



### *Kia ora koutou katoa,*

This term our focus for the Senior School is NCEA (New Zealand's National Certificate of Educational Achievement), which is the main secondary school qualification in New Zealand. NCEA is actually three certificates: it can be awarded at Levels 1, 2 and 3. Students usually begin studying for their NCEA Level 1 in Year 11 and continue through Years 12 and 13 (from ages 15 through to 18).

NCEA challenges students of all abilities in all learning areas and shows credits and grades for separate skills and knowledge. At this present time our senior secondary students are completing internal assessments ready for marking and moderation. They should also be preparing for their exams, which will begin nationwide on November the 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will be assessed against up to three external achievement standards in a three-hour session for each subject. These exams will be held at our exam centre here at Murupara Area School. An exam timetable will be given out to students who are sitting exams.

We recognise that students have been working hard all year to achieve their NCEA, and with exams just around the corner they might be getting a bit anxious about achieving the results they want. Sometimes a little pressure can help one to perform well, but generally speaking, the better one prepares for exams the better they will feel. The secret is to manage stress.

The school, other than whānau and home, is one of the places to look for support and information. There are also lots of resources online that offer useful advice and help to plan what one needs to do before and during exams, and it is always good just to talk to someone.

**For students, it is important not to overly worry, and begin to make a plan:**

- **Work out how you study most effectively (when, where and how).**
- **Plan a schedule - set study periods of 30-50 minutes followed by a 15-minute break. In the weekend you can repeat this schedule with a specific learning goal through the day.**
- **Set up an organised area to study, or better still come to school during the weekdays and study**
- **Switch your phone to flight mode and use it only during breaks.**
- **Mix it up - write rather than type notes or say them aloud and play them back.**
- **Work with classmates in study groups or review work to help each other.**

**This week, if your child is entered in the NCEA external exams we will be sending home their personalised exam admission slips, and a Candidate Information sheet. The personalised exam slip must be**

- **Taken to each exam and placed face up on the desk during exams**
- **Kept in a safe place and not given to someone else to look after**
- **Kept free of any scribble or writing.**

Lastly if there are any concerns about NCEA, internal and or external assessments please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Noho ora mai,*

**Kura Hingston**

**Deputy Principal and Principals nominee for Murupara Area School**

## KEY DATES

### October

- 26 **LABOUR DAY – holiday**
- 27 Tough guy & gal
- 31 First aide refresher course

### November

- 4 **Option Day Years 9-13**
- 4 Junior Athletics
- 16 **NCEA exams begin**
- 18 TUC Athletics
- 18 BOT meeting
- 23 Teacher only day – school closed
- 24 School photos

### December

- 2 **Senior prizegiving - last day of school for seniors**
- 4 **Junior prizegiving**
- 7 Last day of school for juniors
- 8 – 11 Teacher Only Days – 2021 planning

### IMPORTANT PARENT NOTICES

- Reminder to all parents that students are **NOT ALLOWED** to be on school grounds before 8am at all times and after the gates are locked at 5:30pm.
- 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.

## Niorea News

Tēnā tātau e te whānau. A massive welcome back to our Niorea tamariki who have had an awesome start to Term 4. We also extend a mihi to Hinepukohurangi Cribb and her parents as they join our Niorea hub whānau. Nau mai haere mai.

Our first two weeks have been jam packed with fun learning opportunities. We were lucky to have the Duffy Show come to our school last Friday to showcase how important the skill of reading is and how much fun it can be to read and imagine. The kids laughter and smiles said it all.



Our kaupapa ako this term is Te Ao Tākaro - which will help support our healthy active living programme. Lots of opportunities for our tamariki to actively participate, learn to help and support others, being a good team member, all whilst having fun learning in a tuakana taina setting. Here are a few snaps from Whaea Tania's activity which was learning skills to help us run faster. We have learnt not to cross our arms across our body and to lift our knees up whilst running. We also learned that when we move our arms faster our legs go faster.



Matua Hone's activity is Tī rākau (long stick). The learning has been about the tikanga and the body movement used, and the skills gained whilst using the Tī rākau, having fun learning new skills is a massive bonus.



Tītī tōrea (short stick) has also been introduced to our tamariki. They are learning hand eye coordination, wrist movements, perseverance, and teamwork. Tauke tamariki mā.



To add to our tākaro sessions was the awesome whakawhanaungatanga between our year 4s and our whānau from Kārangaranga. Getting our tuakana ready to transition over next year by playing multi-sports in the gym. Special mention to Matua Justin and Whaea Jo for organising some awesome activities.



Lastly is our tunu kai (cooking) activity. Learning to use ingredients that you already have to make a meal or a snack, all whilst feeding the tinana and hinengaro which in turn will boost



the wairua. Anei ētahi pikitia!



