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Te Aro School Newsletter – 27 May 2024

News from the Principal's Desk

Tena tatou katoa e te whanau. Dobar dahn, Nabad, Hola, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Talofa, Bonjour, Konnichiwa, Kia orana, Bula, Buon giorno, Guten Tag, Cześć, Salamu Aleykum, Hola, Ciao, Haye, Hallo, Merhaba, Akkam, Asalaam-walaikum , Selamat datang, Walang anuman

In the past week we have welcomed Vivian, Rowan and Rome to our school community. Vivian and Rowan have joined Eva and Serah in Rūma Tawa. Rome has joined Ella and Levi in Rūma Kauri. We have also recently welcomed Lola, Jack and Ella to our support staff team.

On Thursday I accompanied five of our students to the renaming of Epuni Street to Hōniana Te Puni Street. A new street sign was unveiled by Wellington City Council, Wellington's mayor Tori Whanau, Wellington Central MP Tamatha Paul, and direct descendants of chief Hōniana Te Puni.



The street's new name honours Hōniana Te Puni, a rangatira (chief) of Ngāti Tāwhirikura and Ngāti Te Whiti hapu of Te Āti Awa. Hōniana was one of the leaders of the hekenga (migration) from Taranaki to the greater Wellington region. It was great for Dazelyn, Marina, Naomi, Kathrina and Marley a small group of students who live in this street to witness the new street signage being unveiled by Eru Walker Love a former student of Te Aro School. Eru, now a Year 12 student at Wellington High School, is a direct descendant of Hōniana Te Puni. Eru is currently supporting our kapa haka group on a Thursday afternoon each week.



Attendance

The Government has set a new regular attendance target of 80% of students being present at school for more than 90% of the term. The Government is working towards this attendance target by 2030. In Term 4 2023 the Ministry of Education had attendance data for 2,278 schools. Only 2% of schools had 80% or more students attending regularly. Half of the schools had between 50% and 70% of students attending regularly. Almost 40% of schools had less than 50% of students attending regularly. In Term 4 2023 we had 65% of students attending 90% or more and 22% of students attending 80 -90%.

We have just received from Every Day Matters our Term 1 attendance data analysis. During Term 1 of this year 65% of our students had regular attendance. 140 students had regular attendance (90% or more). 24% of absences were irregular absences where students had five – nine days absent during the term. This accounted for 51 students’ absences. 6% of absences were considered moderate absences. Twelve students had moderate absences. Students in this absence category had between 10 – 15 days absent over the course of the term. During Term 1 52% of absences were due to illness. 22% of absences were due to holidaying.

School reports for students in Years 2 – 8 will be going home to families this coming Thursday. Your child’s report will note if we have a concern about their attendance.

New Zealand Music Month Assembly

Last Friday afternoon the senior classes celebrated New Zealand Music Month with an assembly in Ruma Pohutukawa. New Zealand Music Month is held in May each year and we have celebrated it as a school for a great number of years. Assemblies like last Friday’s one is a chance to celebrate New Zealand music and the musicians who perform it. At our assembly we heard Linden, Margaret, Patrick, Yoyo, Oscar, Melody, Jaime and Izy sing and perform. It was great to have both current students and past students perform. – Dazelyn, Anh, and Marina



City Gallery

Last Monday students from Ruma Manuka visited the City Gallery. They went in two groups to the gallery and each group did a printing workshop with Mathew (one of the gallery educators).

Before we did our workshop we did a tour of the exhibition called Turbo Croc 2.0 by artist Ahsin Ahsin. I liked the first room we went into. It was based on Greek pots. The artwork was really unique. I really enjoyed making the stamps. We created our own designs – an animal or whatever we wanted to create. We used printing ink on our stamps. We brought back our stamps to school after we had cleaned them. – Daisy



I really liked using the stamps we created. I designed a stamp with an angry jellyfish on it. I showed the jellyfish's anger in the eyes I designed. Seeing Turbo Croc 2.0 was like seeing through a portal into a different dimension. I liked rolling the ink onto my stamp. It was very satisfying. I am excited about our Term 3 art exhibition because it creates lots of really good art. -Leo



