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Te Aro School Newsletter – 8 November 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, Xin chào

A warm welcome to Kit, Rome and Rowan who joined our school community over the past two weeks. Kit and Rowan have joined Serah and Eva in Rūma Tawa. Rome has joined Ella in Rūma Kauri.

Thinking Ahead to 2025

The junior syndicate have been meeting and talking together about classes for our 2025 Year 2 and 3 students. We will have next year three Year 2 & 3 classes as our current Year 2s are our largest year group. Please let me or the office know if your child is not returning to Te Aro School in 2025. This will help us in our planning.

Race Relations Day

Each year we have several annual events that we all very much look forward to. Race Relations Day is one of those events. It is a wonderful occasion, that without fail reminds us of how amazing and how diverse our school community is. Following the shared lunch, I heard several children exclaiming about why hadn't they tried certain dishes and delicacies before. Many many thanks to Cathie for her phenomenal organisational skills and to all the whanau that joined us and spoke about their culture and country of origin to our students.





On Wednesday we celebrated Race Relations Day with lots of exciting activities. What a wonderful occasion it was! We began the morning with an assembly to celebrate who we are and the countries our whānau connect with. So many of our children wore special cultural dress, and they looked amazing! We were delighted by a wonderful Indian dance performance from Dazelyn, Dezon and Kathrina. Then a talented and enthusiastic group of staff and parents gave presentations about their cultures. Each student was lucky to hear two presentations.



Many thanks to Van, Jing, Andrea, Eric and Guadalupe, Miranda, Rosie and her whānau, Mattie, Eric, Sumaia, Khay Mar, Ma Latt, Ma Nee and Winnie, Paul, Motoko, Meena, Narisara, Poldi and Ulf - for all their preparation work leading up to our special morning and their time on the morning itself.



Following this each class had an amazing, shared lunch of delicious food from around the world. We are so grateful to our school families for preparing this food and also for helping your children to wear clothes that represent their cultural connections.

We know this wonderful celebration of our diversity helps to raise the level of cultural awareness and understanding of our students and we hope it also helps them to value their own cultural connections. Hopefully, yesterday's opportunities will motivate and inspire their ongoing learning.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this celebratory occasion! - Cathie



I was proud of myself for being brave and speaking in front to the whole school. I was nervous but I managed to speak. I shared about where I was from and my name. I liked our shared lunch. I loved Oriol's lemon cake. - Noor

I really enjoyed our shared lunch on Race Relations Day. I really enjoyed Hong Ming's sweet things that he brought. I also really enjoyed the yellow rice and potato dish that Marina brought. It was like biriyani but without meat and vegetables. Miranda's gado gado salad with egg and vegetables was delicious. I liked having my baby brother Kevon at school. Kathrina, Delson and I practised our dance for over a week.



Katherina taught us the dance as she had done the same dance in Fiji. We got lots of positive feedback about our dance. Drawing with henna on people's hands was actually quite hard. The henna didn't always come out evenly from the tube which made it hard to draw neatly. - Dazelyn



I really liked speaking Tagalog my own language on Race Relations Day. I hadn't spoken my own language in a long time in front of so many people. I really enjoyed eating the spring rolls we had at our shared lunch. – Lars

I really liked the sweet treats that Sarah brought to our class's shared lunch. When you bit into them a red, sweet juice spilled out. They were delicious. I really liked too the big assembly we had in the green room. I liked the speeches at the assembly. I hadn't realised so many people would speak and that so many people would speak in different languages. – Enzo



My favourite foods at our shared lunch were pavlova and pikelets. Oh, and the fairy bread was also good. I ate all these things for the first time. We also had Indian food to try. When you eat Indian food, you eat and smell what you eat. In Myanmar we don't eat really spicy dishes. If we want spicy food, we put a chilli on the side of our dish. I wore my traditional clothes on the day. I wore different clothes from Han Twe and Minn Zan as are from different tribes. I had problems tying my paso correctly. I was proud of my Mum for helping with the other Mums from Myanmar with their presentation on Myanmar. They shared food with the children. They made Shwe yin ay which is a tapioca, sago, agar jelly, bread, and coconut milk dessert. I liked being able to talk Burmese on Wednesday here at school. - Ryan



Disco Fever

Term 4 provides opportunities for our Year 7 and 8 students to apply their leadership learning as they organise several of our annual end-of-year events including the Mega Gala and Big Day In. Last Friday a team of Year 7 students organised the junior disco in Rūma Ngaio. Before lunch they decorated the room including darkening the windows and setting up coloured lights.



