

NEWSLETTER WEEK 6, TERM 1, 2023



Kia ora koutou katoa,

We have had an interesting first five weeks this year. Firstly, we were hit with water contamination and initially had to send our tamariki home. Of course the news media picked up on that and swamped the school with requests for interviews. We managed to work our way through all the media attention and then Cyclone Gabrielle unleashed its fury on most of the North Island. We were fortunate to have a great local Civil Defence team who were prepared for whatever the Cyclone threw at us. In terms of what happened up North, and along our Eastern shores, we were fortunate, and we give thanks that we can go about our everyday business and our tamariki are safe and sound.

We are looking forward to us all working together and wish to assure whanau that we have an open-door policy should you have any concerns, whatsoever, about your child, or anything else where we may be able to help.

For those of the whanau who were not able to make it to our Powhiri at the beginning of the year. We want to introduce you to our newest staff member Mr Brent Cairns, who is a Maths Major and is teaching Years 9 to 13 Maths. He is the one with the shiny smile, shiny head and a shiny can-do attitude. It is a joy to watch this teacher, interacting with our tamariki and extending their inquiry learning with his mobile active way of teaching. Brent grew up in Auckland and Sydney and has recently worked on construction sites in Auckland in the civil engineering and sprinkler fire protection fields. He is currently learning thermodynamics and has interests in sport and learning languages. He has been teaching Maths since 1995, not only in NZ, but also in Korea and England.



I have noticed that some of the whanau are not aware of who all the staff are at Murupara Area School, so I am including the list in this newsletter for your information

Ngā mihi
Kura Hingston
Acting Principal

IMPORTANT INFO

Te Urewera Cluster Swimming
Sports at the town pool—Wed 15
March

Thu 16 March—Strike Day

6th-17th March—Service
Academy Induction

Week 7/8—Settling in reports
to be sent home (date to be
advised)

PH: 07 3665 602

EMAIL: office@mas.school.nz

Please contact us with any enquiries and
if your child will be absent.

If you need to contact our truancy
officer Whaea Pauline Teddy her
number is 073665604

School Staff 2023

| Name | Position | Hub |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| Kura Hingston | Acting Principal | |
| Julie Tumarae | DP and Senco | |
| Teri Teddy | Acting DP and Hub Leader | Rangipo |
| Miriama Iti - White | Acting DP and Hub Leader | Nioreore |
| Jan Gifkins | Executive Officer | |
| Lydia Taylor | Receptionist | |
| Shayna Howden | Principals PA, Assets Officer | |
| Ripeka Hawkins | Community Connector | |
| Pauline Teddy | Attendance and Truancy | |
| Tui Matekuare | Sports Co-ordinator | |
| Awhina Rangitauira | RTLB | |
| Julena Hickey | English/Art Teacher | Rangipo |
| David Beukes | Hard Materials and Science | Rangipo |
| Connie Pouwhare | Food and English | Rangipo |
| Brent Cairns | Maths | Rangipo |
| Pamela Robinson | History, English | Rangipo |
| Kohine Tawhara | Music and CRT | Rangipo and Nioreore |
| Muriwai White | Te Reo and Ngati Manawatanga lead. | Rangipo |
| Weka Kirk | PE and Science | Rangipo |
| Courtney Anderson | Academy Director | Rangipo |
| Helena Te Aho | Yr 7/8 | Nioreore |
| Truby te Aho | Yr 6 | Nioreore |
| Hone Love-Henry | Yr 4/5 | Nioreore |
| Jo Rewi | Yr 3/4 | Nioreore |
| Susannah Engel | Yr 2 | Nioreore |
| Marie Greenhalgh | Yr 1 | Nioreore |
| Maryanne Ohlson | Support Staff | Rangipo |
| Graham Thomas | Support Staff | Rangipo |
| Audrey Ingram | Support Staff | Nioreore |
| Angela Tumarae | Support Staff | Nioreore |
| Pauline Nepson | Support Staff | Nioreore |
| Rosana Horne | Support Staff | Nioreore |
| Unity Stone | Support Staff | Nioreore |
| Jolene Rauhina | Support Staff | Nioreore |
| Peter Kirk | Caretaker and Supervisor Cleaning staff | |
| Anaru Brown | Groundsman | |
| Monica Ahuriri | Cleaner | |
| Mary Tipiwai | Cleaner | |
| Monique Te Are | Cleaner | |

