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Tumuaki Kōrero

Tēna koutou katoa!

I wish to extend a huge thank you to all the parent helpers and teachers who supported the Auraki Camp last week allowing it to be a successful experience for everyone. Based on the feedback so far, everyone had a great time while away and the children were able to experience lots of cool and interesting things. Without your support for trips like this our tamariki would not be able to attend so we are extremely grateful to everyone for all you did to help make this happen. I look forward to seeing all the wonderful photos and hearing about the amazing adventures the children participated in while on camp.

Guy Fawkes Safety

Whilst Guy Fawkes night can be a lot of fun, it can also be a big fire risk. Please remember to keep everyone safe while enjoying the fireworks this week. So many of our tamariki and family pets suffer unnecessary injuries each year. Fires can be started so easily and take over areas within minutes of starting. When using fireworks at home it is important to follow the Fire Service safety guidelines. More information can be found on the NZ fire and Emergency website.

<https://fireandemergency.nz/recreational-and-cultural/fire-works/>

School Improvements

Over the next few weeks you will see a few things happening to our school buildings and grounds. Some of the noticeable things will include our front courtyard being fixed up with replacement pavers, new plants being planted, court lines repainted and the buildings being touched up for paint. The new signs for each class are an exciting new addition to our school. Thanks to Matua Cedric for helping to organise these for our Kura, tino ataahua!! We are still to add a couple more to our Junior Auraki classes so watch that space.



BOT Working Bee

The Board of Trustees are holding a working bee on Sunday 11th November. This will be when a lot of extra jobs will be done to our school grounds to help keep things looking sharp. If you can help out or spare an hour or two, please let Wayne Hunapo our BOT Chairperson know prior to the day.

Upcoming Events & Activities

Tue 6 Nov – Road patrol training day (seniors)
 Wed 7 Nov @ 9.15am – Senior Athletics Day
 Fri 9 Nov – PhotoLife Team Photos
Tue 13 Nov – SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher Strike
 Sun 11 Nov – BOT Working Bee at school
 Thu 15 Nov – Year 8 HPV vaccination (dose 2)
 Wed 14 Nov @ 9am – Doctors Clinic (Health Hub)
 Wed 14 Nov – COPS Athletics Day
 Mon 19 Nov @ 6pm – BOT Hui
 Thu 22 Nov – Road Patrolters Rewards Day
 Fri 30 Nov – Maniapoto Kapa Haka Festival
 Wed 5 Dec – School Cultural Festival
 Fri 7 Dec – Service Awards Assembly
 Wed 12 Dec – End of Year Prize Giving Assembly
 Thu 13 Dec – Last day of term 4

Doctors Clinic

This term the doctors clinic will be open fortnightly until the end of the term. The next open session will be on Wednesday 14th November. Please remember to have your child come in and see the doctor if they are unwell or in need of some medical advice. We value having the clinic available so encourage as many people to use this service as possible.

Teacher Strike

NZEI and Ministry of Education are still negotiating for the teacher's collective agreement. The Ministry of Education's latest offer has been rejected and the NZEI membership has voted for rolling strikes to take place around the country for one week. Our Board have decided to close the school for instruction on Tuesday November 13th as this date is designated as the strike day for the Waikato. Please note that strikes may be called off if all parties come to an agreement prior to Monday 12th November. We will keep you informed should this happen.

I am conscious this may cause some concerns about child care but we appreciate your support with this matter as the profession is in real crisis which cannot be ignored any longer.

A separate notice from the Board of Trustees has been sent home with further information.

Athletics Day

This Wednesday we are holding our Senior Athletics day. This will start at approximately 9:15am and will go through to no later than 1pm. It will be great to see as many parents and whanau there as possible to help cheer the kids on and enjoy the day together. We are still looking for parent helpers for the day - please let Mr Marchioni know if you are able to help. Nau mai, haere mai.

Toro Pikopiko Puppet Show & Workshop

One Monday the whole school enjoyed a fabulous interactive puppet show with Jeffery and Whaitaima from Toro Pikopiko Puppets. Afterwards, Akomanga Pīwakawaka were lucky enough to get a chance to play with the puppets. A big thanks to Creative Communities Waipa for subsidising the cost of this awesome show.



General Notices

Team Photos

On Friday 9 November, PhotoLife will be back at school to take team photos. These will include Netball, Touch Rugby, Kapa Haka (whole school), Board of Trustees and our School Ambassadors. Students need to come to school in the correct uniform. Please can Ambassadors make sure they are wearing their Ambassadors shirt for their photo.

Enrolment Data for 2019

If you know of any families moving to the area, or have pre-school children due to start school soon, please let us know as we are starting to plan classes for next year. Likewise, if you will be moving away from the area it would also be helpful if you could let us know.

ROAD SAFETY

Please remind your children to use the designated crossing before and after school to safely cross Whitmore Street.

This is a busy main road and we are seeing too many children crossing the road unsafely further along from school. We ask that parents/caregivers support us to re-enforce this by also using the crossing. Thank you for your help with this.

Outstanding moneys

Statements will be sent home this week of outstanding money owed. Please call in to the office to settle your account by the end of the term. Thank you.

Lost property

Please check in on the lost property behind room 3. This is starting to build up already. Items will be donated to charity at the end of term. Please remember to name all student uniform and belongings.

Touch Rugby Draw

The draw for this coming Thursday 8 November is:
Kihikihi Gold vs Korakonui Yellow, Field 1 @ 4.15pm
Kihikihi Black vs Shiloh, Field 4 @ 4.45pm

Good luck with your games this week teams!!

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Camp Raglan 2018



Last week 61 students from Akomanga Kereru, Pukeko & Tui went to Camp Raglan. They had an awesome time with lots of new experiences, challenges and memories made!! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this camp a great success!!

Quotes of the week:

"Hi I'm Ray. I'm Summa's mum." | "While you're on the flying fox, whatever you do, don't die." | **On the Burma Trail...**"Keep on screaming." | The climbing wall..."I've got the world's biggest wedgie." | After the climbing wall..."I have to change my nappy."

Camp Highlights:

Blake: Golden Pandacorne' version of Baby Shark - the CPR at the end!! | **Stephanie: Choking on ten Eclipse mints!** | Sterling: Freezing cold pool. | **Summa: Camp Raglan's Got Talent - Dad's awesome moves!!!!** | **Jannah: Dancing in front of everyone.** | **Drevon: Playing spotlight.** | Ariki: Shooting slug guns. Curtis got a bullseye. | **Shania: Elizabeth stepping in the world's biggest pile of cow poo when we were playing spotlight.**

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