



Kia ora koutou katoa,

As we look forward to 2021, it was wonderful to see so many whānau coming in to share our senior options day and support their child's learning. Choosing subjects is important for our seniors because it impacts on their future pathways. Our staff and students had done a truly superb job of creating displays and interactive activities that highlighted the learning in their subject areas but also explained where these subjects lead to in terms of further study and employment. Here at Murupara Area School we want to make sure our taura have the widest possible future pathways, so they leave MAS prepared for wherever their dreams and aspirations take them. Check out the article and lovely photos about the option day from Mrs Hingston in Rangipō News.

If you weren't able to come into school on Wednesday and you have questions about your child's option choices please call and make an appointment with Mrs Teri Teddy, the Rangipō Hub Leader, or their subject teacher/s. Gateway and Trades Training advice is available from Mrs Ripeka Hawkins and general careers advice from Mrs Fiona Hewett. Our staff are always available to discuss your child's learning.

We also held junior athletics this week and again, it was nice to see parents sharing this with our tamariki despite the poor weather. We managed to sneak the events in between the drizzle and I know our children enjoyed the day.

A reminder that school is **CLOSED** on Monday 23rd for a regional teacher only day.

Our dental team from Absolute Dental has moved onto their next site but there are a number of teens who still need dental treatment. The school will be providing a van and a driver to take these young people in to Rotorua for their appointments with Absolute Dental. This is particularly important for our Year 13 students as this dental care is free whilst they are still at school so it would be best for this to be completed before the end of the year. Please make sure consent forms etc are returned if you and your teen are wanting to take advantage of this service.

One final word, regular attendance at school is really important because tamariki who are at school every day have no learning gaps, form good relationships with their peers and their teachers, have increased self-esteem, enjoy school more, and achieve their best. Please support our tamariki by making sure they come to school on time, every day. Remember "every day matters"

Noho ora mai,

Dr Angela Sharples
Principal

KEY DATES

November

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| 16 | NCEA exams begin |
| 18 | TUC Athletics |
| 18 | BOT meeting |
| 23 | Teacher only day – school closed |
| 24 | School photos |
| 27 | Year 13 Leavers Dinner |

December

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| 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 |

2021 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS
Tuesday 2 February 2021

IMPORTANT PARENT NOTICES

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

Nioreore News

This term we are learning the importance of water (wai māori). How water helps and supports the growth of living things. One aspect of teaching this learning is through plants. We were lucky enough to be given over 40 mini plants from New World to utilise and show our tamariki how water can change the effect on its growth when watered daily. A special acknowledgement to Kimiora Rolleston-Kereama, Kyngston-Ponio Biddle and Buell Edwards for being awesome kaitiaki (guardians) who have taken it upon themselves to look after our plants. Mīharo koutou!



Our year one class held a kai stall yesterday during athletics. Unfortunately, the rain set in and the events were called off. Fortunately for our class we were able to sell everything within an hour and a half raising over \$460.00. Thank you so much to everyone who supported our fundraiser from parents donating kai, to all of our tamariki buying kai. Ngā mihi! A big thanks goes out to Matua Tui Beamsley, Whaea Jackie Beamsley and Whaea Audrey for running our stall and to Rangimaewa Beamsley and Topaz Rutene for jumping in and giving a helping hand. Nui noa nei te mihi e te whānau.



Last Friday we had the privilege of having Julia Tilley from the Weet-Bix Triathlon Association come and visit Nioreore and Kārangaranga. She presented a slideshow and spoke about all of the information our tamariki need to know if they were wanting to participate in this annual event. Well done to Tuterangi Te Are, Tiliayah Higgins, Karter Te Kaawa-Ripia and Mauri Murray for winning the prizes.



