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## Te Aro School Newsletter – 13 September 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, Hallo, Merhaba, Akkam, Asalaam-walaikum , Selamat datang, Walang anuman, Mabuhay**

A warm welcome to Linh and Nhat who joined our school community this week. Linh joined Esther, Ray and Meena in Rūma Pohutukawa. Nhat has joined Mathew and Tessa in Rūma Manuka.

There is a hive of creative activity around the school this week. Classes are putting finishing touches to some of their final pieces of artwork for next Thursday's art exhibition. It has been great to hear students talking about the work they have most enjoyed creating and to hear how proud they feel about what they have made. I look forward to us all gathering together next Thursday (19 September) to celebrate our students' creative endeavours.

Yesterday we held our Term 3 mihi whakatau up in the VUW's green room. Our termly mihi whakatau is a wonderful occasion for us to welcome new students and their whanau into our school community. At Thursday's gathering we enjoyed hearing and seeing parents and staff greet the school community and introduce themselves in a number of languages including Māori, Indonesian, Tongan, Japanese and New Zealand sign language.



*I liked how the school sang to me. It made me feel so happy.*  
– Gaspar

*I felt so happy being welcomed to the school. My Mum felt so happy too.* – Ranugi

*The mihi whakatau made me feel proud because everyone was singing to me and to all the new students. My brother Tanmay was very excited to be welcomed. I could see Eloise and Esther smiling at me. I liked the biscuits that Anna gave us after the mihi whakatau. I really liked how supportive the Year 7&8 students were. They spoke at the mihi whakatau and they blessed the biscuits we ate. – Mansvi*

*I liked having everyone singing to us. I got to sit on a chair by my Mama and Dada and not sit on the floor because that made me feel being welcomed. It was good having my Mama and Dada there too. I liked how my Dada spoke. – Florence*

### **Earthquake Drill**



On Tuesday we held an earthquake drill just before lunchtime. The students responded quickly to our horns that alert the students to an earthquake drill taking place. We were able to account for all staff and students when we assembled out on the top playground once the all clear was given. Schools in Christchurch shared that their students wanted to be able to come together as a whole school following the February 2022 earthquake.

Drills such as this give our students and staff an opportunity to practise our health and safety procedures. For this week's drill Jo replenished our emergency grab bags and made new emergency bucket toilet facilities for each class.

### **Athletics**

The spring weather this week has seen the seniors going up onto the Boyd Wilson field to begin their athletics' training.

*I have enjoyed quoits. I like seeing the progress I am making in throwing the quoit especially as they go further and further. I like watching high jump and seeing what others achieve. It's an activity I personally don't like doing. – Oscar*

*I love athletics. I think it's a great opportunity for people to try out things that they haven't done before. I am loving the jumping aspects of athletics – high jump and long jump. - Frida*

*I'm not a good jumper so I fail miserably at doing high jump. Once I knew the correct technique for high jump, I jumped higher. I am average at quoits and throwing the vortex. Overall athletics is fun. I like participating but not competitively. – Ryan*

*I'm not the biggest fan of athletics. I'm looking forward to high school athletics as you get to try pole vaulting. I like long jump. I'm disappointed that we are no longer doing quoit throws at Year 7. - Selva*

*Athletics has been pretty good. I'm hoping I will do well at vortex, discus, and the long jump. I really hope I am able to represent the school in Term 4. When throwing the discus I need to be able to spin it like a disc. The scissor kick in high jump is good for jumping a high height. – Alfie*

*Athletics is my favourite time of the year. My favourite events are high jump and sprints. There are great New Zealand role models in athletics for us to be inspired by. I'd love to represent the school in high jump. – JJ*



## Te Marama o te reo Māori

Last Friday the school was excited to have their first assembly together in Rūma Ngaio. It was the first school assembly in over a term. It was great to be celebrating the start of our month of celebrating our te reo Māori learning and using Rūma Ngaio as our new assembly space.



*Hosting the assembly last week was my first assembly in ages. Afterwards I felt great as I had accomplished a good job presenting in front of the whole school and I had conquered my fears. I actually enjoyed having done this first assembly. - Naomi*



*We liked how we had lots of freedom to decide how we were going to present at the assembly as a team. We made a slide show which we shared with the school on the big screen. We chose two songs which we had the juniors in mind. The juniors were so excited and joined in the singing. It had been ages since had had an assembly. We are looking forward to our next assembly. – Ali and Anh*



## News from Tuatara whanau (our Years 1 – 4 students)

On a Friday morning our junior classes can enjoy their Ako Takaro time (work through play) in any of the other junior classes. There is lots of excitement amongst the students as they head off down the corridors past the office or heading across the playground to check out what is happening in Anna and Ella's rooms.



*I visited Rūma Tarata and played with chalk boards. I drew pictures to go with the trains and the train station. I went down to Rūma Tarata with Fyyfe. I like how we can visit another class on a Friday morning. – Sofia*



*I went down to Rūma Tarata to play with Amelia. We played with the train set. I like visiting Jonny's room. I also like playing in the shop in Rūma Tarata. I liked dressing up in Anna's class. It's fun playing with different people in different classes. – Tomasa*

*It was fun visiting Anna's classroom last week. I like how we can visit other classes. We get to do different things in the other rooms. – Marley*

*I liked dressing up in Anna's class because we don't have dress ups in Rūma Tarata. – Amelia*

*I liked visiting Anna's classroom. I really liked seeing all the artwork in her room. – Lula*





## Rūma Manuka's visit to Te Papa

On Wednesday Rūma Manuka visited both Te Papa and Wellington Museum. The class was split into two groups with each group participating in an art workshop at Te Papa facilitated by Matt from City Gallery Wellington.



*I enjoyed working with the plasticine to make something that was important to me this year. I made a rugby ball and a trophy. We then photographed our plasticine creations. I like trips like Wednesday's trip as you get to do a workshop and we get to make things. - Harper*

*We visited Te Papa and worked with Matt to make plasticine creations. We took photos of our creations using a retro phone. Matt printed our photos. We made envelopes to store our photos in them. It was cool and fun working on this work. – Eloise*



*The workshop involved modelling plasticine into something that represented time or change for us. I chose to make a green gecko as they are part of a food chain as kingfishers feed on them. I enjoyed using the vintage phones to take photos of our models. – Rose B*

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 Upcoming Dates

### September

**Thurs 19 Sep** – Art Exhibition, 5-7pm

**Thurs 26 Sep** – 2.15pm

Parent/whanau cuppa with Sue

**Fri 27 Sep** – Last day of term 3

### October

**Mon 14 Oct** – First day of term 4

**Tues 15 Oct** – Bee Healthy Dental van arrives

**Fri 18 Oct** – School Athletics Day

**Thurs 24 Oct** – National Shakeout

**Fri 25 Oct** – Teacher Only Day

**Mon 28 Oct** – Labour Day

**Tues 29 Oct** – Central Zone Athletics

## Term Dates 2024

### **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

## Term Dates 2025

### **Term 1 2025**

Monday 3 February – Friday 11 April

*Waitangi Day* – Wednesday 6 February

### **Term 2 2025**

Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June

*King's Birthday* – Monday 2 June

*Matariki* – Friday 20 June

### **Term 3 2025**

Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September

### **Term 4 2025**

Monday 6 October – either Tues 16 Dec, Wed

17 Dec or Thurs 18 Dec (*end of term date TBC*)

*Labour Day* – Monday 27 October