



Kia ora koutou katoa,

Welcome to 2022. I am looking forward to us all working together to make sure it is a wonderful year focused on learning.

I want to start this newsletter by welcoming our new students and their whānau into our kura. As a result of New Zealand's Covid-19 response plan we were not able to begin the year as we usually do with a pōwhiri to welcome you to our school community. Our "MAS Welcome" twilight sports and meet the teacher is also unable to go ahead at the red traffic light level. Please know however, that we are genuinely looking forward to getting to know you and supporting your tamariki with their learning and we encourage you to get involved in your child's learning, sporting and cultural activities that can go ahead.

I would also like to welcome a new staff member, David Beukes, who is our hard materials teacher. He comes from Whakatane but studied at Lincoln University and is also able to teach science as well as hard materials.

Under the red level we expect to remain open for learning. We have clear safety processes in place to ensure we can operate despite community cases of Omicron. We are following Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health advice carefully and we ask you to support this by ensuring all taira from Year 4 – 13 bring a mask to school and wear it whenever they are inside. We also remind you that if you need to come onto the school grounds you must sign in at the Office and wear a mask. Remember that if students have any cold or flu symptoms, or if they have visited any locations of interest, they need to stay at home, get a Covid-test, and follow all self-isolation instructions from the Ministry of Health before returning to school. If you are unsure about what to do, err on the side of caution and keep unwell children at home. Do let your child's teacher or the office know if your child will be away from school for whatever reason. The school and our teachers will support any students having to self-isolate through distance learning. Learning from home will also be available if we do have an outbreak in Murupara and are asked to close the school for a period of time so if you have any questions about learning from home or need support in any way please talk with your child's teacher or their hub leader.

Let's work together to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Dr Angela Sharplest, MNZM
Principal

Important Info

School Term Dates 2022

Term 1	1 st Feb – 14 th April
Term 2	2 nd May – 8 th July
Term 3	25 th July – 30 th Sep
Term 4	17 th Oct – 9 th Dec

Dates to Remember

23 Feb – Yr9-13 Swimming Athletics

24&25 Feb – Primary Waka Ama Event

28 Feb – Service Academy Induction Camp

Contact Details

Ph: 07 3665 602

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Please contact us at the office with any queries, absences, and general enquiries.

OFFICE NOTICEBOARD



Welcome back for 2022!

Kia ora everyone, we hope everyone enjoyed their summer holidays. We are looking forward to this year. A few important pānui from us here at the office:

- Whānau, we need up to date contact details for caregivers and emergency contacts if we are unable to reach you. If you have changed your phones recently or moved give us a call at the office 07 3665 602 and update them please.
- Same goes for email – if you would like to receive the newsletter via email please let us know and check to see if we have your latest email address. Our office email is office@mas.school.nz if you would like to contact us that way.
- If you need to collect your child or come on to school grounds please sign in at the office. We will then call your child down to the office for you.
- There are no lunch passes. If you wish to have lunch with your child or take them out for lunch they must be signed out by a caregiver or guardian at the office.
- Please encourage your children to wear their shoes whilst outside, unfortunately we keep finding broken glass on the courts and around school which is unfortunate. Which leads us to say – please manaaki our kura after hours!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call us at the office 07 3665 602

Ngā mihi – Lydia, Jan, Shayna, Pauline & Courtney-Anne

NĪOREORE PĀNUI

Ngā Karere o Nīoreore
(Nīoreore News)

E rere āwhiowhio te mihi o te ngākau ki ngā whānau katoa o Murupara Area School, me te mihi maioha ki ngā mate huhua nei o tō tātau rohe. Nei rā mātau e mihi atu ana.

Kia ora koutou, nau mai hoki mai to all of our students as we embark on yet another jam packed year of learning. As we do with every term, we started our first day back with a whole hub parakuihi. As everyone does when you haven't seen your friends or whānau for a while, you catch up with a big kōrero and laughs. We are all really happy to see that most of our students have returned safely after their holidays and are all set for the learning year.