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT—PPTA STRIKE

You may have heard through the media that, Area schools and Secondary schools PPTA teachers are involved in **light** strike action. At first the idea of any strike action being “light” seems unusual but what it means for us at Murupara Area School is that teachers in Rangipo who are PPTA union members are **not able to provide relief cover during their non contacts**. A non-contact is a period of time when teachers are not physically teaching a class but are involved in administrative teaching duties. This applies at school and at any off-school sites. An example of this recently was the cancellation of Rangipo Senior Camp as staff were not able to supervise tamariki outside of their timetabled hours. So far, we have been able to schedule teachers so that any disruption is minimised and our tamariki are not missing out on their learning



BREAKING NEWS



This is a heads up To let you all know that the teaching staff at Murupara Area School will be on STRIKE THURSDAY 16TH MARCH. As a result, staff will not be available to teach your tamariki. Please make arrangements to supervise your tamariki. Our DP Julie Tumarae has made contact with all whanau of the under 14 yr old students who may require supervision. To date no one does. If you have any enquiries please call the school.

Apologies for another broken week of learning.

PĀNUI FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Whanau could you please let us know if any contact details have changed. We need up to date addresses, emails, contact numbers and emergency contact details so we are able to contact you about your children. Also if your children have any medical conditions and require medication, we need to know. You can contact the Nurse via the school office on a Wednesday and Thursday about this or any concerns you may have.

NĪOREORE PĀNUI

Meet the staff of Nīoreore and Kārangaranga

Kai ngā mate huhua nei o te motu, haere, haere, haere atu ra. Hoki mai ki a tātau te hunga ora, tēnā tātau katoa. Mauri ora e te whānau!

As we have entered into our new school year we have had a couple of changes. I have taken on the hub leader role for both Nīoreore and Karangaranga - making both hubs combined as our kura tuatahi (Primary School/Intermediate) Years 1-8. We are absolutely lucky to have Matua Truby join us as the year 6 kaiako and Matua Hone in the year 4-5 class. With myself and Whaea Helena teaching the year 7 & 8's all 4 of our classes make up Karangaranga.

Nīoreore is still blessed to have Whaea Marie, Whaea Susannah and Whaea JoAnn teaching in the years 1-4, with the addition of our Super Kaiawhina Jolene, Audrey, Unity, Rosana and Pauline across both hubs. With all whānau supporting our Nīoreore and Kārangaranga staff and your tamaiti, the achievements are limitless. If you need to know anything in regards to your child please contact their teacher in the first instance.

Naku na
Miriama Iti-White

NĪOREORE JUNIOR PĀNUI

Wow what a wonderful start we have had to this year and we have shown just how resilient our tamaiti are coping with all the unfortunate interruptions, the water issue and then the cyclone threat - luckily in our little piece of paradise we were not damaged as our whanau in other parts of the motu were.

Our theme for this first term is TANGAROA and all three classes are busy with learning about our Atua of the Moana. We are working with artworks around this theme and will love to share these with you when they are completed. The tamariki have shown real talent in the arts and enjoy producing lovely works. Our daily phonics programme across all levels has already shown some impressive results and this is showing in both their writing and reading.

Each week our Teachers and Teacher Aids select a 'STAR OF THE WEEK' from each class and these students are awarded at our Friday Assemblies. Next time you are in the Hub check out our wall display of these Stars. Each second week we also have an Uara lucky draw. The students are awarded Uara cards for displaying our Uara and these are placed in a container - this container is usually very full as our junior students strive to be the best they can be and receive many cards over the two week period. It's an exciting time at this draw.

