Mrs Harrison & Mrs Hughes - for sharing their enthusiasm and dance moves with Room 6 students every morning.

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Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Kia ora Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau

#### Mathematics & Statistics Curriculum

This term we started with a Professional Development Day that our kaiako/teachers and kaiawhina/teacher aides participated in. This day was led by Fiona Smale (Cognition Education) on behalf of the MoE (Ministry of Education). The day was really successful. It has supported us with our understanding of the new Mathematics & Statistics Curriculum. Throughout the year we will continue to be provided with this level of support because introducing a new curriculum is a big job which takes time to 'Understand, Know, Do' (which is the new language you will find being used in our refreshed curriculum).

# English Currciulum

Sally Scott (MoE Advisor) has been supporting us with the implementation of the new English Curriculum. We have had 4 Staff Meetings that Sally has led, and which we have gathered more knowledge and understanding about around the refreshed English Curriculum. This year we are introducing and implementing 2 new refreshed curriculums - English and Mathematics & Statistics. Our planning and assessment will begin to show these changes throughout the year, and into the following years as we become more familiar and adept at teaching from and learning about our refreshed curriculum.

# Anzac Day

On the Tuesday of Week 1 this term we acknowledged and led a service for our ANZAC's. I was extremely proud of our ākonga for the level of respect and patience they showed during this service. The Wairautanga they showed us was excellent. The service was made even more special because we had one of our whānau join us who is currently serving in the armed forces. The mahi all the tamariki did during the first week back around the significance of this day, and what it means to us now was stunning.

#### Mihi Whakatau

We welcomed our newest tamariki and their whānau in the second week of this term with a beautiful mihi whakatau. The sun shone as this process began with Pou Darnielle welcoming our manuhiri with a karanga as Pou Lynn supported them to come safely across our marae atea. Our manuhiri were greeted with a strong and meaningful haka powhiri, and all of our kura sang beautiful waiata to tautoko this tikanga.

# **Dental Team Onsite**

We have our dental team with us at the moment who are practacing from their portable dental clinic. It is fantastic to have the team with us checking our tamaraiki's teeth, and gums. One of the initiatives that supports our ākonga having the best teeth and gum hygiene is our schools 'Water Only Policy'. Having this in place now for over 8 years has been making a marked difference to the lower numbers of our students needing invasive dental care. Thank you all so much whānau and friends for supporting our tamariki to drink more water and brush their teeth at least twice a day.

# First Aid Training

On Saturday 10th May most of our Kaiako and Support Staff did a half/whole day of first aid training. Thank you to our Board of Trustees who support and pay for this training which keeps up to date with the most effective 'First Responders' training.

# Whole School Assembly - Pink Shirt Day

Room 8 led our whole school assembly last week. They did a stunning job and were fantastic role models for our students and whānau. The day the assembly was on was also 'Pink Shirt Day'. The turn out and support for this kaupapa was incredible. We were all dressed in a sea of pink and were very, very proud to be part of this nationwide initiative.

Our next whole school assemblies will be on Friday 6th June and Friday 27th June.

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau for your support and involvement in our assemblies. It is so nice to have your presence at these celebrations.

## Art Exhibition

On Friday evening last week Ka'lei, Faafetai, California-Shine and their whānau and friends attended the opening of an art exhibition at The Art Gallery called Te Puna o te Atua - an exhibition that celebrates the pursuit of the source of the creative process.

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Warwick Smith (Photographer) collaborated with us to come up with a stunning exhibition of the 3 tamariki. Warwick was able to, through his skills and talents, showcase their culture, their identity and their whakapapa through the photos - that held many treasures and taonga from each of their families. Ngā mihi nui Warwick for the opportunity you presented to us and for the foresight you had because you know our community well and you have always supported us at Te Kura o Wairau.



# <u>Pae Tamariki</u>

He Haupihi ki te Hine is going to perform at this year's Pae Tamariki event on the 4th June. We are looking forward to taking part in this. Thank you Pou Darnielle and Pou Breanna for working together and providing our tamariki and their whānau with such a beautiful opportunity.

#### Mrs Day - Congratulations

Mrs Day shared some very special news with her class this week. She is going to have a baby which is due at the beginning of Term 4. Congratulations Mrs Day. We are all excited for you and for Morgan.

# <u>Year 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lakes - Notices, Whānau</u> <u>Hui & Fundraising Raffle</u>

On Wednesday our Year 5 & 6 students were given their first Forest Lakes notice. It included information particularly about the cost for camp and what options you have to pay for this. Also included were the permission slips, health forms and parent helpers slips - that need to be filled in and returned to the teacher by Friday 30th May. Next week on Monday 26th May at 4:30pm in the hall we will be having our first camp whānau meeting. We look forward to seeing you there to learn more about the camp.

We are fundraising to support this opportunity. At the moment we have a raffle that we are running and next week on Friday 30th May we are holding a DISCO. Information about this came home.

# Whole School Cross Country

I am so incredibly proud of our tamariki for participating in our whole school cross country at Bill Brown park on Wednesday, and for my staff who supported the children to be ready for this challenging event since last term. The day was stunning and the atmosphere at the park was so happy and positive. Thank you to all our whānau and friends who joined us at this event. It has been a long time since we held this at the park, and the feedback given was overwhelmingly positive.

