



Whaea Miriama and tamariki, Nīoreore

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Spring is finally almost here and daffodil day, the annual fundraiser for the Cancer Society was on Friday. This charity does such wonderful work for those of us facing cancer or who have loved ones touched by this.

I remain really concerned about attendance. Regular attendance has dropped this year and since lockdown some children have fallen into a pattern of missing a day or two of learning every week. Attendance is so important for our tamariki. "Research shows that every day away from school can affect results. For example, students attending 95% of days in Year 10 later get an average of 75 credits at Level 3 – more than enough to achieve the qualification. For students attending Year 10 for 85% of the time, only about half go on to achieve NCEA Level 3." Please work with us to support our tamariki so they want to come to school every day. Together we can make sure they attend regularly because everyday matters.

COVID-19 continues to affect schools around New Zealand, but it is wonderful that the whole country will move to Level 2 on Sunday.

10 things you need to know about Alert Level 2

1. Schools are open to everyone, and all children must attend

At Alert Level 2 the disease is contained but there is still risk of community transmission. It is safe for children and staff to attend school as there will be appropriate measures in place, including for children and staff vulnerable to severe illness.

2. Learning will be onsite with distance learning offered in some circumstances

Distance learning should be provided for those required to self-isolate.

3. Schools are not classified as gatherings and a range of events and activities can go ahead

4. Schools will close for cleaning and contact tracing, if there is a confirmed case who was infectious when at school.

5. Face coverings are not required at school or on any school transport

This includes charter buses hired by the school to transport students and staff. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering in any setting should be supported to do so.

6. Sick people must stay at home

7. We must have a contact tracing system in place

This includes displaying QR code posters at our entrances, our timetable, attendance register and visitor register.

8. Fundamental public health measures continue to apply at every alert level:

- Physical distancing (not touching and not breathing on each other at Alert Level 2)
- Hand hygiene
- Cough and sneeze etiquette
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces

9. We are planning carefully, before we go ahead with any activity that brings a large number of students together and/or spectators are involved.

Some events may need to be cancelled or postponed while we remain at Alert Level 2

10. We get regular advice and support from the Ministries of Education & Health.

Noho ora mai,

Dr Angela Sharples
Principal



KEY DATES

September

10-11 Preliminary Exams

14-15 YR9-10 Exams

15 BoT Meeting

24 Aug-25 Sept

Absolute Dental Mobile Clinic
Onsite

25-12 Oct SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

IMPORTANT PARENT NOTICES

- Please make sure to fill out and return your child's dental forms into their teacher or the school office.
- Please ring or come into the school office if you have any contact details that need to be updated (addresses or contact numbers) thank you.
- Reminder to all parents that students are not allowed to be on school grounds before 8am at all times.

Nioreore News

Nioreore's whanaungatanga Friday. Mahi tuakana taina trying to make friendship bracelets and spinning tops. Patience, Perseverance and smiling were definitely the key.



Nā Whaea Miriama
Nioreore Hub Leader

Kārangaranga News

Mauri ora whānau, In Kārangaranga we have been working on our Art work and looking at Persuasive writing.



Above: Name works- they use their names as a centerpiece then

friends in our homeroom write positive kōrero about that person.



Portraits Plus - as part of our tuakiritanga unit we had to draw our portraits and share information about ourselves. Ka mau te wehi!

Nā Whaea Kohine
Kārangaranga Hub Leader

Rangipō News

Murupara to Thornton – a journey following the Rangitaiki River. On Monday 24th August a group of Senior School Environmental Studies students followed the Rangitaiki River to Thornton, looking at specific historical sites pertaining to the eel fishery and how the Rangitaiki manages threats to it and the River itself. The afternoon culminated with time at Thornton fishing for kahawai. It was a wild afternoon with a rough sea.



WAIMANGU THERMAL VALLEY

Wednesday 26th August also saw the Environmental Studies Level 1 and 2 students and Year 11 Science class embark on a field trip to the Waimangu Thermal Valley to gather data about how internal and external processes of the earth effect our changing landscape as a result of the 1886 Mt Tarawera eruption. The Level Two (Year 12) students will be investigating and explaining how different rocks were formed as a result of the eruption within the Taupo Volcanic Zone. We were offered a great deal by the operators so opted to finish the walk with a guided boat trip on Lake Rotomahana. There were few tourists, as would be expected on a week day. It was disappointing that out of 18 possible students only 10 made the effort to come on the day. Please remember that Education out of the classroom is important for your child's experience in life and serves as a foundation for later learning in the classroom.



Inferno Crater Lake. Waimangu Thermal Valley

Nā Whaea Julena
Environmental Science Teacher

Hospitality & Food Technology

On Friday 28th August, a group of students catered for our Whakaruruhau Roopu. Their task was to plan, cook and present a lunch for a group of 15 people. Their menu included two hot dishes, two cold dishes and two desserts. This group delivered and introduced themselves to the roopu and was given some great feedback. A big mihi to Cherub

Makiri, Raven Pouwhare, Te Ariki Duff, Jeremy Parekura Horne, Ngakau Pere, Wiremu Thomas-Tanirau, Hunter Mellon and Tareihi Mitchell.



Hospitality Level 1 Objective- to grill meat and vegetables. Our level 1 students as part of their assessments had to grill a meat and vegetable dish. This was enjoyed and challenged by all students as they had to find a recipe, make the dish and actually grill their dish. Well done to the following students who did all three requirements- Helena Hokianga Hillman, Te Aomihia Reedy, Cherub Makiri, Raven Pouwhare and Te Ariki Duff.



Food Technology Yr 9/10 Objective- to cook an origin dish from Australia. After researching, the students decided on Lamingtons. This was made from scratch. First baking the sponge, dipping it in icing/jelly and coating them in coconut. All students participated and made about 80 lamingtons. This was shared with staff and students. Well done!!!

(photo – Rawiri Rua and Edward Te Aho)



Hospitality and Food tech is more than just cooking. It is about building confidence to try different dishes, reading and understanding recipes, what ingredients work well with another and most of all building Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga here at school, in our community and in the wider world.

Nā Whaea Connie
Food Technology Teacher

Sports News

On Thursday 27th August our Year 7 & 8 team competed in the CBOP Rugby League 9 aside Tournament held at Puketawhero Park, Rotorua. It was a good experience for our kids to play a sport they wouldn't have played otherwise. Overall it was a good day and the kids really enjoyed themselves! I look forward to the next tournament. Big mihi to Matua Muriwai for coming along and assisting me with coaching our team.



Ngā mihi
Matua Tanetiki
Sports Co-ordinator

Student News

On Wednesday Sunni- Mei Duff-Halkett started work experience under the guidance of Whaea Jan and Whaea Lydia in the school office to go towards her Business Administration Unit Standards course.



