

NEWSLETTER 01/5 FEBRUARY 2019

Greetings, Kia Ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, Ni sa bula, Kamonaso, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Namestay, Ram-Ram, Salām, Sanibona, Olla. Nau Mai Haere Mai Ki Te Kura O Marawaewae. Ngā Mihi O Te Tau Hou Ki A Koutou

Nau mai haere mai ki Te Kura Marawaewae. A HUGE warm welcome EVERYONE to 2019.

2019 is the Year of Growing Together and where we say YES to being POSITIVE growth mind setters.

Our school is based fundamentally on loving and sustaining relationships with trust, open communication and collaboration and positivity. It is unique (I am very one eyed); we are the stability and security each child deserves. We are here to serve our students and to cause their learning:

*"Every second we live
is a new and unique moment of the universe,
a moment that never was before
and never will be again.
We should say to each of our children,
'Do you know what you are?
You are a marvel. You are unique.
In the millions of years that have passed,
there has never been another child like you.
... and there never will be.' "*
- Pablo Casals

Our focus is on building cohesive, consistent, collective strength and harmony with elements of challenge and to continue to build and sustain them throughout the year– It's all about positive sound **RELATIONSHIPS**. We consistently work together with all to make our learning community and our entire community a better place. Our passion, energy and enthusiasm abounds and we keep our hearts open as to why we love kids, teaching and learning and our school so much.

I am available to meet and chat with parents and Whanau. To be sure that you can chat with me when convenient to you please make an appointment at the office and, if I don't see you out and about, I am outside the main office every afternoon after school.

Our school office is very busy each morning. We have the lovely Rachel and Susie who greet everyone with respect and a smile. It is lovely seeing these in return. We expect good manners from everyone who comes into our school; it is a **SMILE zone**. The admin is not a walk through space, please walk around to the classrooms. Many thanks.

PLEASE make an appointment to see Kimberley, Reuban or me, PLEASE do not just walk in to our offices. We are often dealing with extremely sensitive issues and unannounced arrivals can cause problems; most of all they hinder confidentiality and privacy. No one is allowed to simply walk in to their Doctor's or Dentist's Offices. I have asked Rachel and Suzie to make appointments for us and have requested that they ask you the reason/s why you want to meet.

I also ask that you contact staff by email, text or phone call **only** within the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. week days (always outside learning times) and **not** on the weekend. With all the challenges teaching brings I am very tough on staff having quality family time. One afternoon a week I encourage staff to leave early so they can do just this.

Please also chat with your child's teacher outside of learning and teaching time. The mornings are extremely busy for teachers in setting up the day for success, so please keep long conversations until after school.

We deal with issues at school so PLEASE do not deal with any child who is not your own. We can all work together to answer queries and questions and resolve issues should any arise.

Hours and hours of consultation and work goes into making up class lists; always with the best of intentions, with every child individually placed taking into account their relationships with others, including teachers, as well as their social and emotional capabilities and learning dispositions. We are holding every child in their selected classrooms for the first four weeks to see how they go. This time gives us the opportunity to see that we have matched student to student and student to teacher in the most profitable combination for effective learning and teaching. We like to see how the classes jell and work together before finally setting them.