We have finally this last week been able to enjoy our school swimming pool that Matua Pete and Anaru keep in beautiful order for us. We go every day we possibly can after lunch. Our students display a great love for the water and have much confidence in all areas. When we can we will go over to the town pool but unfortunately it is such a great pool that the bookings have prevented us from using it as much as we would like.



Recently we have been able to get outside and work on our ball skills and also have had a recent Professional Development meeting with our BOP Sports Coordinator who has introduced us to many fun games that are also beneficial to our health and well being. We are so lucky to have Whaea Kimiora take such a great interest in our school as she is a wealth of knowledge in the sporting area and able to provide us with resources that would otherwise be hard for us to access.

Our Teacher Aids deserve a huge mention as they provide such awesome support in the teaching of our students. Whaea Jolene works well with the new entrant students and having her enables us to work in groups according to need. We have a great cohort of new entrants with many more waiting for their birthdays to come join us. Whaea Teri from the ECE recently visited with their 4 year olds and it is lovely to see how they feel so at home in our environment.

Whaea Unity has been a blessing working with individual students and supporting the Y1-2 class and shows much potential as a teacher.

Whaea Audrey works across the three classes and her talents enable us to extend the learning of all of the students. There never could be three more valued members of our Hub.

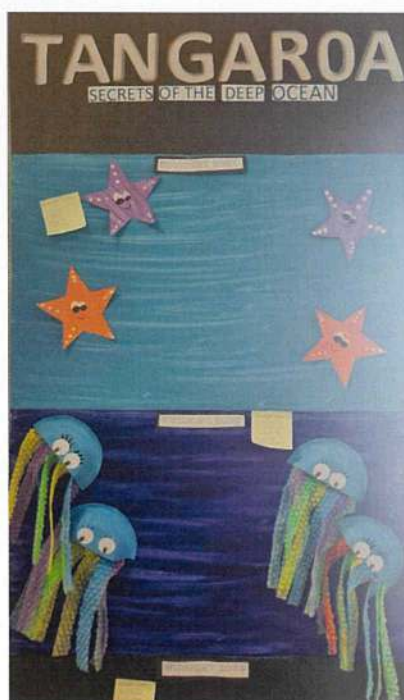
Often the best part of our day is the first session beginning at 8.40 where we learn Ngati Manawa tanga including Karakia and Waiata. Each term we learn a new Karakia and Waiata relevant to our local Iwi to build a repertoire for the future. We are great at Manawakotokoto - actually we think we are the best in the school. The young students show their love for their culture and it is just the best way to start our day. We are lucky to have Whaea Jo and sometimes Whaea Pauline play guitar and Whaea Unity is awesome teaching us actions. At times Whaea Kohine our Music teacher comes and fine tunes us and we are all in awe of her musical talents.

All in all we have made a great start to 2023.

Junior Hub Staff.