# Attendance Matters

We had a hui with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Development and Attendance Services last week and it was so heart warming to share the successes that have been occurring at our kura since the beginning of this year.

The van is now completing pick ups everyday and is proving successful. If there is ever a concern or barrier in being able to get your child/children to school, please reach out. While the van is at full capacity at present we still want to hear from you.

The government has said that by 2026 80% of all ākonga will be attending school 90% or more. We got to share with our students in assembly last week that for all those students who over the next three weeks have 90% attendance or more will be receiving an acknowledgement of their success.

Nga mihi nui - Teena Johnson - Tumuaki/Principal



# Sports News

# Basketball

Basketball started week 2. Waka Wairau won last weeks game against Hokowhitu 22-14. Shkayel-Honey was the Player of the Day. Well done Shkayel-Honey.

Please remember to pay your Basketball fees at the office - \$40.

There are still outstanding sports fees from -Netball - fees are \$40 & Tee Ball - fees are \$10

If you have already paid your sports fees, Nga mihi nui/Thank you.









# **Cross Country Results**

<u>Year 1 Girls</u> - 1st Shaelah-Raen R14, 2nd Te Waiohua R14,3rd Nykaia R12,4th Neriah R14,5th Ngawai R12 <u>Year 1 Boys</u> - 1st Harness R12, 2nd Aarush R12, 3rd Zane R14, 4th Toeaso R14, 5th Rueben R12

<u>Year 2 Girls</u> - 1st Te Riuu R14, 2nd Maddison R11, 3rd Rushmin R11, 4th Sacred R11, 5th Journey R11 <u>Year 2 Boys</u> - 1st Milemoti R14, 2nd Kemu R14, 3rd Akuila

R11, 4th Esaias R11, 5th Sokiata R11

<u>Year 3 Girls</u> - 1st Lala R5, 2nd Patience R5, 3rd Koru R6, 4th Zavarah R5, 5th Rylee R6

<u>Year 3 Boys</u> – 1st Lucas R6, 2nd Parker R6, 3rd Mayson R6, 4th Lara R5, 5ht Jericho R5

<u>Year 4 Girls</u> - 1st McKenna R5, 2nd Gloria R5, 3rd Oriwia R6, 4th Isabell R6, 5th Fluent R5

<u>Year 4 Boys</u> - 1st Caleb R5, 2nd John-Kotahi R5, 3rd Ashton R5, 4th Joel R5, 5th Naecha R7

<u>Year 5 Girls</u> - 1st Somaya R8, 2nd Kahurangi R9, 3rd Mia R7, 4th Semaiah R8, 5th Alice R8

<u>Year 5 Boys</u> - 1st Sisa R8, 2nd Josefa R8, 3rd Ishan R8, 4th Adam R7, 5th Matthew R9

<u>Year 6 Girls</u> - 1st Nevaeh R9, 2nd Prills R9, 3rd Ka'lei R9, 4th Nukuhia R8, 5th Esther R9

<u>Year 6 Boys</u> - 1st Talafou R9, 2nd Joshua R8, 3rd Neha R9, 4th Mose R8, 5th Caleb R9

#### Plant to Plate

Wednesday, last week Room 9 got to take part in the programme Plant to Plate. This programme helped the students learn how to grow some vegetables in our school garden. We also got to start our school worm farms up again, with the hope of selling some leachate (worm pee) to raise some money for our school camp. The students also got to go into the school hall and make some recipes using some fresh products. The best part of the day was sitting with our amazing volunteers and sharing the food that we made.













# Te Whare Tapa Wha

Our Year 5/6 students have been given the opportunity to work alongside some amazing ladies that work for Whakapai Hauora, in a programme called Te Whare Tapa Wha. This programme will help our students to learn about looking after their whole well being through - Taha whanau, Taha Hinengaro, Taha Wairua and Taha Tinana. For the next 5 weeks they will get to do a range of activities that will help support this concept designed by Dr Mason Durie.



## School Facebook page

Keep in touch with the Kowhai, Rata, and Kahikatea teams, on their facebook pages. Each team has their own page and regularly puts photos and exciting news of what is happening within their teams and around the school. Search for them:

Te Kura o Wairau Kowhai Team,
Te Kura o Wairau Rata Team,
Te Kura o Wairau Kahikatea Team.

# Te Kura o Wairau

# School Uniform @ Academy Apparel

A reminder that Academy Apparel in Broadway Ave stock our school uniform, so if we don't have what you require in stock at school you have the option to purchase it there. You can also shop online through their website - & "Click & Collect". Our school community can also go to them for their Winz purchases.

#### **Vomiting Bugs**

Please remember if your child is away from school due to vomiting, they should not return to school until 48 hours after vomiting has ceased.

# LOST PROPERTY!

Please be sure to come and have a look through the lost property for any lost items on a regular basis. Items seem to accumulate very fast!

<u>PLEASE</u> remember to ring us if your child is going to be away from school for ANY reason.

Contact us on 3543274 or 0800 45 44 44 or download the school app (from School Apps or scan the QR code below) and leave a message.

If you do not inform us when your child/children are away from school, they will be marked as TRUANT. If you have a change of address or your phone number changes, PLEASE let the office know.

Download the School App for up-to-date notices, and to let us know if your child/ren will be absent from school.



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