We especially welcome new staff, as well as returning staff, to our school

Team	Staff	Position	Teaching Space
NGA WHETU/IKA ROA	Sarah Arnesen /Rachel McGarva	Team Leader/Teacher Term 3/4 NE roll growth teacher	R.1 Ruma Tahi
3 teachers + 1 T3/4	Michele Hatfield/Kate Armstrong	Teacher	R.2 Ruma Rua
	Sharyn Jones	Teacher	R.3 Ruma Toru
	Sonia Morris	Teacher	R.4 Ruma Wha
	Andre Hudson	Teacher	R.5 Ruma Rima
4 teachers	Kim Davis	Teacher	R.6 Ruma Ono
	Emily Coull	Teacher	R.7 Ruma Whitu
PAPATUANUKU	Christina Kelemete	Team Leader/Teacher	R.10 Ruma Tekau
	Desiree Burborough	Teacher	R.10 Ruma Tekau
	Jacinda Sorrenson	Teacher	R.11 Ruma Tekau ma tahi
5 Teachers	Stephen Caldwell	Teacher	R.8 Ruma Iwa
	Renee Verlander	Teacher	R.12 Ruma Tekau ma Rua
WHARE MANAAKI	Camelia Tawhiti and Julie Starrett	Supported inclusion & integration. Teachers	
RANGINUI	Steph McGovern	Team Leader/Teacher 'Whakato te Kakano'	R.13 B Ruma Tekau ma Toru
	Simon Tuifao	Teacher Boys Class	R.15 Ruma Tekau ma rima
	Shane Dean	Teacher 'Whakato te Kakano'	R.13 A Ruma Tekau ma Toru
5 Teachers	Ricci Clark	Teacher 'Whakato te Kakano'	R.13 C Ruma Tekau ma Toru
	Helen Quirke	Teacher	R.14 Ruma Tekau maWha
Part time teachers – Pam Faulkner, Judy Smyth and Rachael Annear. Kate Armstrong releasing Michelle Hatfield for Reading Recovery Training in the mornings.			

PRINCIPAL: Anne Mackintosh / Whaea Anne

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS: Kimberley Henderson-Ginns (SENCO) and Reuban Ginns

OFFICE MANAGER: Rachel Ratana

RECEPTIONIST: Susie Pankhurst

SPORTS COORDINATOR: Justin Johnson

FINANCE MANAGER: Devon Harland / Lajanne Smith

MUSIC AND I/T Brendon Dekker

ESOL: Rebecca Belworthy

SUPPORT STAFF: Cheryl Ratana (Team Leader), Bonnie Pearson (Aunty Barr our Kaiawhina), Natalie Kennedy, Anne Lee, Pam Stamp, Catriona Harding, Fiona Duncan, Tracey Henderson, Sheree Robinson, Shona Davies, Correna Andrews, Paula Materman, Sharon McManus, Lorraine Dickie, Areroa Karati, Nicola Reynolds, Michael Golem.

PROPERTY STAFF: Sean Briscoe (Caretaker), Sheree Robinson, Pam Stamp, Paula Materman and Lydia Skinner (Cleaners)

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Desiree Burborough (Chairperson), Tony Fish, Correna Andrews, Rick Wells, Erika Harvey, Lee Walters, Reuban Ginns (Staff Rep) Anne Mackintosh (Principal) and Rachel Ratana (Secretary)

Uniform Standards 2019

We expect full school uniform this year, clean and well presented. Shoes must be black Roman sandals or plain black shoes. No fluffy boots, stilettos, etc! Outrageous hairstyles, including coloured hair, mohawks etc. are not permitted. Plain black shorts or skorts only please in summer. Uniforms can be purchased from NZ Uniforms, 94 Elizabeth Street, in the city. Shop Hours are Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm. Payment options are cash, eftpos, credit card and NZ Uniforms are also now offering: NZU Finance Card • A minimum purchase of \$199 is required to apply for finance • Two forms of ID must be presented along with proof of address • Finance term and conditions apply • Interest free period for 6 months • Application fee is payable Work and Income Parent/Caregivers receive quote for School Uniforms from our NZ Uniform Shop and apply to WINZ for assistance. Once approved, WINZ will issue the client with either a “Notice of Credit” or a Payment Card. Parent/Caregivers can return to store within three days to purchase garments as quoted. Please note: Card can only be loaded to the NZ Uniform branch where uniform is purchased.

GVS Enrolment Zone - This was initiated in 2016. Unless there is a ballot and a child can win a place, we can only take children from within our zone. Please see our website, link on the front page, for all details.