Whaea Marie's class are making fish tanks



Paintings in progress from
Kynghston, Max, Maia and Lincoln-
Hawk

KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

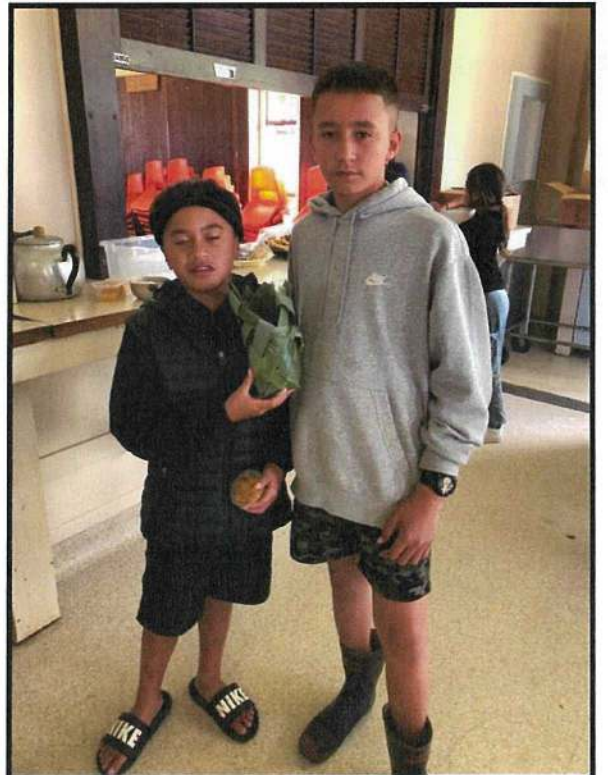
So much has happened just in the first 5 weeks of our school year: Auckland Anniversary, Waitangi Day, the contaminated water in our town and of course Cyclone Gabrielle. Did we let that deter us, ka-rekau!

Week 2 saw the Karangaranga classes, pack their blankets, pillows and gear and head off to Rangitahi Pā where we had our first noho marae as a whānau. We were welcomed on to the marae by our Pakeke and they shared kōrero of Rangitahi pā, Ngāti Hui, all of the carvings, tukutuku panels and kowhaiwhai in the wharenuī. Our noho was a huge eye opener for many of our tamariki as most have only been to a marae for tangihanga.



The focus was to establish our tikanga whakahaere (Our rules and procedures), to wānanga about our Behaviour Management System, Te Ara Whakamana, our uara, actively promoting whanaungatanga and making connections with one another. Although our noho was interrupted and cut short because of the water being contaminated it was still a huge success.

Workshops were held by our locals to expose our tamariki to the taonga that is right here in our town and in our backyard. A rongoa workshop held by Valerie and Wiremu Tamaki, a raranga with Weku Kereopa and fishing and eeling with Tui Beamsley. Thank you so much to our



facilitator's of all of our workshops and our pakeke Maurice Toetoe, Basil Iraia and Joan Toetoe for making our short time at Rangitahi pā a beautiful experience.



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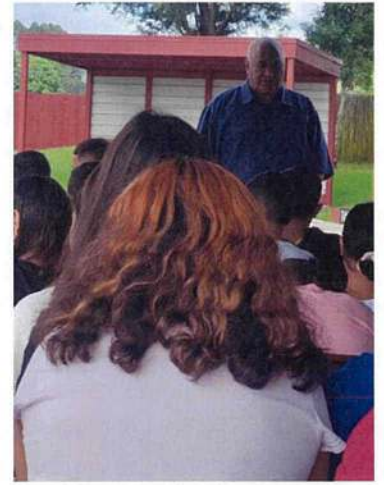
Here we safely arrived at the marae, full of excitement and ready to survive our Noho Marae 2023.



Two very enthusiastic young ladies waiting patiently for the pohiri to begin. Ngahuia Beamsley and Dolly Isaac.



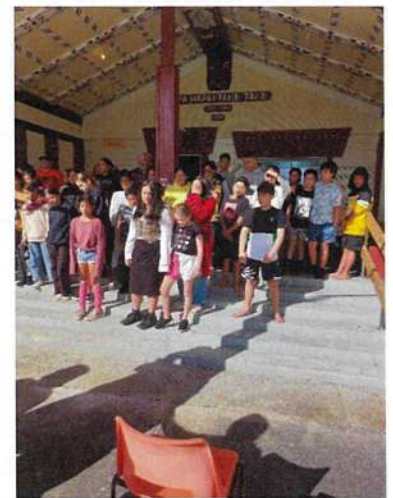
Here we are listening to the local Rangatira Koro Basil Iraia who is giving us a korero about local history.



KAI TIME!



Here we are playing in front of the whare nui, Apa Hapai Taketake te tuarua



After our korero with Matua Maurice about the carvings and the eels we took this photo on the mahua of the whare. Then we were sent home due to the contaminated water. Aue te mamae. Thanks to Ngati Hui for allowing us to have our Noho Marae at their beautiful Marae.