I liked the workshop. It was cool. Matt gave us photos of vases to match up with the Turbo Croc artwork. We did this activity in the gallery. I liked the crocodile on a motorbike. I created a stamp with a Mickey Mouse on it. I copied the Mickey Mouse design of Lola's jumper. I am hoping we will use our stamps back at school. Seeing the galleries and taking part in an art project is so much fun. Before visiting the gallery I thought the croc in the exhibition name might have been about croc shoes. – Eloise

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that we have a teacher only day this coming Friday 31 May. School will be closed for our students while the teaching team undertakes some professional learning and development on the new history curriculum. This teacher only day has been set by the Ministry of Education. The following Monday 3 June we will also be closed as it is the King's birthday. I hope you and your family enjoy the long weekend.

Cross Country

On Thursday we sent forty students from Years 4 -8 to the central zone cross country event. Fifteen of our students will now take part in the inter zone cross country. Congratulations go to Jay, Anh, JJ, Argine, Archie, Rose, Esther, Isabella Devlin, Remy, Piper, Kaha, Campbell, Residence, Zack and Livvy.



I was placed 5th in the year 4 girls' race. The track was muddy after the rain in the days before the race. It was quite slippery too. If I felt I was falling backwards I tried to lean forward. If I felt I was falling forward I tried to lean backwards. The most exciting part of the race was the end! The finish was exciting. – Livvy

It was quite cold out running. Some people had brought blankets to cuddle up in. I liked zipping past the runners who had stopped because they were puffed and they needed a rest. I also liked running on grass rather than concrete. – Tova



Cross country running was fun. The best part was crossing the finish line. I was placed 7th in the year 4 boys' race. I thought of donuts to help me to keep running! Practising really helps you to be a great runner. – Remy

It was a long race. I think it was longer than the race we did at school. I had to remember to not do deep breathing as it makes it harder to run. I instead took short breaths. I was placed 3rd in the Year 4 girls' race. Getting to the finish line was the best part of the race! - Piper



News from the Garden



With Claire, our new beekeeper, we made wasp traps last week. We wanted to learn about bee predators. We had seen wasps around our hives. We had seen that our hives have robbing screens on them to stop wasps getting into the hives to eat the bees and the bee larvae. In pairs we researched about wasps and varroa mite. We looked online for trap ideas and we looked at YouTube videos. We made our bottle traps from the resources Claire had brought in with her.



Using used plastic bottles we made traps to attract wasps into them and away from our hives. We put a little lemonade into each bottle in the hope that the wasps would come into the bottle to drink this sweet liquid. The wasps can smell the lemonade. It didn't take long for us to catch our first wasp. Minh's trap caught a wasp in just over an hour. The wasps flew into the bottles but they couldn't fly out. Wearing our bee suits we hung our traps in the trees close to our hives. – Minh, Cheuk Yin, Ni Lar and Naksh



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries that you have about the school or feedback which you would like to share with me.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,

Sue



Important Dates

<u>May</u>	<u>June/July</u>
Wed 29 May – Rumaki Reo	Mon 3 Jun – King’s Birthday (<i>school closed</i>)
Fri 31 May – Teacher Only Day (<i>school closed</i>)	Wed 5 Jun – Yr 7 Immunisations
	Fri 7 Jun – Rongotai Experience – Yr 8 boys
	Tues 11 Jun – Year 7&8 Vision testing
	Wed 12 Jun – Board of Trustees Meeting
	Fri 28 Jun – Matariki (<i>school closed</i>)
	Thurs 4 July – Matariki School Celebration
	Fri 5 July – Last day of term

Term Dates 2024

Term 2 2024

Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Teacher Only Day – Friday 31 May
King’s Birthday – Monday 3 June
Matariki – Friday 28 June

Term 3 2024

Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September

Term 4 2024

Monday 14 October – Tuesday 17 December
Teacher Only Day – Friday 25 October
Labour Day – Monday 28 October