Student Attendance - This year we again are determined to lift student attendance to 95%. Achievement = Attendance so it is vital that your children is at school **every day** and **on time**. Students absent due to illness must have a medical certificate supplied after 3 or more days' absence.

Sunhats are COMPULSORY in Term 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a sunhat to wear to school, school hats can be purchased from the uniform shop.

PLEASE help us to look after our school. If you see anything that causes concern please advise us immediately or, if it is out of school, ring the police.

Walking School Bus - At the end of each school day students who are being picked up by parents are to sit under the top quad big sunshade until their parents arrive in the school to collect them. Those students, who are walking home, including those on bikes, must immediately join their walking group and leave the school together. The Chadwick Road walking group meets under the sunshade outside the Whare Manaaki and the Mansels Road walking group meet next to Room 14 on the quad. **PLEASE NOTE: All children who are not personally picked up by parents will leave the school in the walking groups.** Please do not sit in cars and expect your children to come to you. Walk into school. We will not allow children to leave the school on their own. **THIS IS FOR THEIR SAFETY!**

Road Patrols - Teachers and/or patrols are on duty 8.25– 8.45am and 2.45–3.00pm at Greerton Road. There is a teacher only at the Chadwick Road crossing. Please ensure that you, as great role models, and your children cross during these times. Please do not park in our staff carpark, or walk through it, as we have many vehicles, taxis etc. coming to pick up our Treasures, our special needs students as well as support staff leaving. **PLEASE NOTE** - All children not picked up in the school by their parents must leave the school in walking groups to ensure their safety at crossings etc.

2019 School Stationery Packs - These are available for purchase at the school office. Please ensure your child/children have the correct stationery by Friday 8th February.

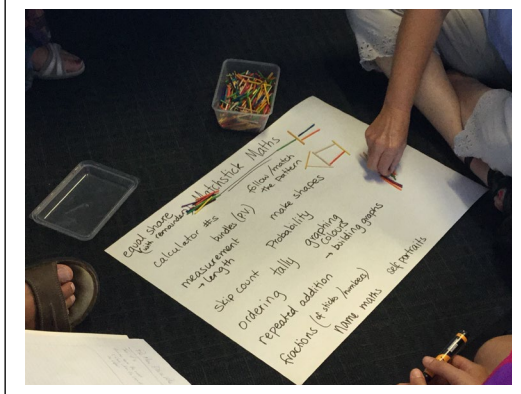
Our School Day School starts at 8.50 a.m. sharp every day. **PLEASE ensure your child is at school prepared to learn at least 10 minutes before the bell. Late arrivals must check into the office to sign in and collect a slip.** Our busy timetable allows for inquiry, play based learning, literacy and numeracy plus regular Te Reo and Tikanga Maori, PE, Sports, and the Arts etc :

- 8.50am School starts
- 10.50am 'Eating for Learning' Fruit/milk supplied 11.00am Interval (20 minutes) until 11.20am
- 12.30pm Students go out to play
- 1.00pm 'Eating for Learning' until 1.15 pm
- 2.30 p.m. Pride Time
- 2.45pm School finishes

We are a 'Fruit in Schools', 'Milk in Schools' and a 'Kids Can' School. These deliveries start in Week 3.

New school gate – When it is finished, this gate, behind Room 9 leading into the end of the Countdown carpark will allow for entry and exit to the school. The top gate straight off the tennis court into the carpark will be kept closed and the new one will be the only point of access. It has become far too dangerous for our students leaving the school through the present gate. Thanks to Countdown for allowing this and allowing parents access into the bottom end of the carpark to pick up students.

Pacifica Dance – We have two lovely ladies, one is Ana Pasi, who are very happy to come in and teach dance on two afternoons a week starting Tuesday 12 February. We would like to request a koha so we can compensate them in a very modest way for giving up their time and expertise to benefit our tamariki. If you would like your child to participate please let the office know.



Remember to look out for exciting things on our Facebook page also.