Week 3 Uara Stars in Nioreore! A big mihi to Kyngston-Ponio Biddle, Te Roku Herewini Rua and Ajay Manhas for consistently showing our kura Uara of Akoranga, Manaakitanga, Tiakitanga and Tumanako. Tumanako is having a desire and hope to achieve your goals no matter how big or small. These boys knew what they needed to achieve and done it. You know the saying...Do the mahi, get the treats! Ka mau te wehi boys!



Nā Whaea Miriama
Nioreore Hub Leader

Hinemoa Water Safety Programme

Awesome learning for our Nīoreore Students; A five week water safety programme including experiences at the lake, river and the ocean, growing our students confidence in and around the water. Our tamariki have totally enjoyed this programme as well as myself and the teachers involved. Thanks to Te Waiariki Pūrea Trust for providing this experience for our ākonga.

Big mihi to our van drivers Whaea Pauline and Matua JayDee Delamere.



Nā Whaea Marie

Kārangaranga News

Junior School Athletics

This week our students participated in and enjoyed the track events at our Junior School athletics day. Due to the weather, we were unable to finish our field events but were able to complete all track events 100, 200, and 400 meters before the rain set in. All field events have been postponed until further notice. All parents are welcome to come and support your child on this day. Below are a few shots from our track events yesterday.



This Term Whaea Courtney-Anne is spending 4 weeks in our homeroom as part of Teaching Practicum with Waikato University. One of her assignments is to take charge of a Maths group so over the last 2 weeks Tyrell-Kruz Matekuare-Hanuera, Jayden Takuira, Becky Kirk, and Grayson Te Aho have been busy bees learning about 2D and 3D shapes. As part of their lessons, one activity was to take the information they have learned and use it to create a 3D shape. During the process they were a little unsure what their shape would look like but overall enjoyed their learning and the steps they took to get there. Ngā mihi Whaea Courtney-Anne.



This term students have been learning about procedural writing and the different forms of this particular style of writing. Here is a piece of writing from one of our Kārangaranga students.

How to play Volleyball

Equipment

- Knee Pads
- Ankle Braces
- Proper Footwear
- Volleyball Serving Machines
- Court
- Net

Steps to play Volleyball

- 6 players on the floor at any one time - 3 in the front row and 3 in the back row
- Maximum of 3 hits per side
- Points are made on every serve for winning team of rally (rally-point scoring).
- Player may not hit the ball twice in succession. (A block is not considered a hit.)
- Ball may be played off the net during a volley and on a serve.
- A ball hitting a boundary line is in.
- A ball is out if it hits an antenna, the floor completely outside the court, any of the net or cables outside the antennae, the referee stand or pole, the ceiling above a non-playable area.
- It is legal to contact the ball with any part of a player's body.
- It is illegal to catch, hold or throw the ball.
- A player cannot block or attack a serve from on or inside the 10-foot line.
- After the serve, front-line players may switch positions at the net.

Conclusion.

It is a fun and competitive game that can be played at all ages.

By Tangata Toko (Yr 6)

Ngā mihi

Ngā Kaiako o Kārangaranga

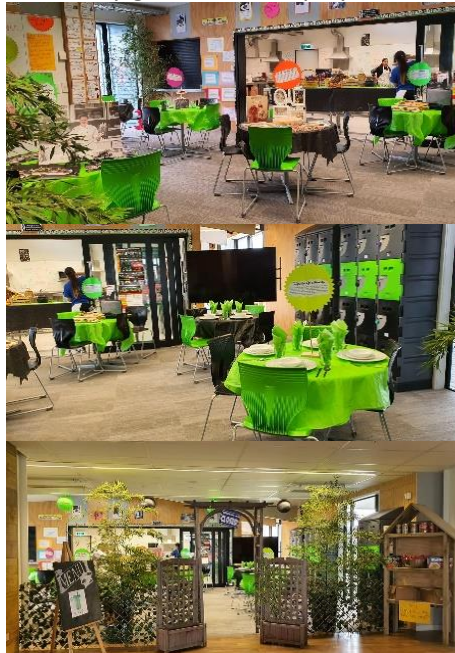
Rangipō News

On Wednesday the 4th November, Years 9 to 13 students and whānau were invited to attend Option Day at Murupara Area School.