This year we have a few changes within our hub. Whaea Tania leaves us in March to embark on a year of studying Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga, until then she will stay on as the year 2-3 class teacher. Matua Hone leaves his year 4 class and will be working within Nīoreore two days a week, this has enabled him to further his studies within Te Taha Hauora. We wish both Matua Hone and Whaea Tania all the best for their Akoranga this year.

Our hub consists of 5 classes this year, the junior Nīoreore classes are the NE - Yr 1 class with Whaea Marie, Yr 2-3 class with Whaea Tania (for now) and our Yr 3-4 class with Whaea JoAnn.



Our senior Nīoreore hub consists of 2 classes, the yr 4-6 class with Whaea Helena and the yr 5-6 class with Whaea Miriama. We are very lucky to also have our amazing teacher-aides in our hub, ngā mihi nui to Whaea Fluff (Pauline), Whaea Rosana and Whaea Audrey who will be returning very soon.



TAUIRA HŌU

Nau mai, whakatau mai to our new students and their whānau into Nīoreore and the wider MAS whānau. A big warm welcome to Isaiah Hopa yr5, Mayjah-Cole yr4, Kaia-Marie yr3 who are all ex-students but have recently returned to live in Murupara. We also welcome Zyah Hiko-Duff back to school.



We also welcome our morimori who have just started their school journey, Heremi Stephans and Sarj Mautoko Paraki Stevens Tawhara, tauke kōrua. Nau mai whakatau mai ki a koutou me o koutou whānau.

NĪOREORE UARA DRAW



Lot's of names made it into the uara draw for our first week back at school for the year. From tamariki displaying Manaakitanga to their peers and young ones, to trying their hardest during te wā o te Akoranga, from being Pono during activity times and being a good Kaitiaki of their belongings and the school resources. We are very proud that our tamariki have held fast to their uara over the school holidays. So on that note we congratulate our first two uara draw winners for the year. Calvin Takuira (Yr6) and Ngahua Beamsley (Yr5) Ka nui te mihi ki a kōrua.



NĪOREORE SWIMMING

We have had a great start to the year with our Swimming Programme. By afternoon time we are all ready to cool down in our lovely school pool kept in pristine condition by Matua Pete. Most children have been remembering to bring their swimming gear and lots of these have had their names on them. Please do not send your best towels.

Many of the students are leaving their togs, shorts, towels etc at the school and these dry overnight and are all ready to go the next swimming day. The weather has been very kind to us, even on the wet days the afternoons have been fine enough for us to go over to the pool. We are starting at the beginning, learning to kick and confidently put our faces into the water in preparation for turning our



heads and learning to breathe. The children in our Hub are all very confident but apart from two. None can sustain the kick and direction at this stage.

With all the tragedies we have had in Aotearoa over the summer it is even more imperative that



swimming is part of the curriculum and not just a choice to play in the water. Please make sure your child has the opportunity to learn.

KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

Welcome to week 2 term 1 2022!

Kia ora e te Whānau.

Our first week back we focused on our school Uara

- Whakawhānaungatanga
- Manaakitanga
- Akoranga
- Tūmanako
- Whakapono
- Kaitiakitanga
- Kotahitanga

Our school Uara are the heart of our behaviour management system.

With the start of the year we refocus everyone on our core business of learning-Akoranga and developing learning goals, reconnecting with one another – Whakawhānaungatanga, Setting high expectations – Tūmanako and being and showing kindness – Manaakitanga.

Please ask your tamariki about our school Uara. This is an enormous component of setting our culture of learning within Kārangaranga and Murupara Area School.

Attendance

If your tamariki are absent PLEASE make contact with the office or directly with their learning advisor. Attendance supports learning and attendance supports social development of a growing adolescent. We are here to support Whānau-always.

Uniform

Uniform so far has been positive. A reminder that no mufti clothing over or under school uniform. Black caps or black summer hats can be worn. PE gear is compulsory during physical lessons. No gumboots please-preferably black shoes or sandals.

Stationery

This list is available at the school office.