I enjoyed organising everything for the disco. I liked preparing for the disco and then running it for the juniors after lunch. The younger students said they loved the disco. – Selva

I liked the prize I got for dancing so hard. I got a glow stick. I liked the music at the disco especially Golden Hour. - Ramin

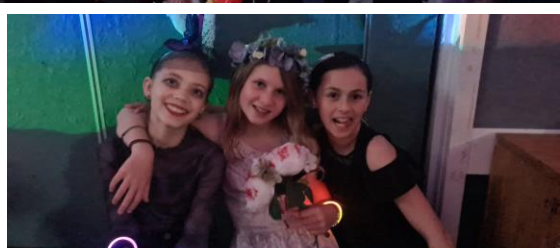
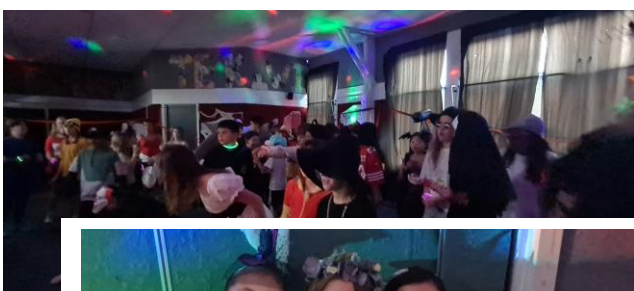




I liked what I wore to the disco. My big pink, blue and purple wings were the favourite thing I wore. I liked how we got a glow bracelet when we went into the disco. I liked how everyone danced. – Tiara

I liked wearing my shiny dress. It sparkled. In the sun it glowed. Tiara showed me how to dance. I really liked the music the DJs played. I especially liked dancing to Elsa from the film Frozen. - Leia

I liked how the seniors gave us glow bracelets. I liked the DJs and the music they played. When Taylor Swift's Shake It Off came on I jumped up and down. - Sarah



Athletics

Congratulations to Zack, Campbell, Jay, Maddie, Eli, Na'a, Harper, Pasha, Skye, David, Cassius, and Isabella who have all qualified to represent the school in the 2024 interzone's athletic competition being held this coming Tuesday. We wish them all the very best for this week's competition. In our next newsletter we look forward to sharing about their successes.



My favourite events were the long jump and short sprints. I liked these events as they helped me to use some of my energy. It was fun representing the school and being with my friends. I caught up with a person I played touch with which was great. – Harper

At athletics we got soaked at the long jump. The sun seemed to come out every time we went back to the stands between events. My personal best events were quoits and vortex. – Livvy

I did well at high jump and sprinting. I was disqualified in the sprints because I cross the line as I was running. That made me a little sad. I was actually the fastest year 4 boy sprinter. In high jump I jumped the highest amongst all the year 4 boys. My Mum was really happy for me. – Pasha

I participated in all the year 4 athletics events except long jump. Quoits and relays were my favourite events. I ran with Genevieve, Piper, Gracelyn, and Thea in the relay team. The moment Genevieve heard the gun shot she sprinted. She was fast! – Tova

Going to athletics was great. I was entered in long jump, quoits, and in the relay team. I really enjoyed being in the relay team because I really like team sports. – Piper

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



Here's a wonderfully spooky poem about Halloween by Thea, in Ruma Nikau.

Halloween

Haunting spirits floating in the house.

Apples in a big tub of water.

Looming black cats.

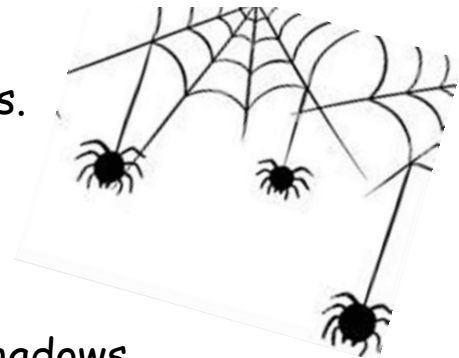


Looking around you see wicked witches.



Outstanding costumes everywhere.

Webs of spiders hanging on the houses.



Endless laughter and fun.

Eerie creaking old shacks.

Nocturnal werewolves lurking in the shadows.



By Thea Knox, Year 4



School Notices

Kia Ora!

This Friday is the Mega Gala, we would appreciate it if you could bring some baking donations for it on the 15th of November. Please drop off baking first thing Friday morning in Pohutukawa.

All proceeds will go to Pack the Bus.



**Thanks,
Year 7 Mega
Gala baking
team.**

Important Upcoming Dates

November

Tues 12 Nov – Shakespeare performance
(yr 7/8)

Fri 15 Nov – Mega Gala

December

Wed 4 Dec – First Language Time shared lunch

Tues 10 Dec – Yr7 Immunisations – *Gardasil dose 2*

Thurs 12 Dec – Leavers' Banquet

Fri 13 Dec – Leavers' Assembly

Mon 16 Dec – Big Day In

Tues 17 Dec – Last day of term, 1pm finish

Term Dates 2024

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