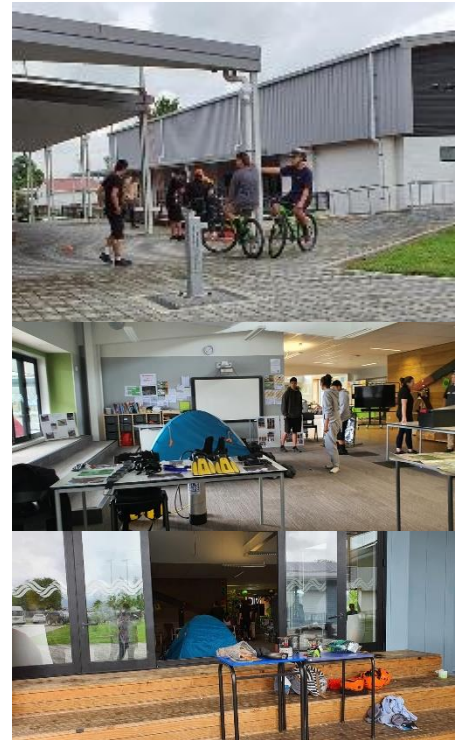
At Option Day, our students showcased their projects that they completed in Hard Materials and we were delighted in the quality of their work.



The Hospitality area was transformed into a restaurant that had waitresses, a fantastic Barista and many goodies on display.



The Service Academy showed us what they had to offer and amazed us with the breadth of their options.



Soft Materials formerly called Sewing, for those of us, that are old enough to remember is a new offering that we hope students take up.



The Arts, Mathematics, Science, English, Social Science and Te Reo Maori also contributed to the magnificent display.





Option Day provided an opportunity for whānau to meet with their child's teachers to talk about the subjects their child might wish to take in 2021. Students and whānau were given a 2021 Senior Curriculum Guide at the appropriate level, information about making course choices for 2021, information about NCEA, Trades, Careers, Gateway and the Services Academy. Students and whānau were able to ask the teachers about their teaching subjects and where those subjects might lead to in terms of a future career and/or employment. The students led the conversations with their teachers and were guided and supported by their whānau.



How not to choose

The Option Day was important for the students to learn not to choose a subject just because their mates were doing it, or because they didn't care and that anything would do.

A better way to choose

- Listen to teachers and read the Option booklet
- Discuss with your whānau
- What are you good at?
- What do you enjoy?
- What might you need to take for future plans?
- Keep future options open-are your choices balanced?

Amidst a flurry of positivity, handshakes, hongi, lollies, kai and more kai and humour, we thank our taura, whānau and staff for putting learning at the centre of Option Day.

The individual **attendance** rates for each Year Level were as follows, which we will use as a benchmark for future years.

Year 10: 58%

Year 11: 74%

Year 12: 62%

To **conclude** the day, we drew the following raffles. Congratulations to the following families.

Meat Pack One: Treye Oliver

Meat Pack Two: Wiremu Messent

Meat Pack Three: Tamati Duff

Meat Pack Four: Mikayla Lowery

Nā Whaea Kura Hingston

Deputy Principal Senior School

Sports News

Last Tuesday 27th October we had a group of students and teachers participate in the the Tough Guy and Tough Gal event.



Tough it was, but our kids did a great job in the event which was 12kms. They pushed themselves beyond the breaking point and kept going. We couldn't be more proud of our students efforts!



I want to give a big shout out to Piper Nepson for placing 2nd in the Senior Girls and Rico Cairns for placing 1st for the Junior Boys respectively and coming 4th overall for Rico. Good effort from everyone! Also to Matua Meihana and Whaea Courtney-Anne for their help and effort in running with our kids. I look forward to next years event.



Matua Tanetiki
Sports Co-ordinator