Students have lockers near each learning area. Stationery including bags can be kept in their lockers. Please feel free to make contact with us if you have any concerns or questions.

Nga mihinui

Matua Muriwai, Whaea Pam and Whaea Julie



YEAR 7
MATUA MURIWAI

YEAR 8
WHAEA JULIE



YEAR 9
WHAEA PAM



RANGIPŌ PĀNUI

NEW STAFF MEMBER – DAVID BEUKES

Kia ora Whānau and a warm mihi to you all. My name is Mr Beukes but you can also call me Matua David/Dave.

I'm the new Hard Materials teacher and I am excited to be here this year and to get to know you all.

I grew up in the beautiful town of Whakatane where I went to Whakatane High school. My hobbies growing up were Sports like rowing, running and soccer, camping and tramping, watching movies, wood working, music and swimming in the river. Now my hobbies haven't changed much as I still am into my sport and outdoors plus hitting the gym. I also like off-roading and working on my truck, doing mechanics and modifications. I've also started getting into a bit of anime so students, let me know what your favorite one is, and I'll see if I know it too.



After high school I went down and studied in Christchurch where I lived for the last 5 years studying and working until moving to Rotorua.

This term some of the projects that the students will be working on are Clocks for the year 7 and 8s, a stool for the Yr. 9's a cabinet for the Yr. 10s and the seniors will be doing year long projects that include bed side tables, Cape cod chairs, and their own project designs.

Thanks again and look forward to getting to know you.

SERVICE ACADEMY

Our Service Academies are going to their annual Induction course which is a 12-day course held in Waiouru Army Military Camp 28th February to 11 March. Here all Service Academies from the Central North Island Region from Whakatane to Wellington experience the lifestyle of a Soldier, Sailor or Airmen. The students all stay in the Army barracks in their respective platoons commanded by Military Staff. Every day is planned to start at 0530 every morning to late hours of the night. Activities the students participate in are:

Military Drill
Army tent construction
Mental exercises
Leadership tasks
Self-pride and confidence
NZ Military history
Social responsibility work
Cross Country in the Army training areas
Army assault con course
Barrack routine and structure

Ethos and Values of the Defence Force
Physical Training everyday

And many more activities where the students are challenged Mentally, Physically, emotionally. There is no other environment better than being in a real-life Military Camp experience.

SENCo and Learning Support Team

Kia ora to all our whānau. May 2022 be a year that we can all start to

It is great to see everyone back after our hot summer break, all eager to learn.

Our learning support team this year is made up of the SENCo, RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) and LSC (Learning Support Co-Ordinators from the Pūtauki ki Rangitaiki Kāhui Ako.) as well as the many agencies and Hauora that aid our tamariki and whānau when required.



Whaea Kay – SENCo (Supporting Education Needs Co-Ordinator)

As SENCo, I support those students who need assistance with their learning, behaviour, health and funding issues by endeavouring to get the most appropriate help from within the community and the outer district.

I am happy to meet with any whānau who require help through Variety Club applications to gain funding assistance for clothing and shoes, school uniforms, personal hygiene, bedding, school expenses such as stationary and school camps.

All that you need to do is apply online at <https://www.variety.org.nz/apply-for-funding/> or come into school and I will provide the application documents to fill out (I can help with this if you require) and forward on.

SPORTS PĀNUI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 3:

Senior School (Yr9-13) Swimming Athletics – 23rd Feb.
Postponement Date: 24th Feb

Week 4:

Waka Ama Event for Primary & Intermediate School 24 & 25th Feb
Postponement Date 30-31st March

Week 5:

RATS Duathlon Waipa Rotorua – Event has been postponed until later in the year. Dates To be confirmed.

Week 7:

Senior School (Yr9-13) Athletics – Date To be confirmed.

WATER BOTTLES



Special thank you to Whaea Courtney-Anne, our Sports Co-ordinator for giving the junior students water bottles to keep at school to help keep them hydrated whilst we follow the red light guidelines.

They are greatly appreciated!!