RANGIPŌ

Response to Text—The Sea Devil by Shazayvia Sharp, year 10

The story “The Sea Devil” by Author Gordon is about a time where a man goes fishing at night for mullet in a Florida lagoon, only to find out he caught a certain kind of ray, known as a Sea Devil or Manta Ray.

My personal opinion on ‘The Sea Devil’ was that I thought it was interesting with all the different kinds of plots that were happening; it felt intriguing, yet challenging when reading. I felt like I was in his position, imagining what it would have felt like if I were in the fisherman's shoes.

What I've learnt from reading ‘The Sea Devil’ is that the Manta Ray weighs about a ton, which is actually about a car's weight. I've also learnt that the Mobula Birostris (Sea Devil), has four other names. A Manta Ray, Sea Devil, Clam Cracker and Devil Ray.

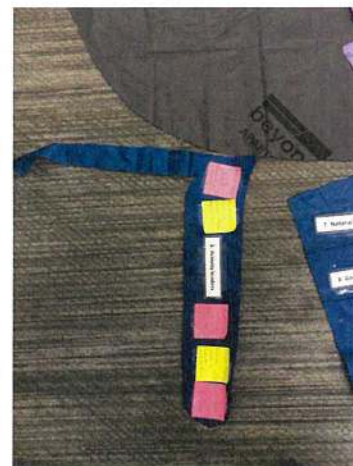
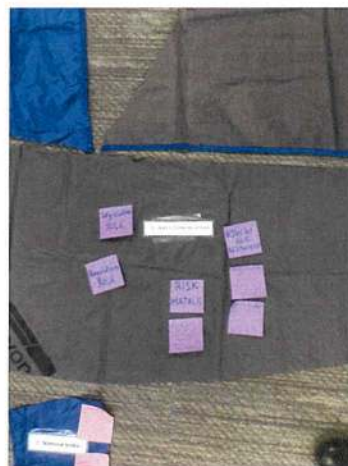
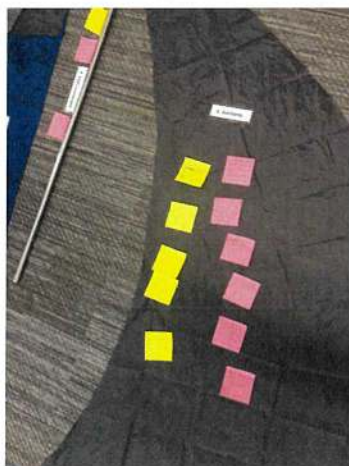
If I were suddenly sucked into the short story and was to ask the fisherman something after his incident, I would ask: “What were you feeling when you were getting taken under the water by the Sea Devil?” or “Do you need any kind of help around your house?” I would be glad to help him because I feel sympathy and pity for him. It's also common sense to help anyone who went through that kind of thing.

The main idea or ‘plot’ of this story was about a solitary man fishing alone at night for mullet, unexpectedly catching the “monster” of the lagoon, the Sea Devil, a Mobula Birostris and the lone man fighting for his life, to get out of that life or death situation...

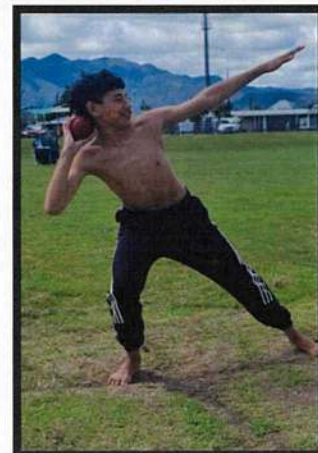
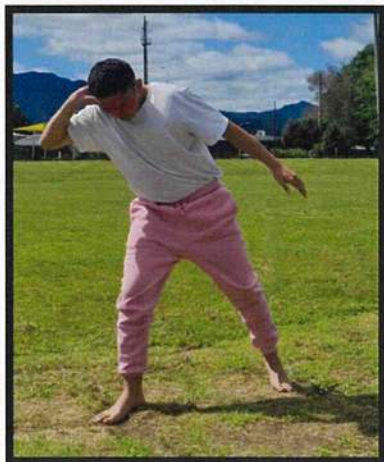