**Whaea Miriama**  
**Nīoreore Hub Leader**

## Kārangaranga News

Kārangaranga has had an enjoyable and fun welcome back into Term 4. Our kaupapa this term is based on Te Ao Tākaro which means the world of sports. We will be focusing on local sports, clubs and local sporting legends (for example Galatea Tai Mitchell and Fatty Nuku), sporting persons that have excelled in these avenues within the Ngāti Manawa boundaries, team bonding (building those supportive relationships among their peers and supporting others to achieve their own personal goals) and exploring sports from around the world and looking into the many types of indigenous sports from across the globe. We have many sporting initiatives starting here at kura, Kārangaranga with the help of Matua Tanetiki will be putting forward a Year 7/8 mixed touch team and later in the term we have a few tamariki that will participate in the Weetbix Triathlon. It is going to be a full packed term for our Tamariki!

### Whirinaki Camp

Last week on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> our Year 7 and 8 students spent the day up at the Whirinaki camp with members from Murupara DOC. Our kaupapa for the day was focused on team building as well as the tiakitanga of our beautiful Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne forest. Our tamariki learnt how to construct a 4-man tent, identify pest that roam the forest, how to build traps for stoats, rats and other pest and lastly identifying invertebrates that live in the rivers. Our trip to Whirinaki was awesome for our tamariki and they promoted all the values that kura, Manakitanga, Tiakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Kotahitanga and Whakapono. We as Kaiako of Kārangaranga were so impressed.

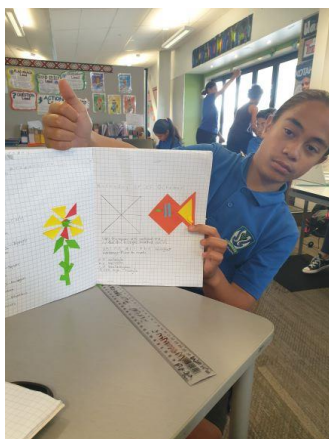
Therefore, if our tamariki stay focused they can achieve.



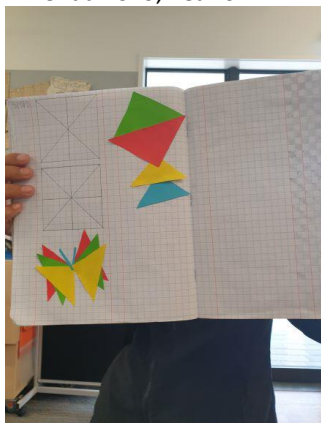


## Rangipō News

### Creating shapes in geometry



Whenua Toko, Year 6



### Technology

#### WALT- Following instructions



Taekata Murphy (Year 6), Butler Toko (Year 5) and Jackey-Boy Edwards (Year 5)

### Nā ngā Kaiako o Kārangaranga

#### Option Day Years 9-13

On Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> we have our option day for Years 9 to 13. This is for students and whānau to come into school for subject selection for next year 2021. It is an opportunity for whānau and students to meet the teachers and ask about the relevance of the subjects they are teaching and to investigate career paths for the future. A pānui will be sent home next week advising the times whānau and Year Level students will be invited to attend. We welcome everyone to be a part of their child's learning.

#### Licensing

Congratulations to our first group of students who achieved their learner licence with the help of Eastbay REAP and MAS.

It was a great opportunity for the school to work with our community. These opportunities are important as it ensures our students have the skills need as they transition to further training and employment.

Huge thanks go to Mel, Leila and Gary at REAP for your help and organising to have the Mobile unit available in Murupara, meaning we did not have to travel to Rotorua to book an appointment for each student, then return to sit the test on another day.

It was fantastic to see so many of our students take up this opportunity and give up most of their school holidays to come in and study.

The fantastic thing was seeing the community, whānau and our school all working together and supporting each other. The excitement when each student passed was written all over their faces and they were so proud. Well done to the following students who have passed so far, Natalie Allen, Shneill Bonnar, Mackenzie Gubb, Mitchell Houia-Maki, Tiria Jan Ihe, Taiki Joe,

Sonny Ohlson, Trey Oliver, Jeremy Parekura Horne, Poppy Parkinson, Te Aomihia Reedy, Eden Te Aho and Tyrone White. I would also like to congratulate Nahum Heke and Legend Moses who could not wait and achieved their licence a few weeks ago.

The licence is part of our foundation's skills course, introduced this year. Students gain varying different skills to set them up for success for further education or employment gaining 10 credits towards NZQA at the same time. By the end of 2021 we hope to see our year 13 students leaving school with skills gained from the course as well as a full licence and first aid certificate.

We have the second group of students still to complete their learners and hope to have this achieved by the end of the school year.



**Whaea Fiona**  
**Careers Teacher**