Staff Professional Development

On Wednesday 22 nd of February all teaching staff took part in Education Outside the Classroom PD. Staff brainstormed the responsibilities of all the different stakeholders (BOT, Principal, Government, National Bodies activity leaders, assistants, students, parents, EOTC coordinator, Teacher in Charge) and found when piecing together the fabric cut out of a double- hulled waka that all stakeholders have a responsibility to work together to achieve effective learning experiences for our tamariki.



RANGIPŌ –Athletics & Swimming Sports



Athletics was held Wednesday 1st of March. There was a lot of house spirit and great participation from our students.

Results were: Ngarangihāngu— 121 Te Maire—87 Hineaiwharona— 84 Hinengāwari— 83

CONGRATULATIONS NGARANGIHĀNGU!!



Swimming sports was held Friday 3rd of March. Participation was a little lower but we did have some outstanding students! Special mention to Letesha Cooper-Mead, Amber Merriman and Majik Waenga-Mathews for their amazing participation throughout the whole day. We would also like to give a huge mihi to Pounamu Higgins for encouraging his fellow peers in their lanes while they were swimming.

Results are: Hinengāwari—228 Te Maire—87 Hineaiwharona—57 Ngarangihāngu—52

CONGRATULATIONS HINENGĀWARI!!

The Te Urewera Cluster Swimming sports will be held Wednesday 15 March at the town pools. Students participating would have brought their pānui home already.

SERVICE ACADEMY



The Service Academy are currently on their yearly induction course in Waiohuru. This year our Service Academy consist of 18 students from Murupara Area School and Te Wharekura o Huiarau. They have been doing a lot of running, PT, fire drills and a lot more. There have been daily updates on our school Facebook Group page, so check it out!!





Rheumatic Fever Prevention Notice

Kia ora,

It has been brought to our attention that we have some misunderstandings with GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS (STREP THROAT) and what the process is.

- 1) Throat swabs are done on a weekly basis in Schools by me & Adrianna Jenner. Those schools are Te Kura Kaupapa Motuhake o Tawhiuau, Kaingaroa Forest School, Galatea School, Te Kura o Huiarau, Murupara Area School, Minginui & Te Whaiti Schools.
- 2) Swabs are then processed & sent off to ROTORUA PATHLAB, from the Murupara Medical Centre.
- 3) Wait for results (With the results, we DO NOT receive the results back straight away! It takes 2-3 days to get the results back. (Sometimes longer, depending on how busy the PATHLAB is.
- 4) Contact Parents to advise them that their child or children have tested positive for STREP THROAT. Parents are also advised to ring the Murupara Medical Centre or the Murupara Health & Gift Shop to find out when the medicine will be ready for pick up.
- 5) With a positive case, we take the form to the Murupara Medical Centre for them to dispute the MEDICATION! **We do not hold any MEDICATION nor do we PRECRIBE the MEDICINE!**
- 6) **Children must stay home until they receive their medicine.**
- 7) Once the medicine has been received, the child is required to take all the Antibiotics for 10 days. **The child can RETURN to school once the first course of Antibiotics has been taken for 24 hours.**
- 8) **Prevention is the key: *Always wash your hands *Don't share food or drinks *Always cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze!**

I hope the information I have shared with you, will give you all a better understanding of the process of how we work around Rheumatic Fever & STREP THROAT.

If you require more information regarding STREP THROAT, please do not hesitate to contact us at 07 3665-585 ext. 5.

We would also like to invite you all to our Hauora Day on the 24th of March 2023.

Nga mihi

Tania Gavigan-Kohunui

Rheumatic Fever Prevention Assistant



