

NEWSLETTER WEEK 5 , TERM 4



Kia ora koutou katoa,

This term the 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.

Students should also be preparing for their exams, which will begin nationwide on November the 6th. 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.

You may recall me writing about the Active As initiative that Murupara Area School was lucky enough to be selected for. As a result, members of our student body were supported to design a proposal to:

- Enhance the wellbeing of rangatahi through physical activity.
- Increase the physical activity of rangatahi, particularly those that are less active.
- Demonstrate the value of physical activity as an educational priority.

Our students put together a dynamic presentation to Sport NZ outlining the vision for our rangatahi at Murupara Area School and the associate budget.

In terms of Whats Coming up this month, take note that there are two teacher only days on the 16 th and 17 th of November, so school will be closed on these days. The prizegiving's this year will be held on Wednesday the 6 th of December with Nīoreore/Kārangaranga having theirs in the morning followed by Rangipo in the afternoon. We hope you can come to celebrate with us. Attached to this newsletter is an update on the NCEA changes beginning next year. In particular look at the new requirements for the Co-requisite Literacy and Numeracy. We are having whole school Professional Development on Friday 17 th of November to go over the new Literacy and numeracy requirements. Please feel free to come and find out what the changes mean for you and your rangatahi. See you there!

Noho ora mai

Kura Hingston Acting Principal

OFFICE NOTICEBOARD

April O'Brien, we thank you for your service!

You have been an active parent member of the Murupara Area School Board since 2019, and you have been the presiding member for the board since the end of 2022. Your incredible passion and support for our school, students and staff members of MAS has been unwavering. Your tireless efforts and skills to encourage a more culturally responsive outlook on the Board is to be commended. Whilst we understand your decision to resign from the board, we thank you for your service and time



Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday 8 November—*Junior Athletics*

Thursday 16 November—*Teacher Only Day* (whole school)

Friday 17 November—*Teacher Only Day* (whole school)

Tuesday 21 November to 24 November—*Rangipō Ohope Camp* (For those attending please pay your money by this Friday 10 November)

Prizegiving Day—Wednesday 6 December

Nīoreore & Kārangaranga Prizegiving is from 9.30am—11.30am

Rangipō Prizegiving is from 12pm—2pm

If you have any enquiries please contact the school office on:

07 3665 602

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Junior Athletics

When: Wednesday 8th of November 2023

Who: All Nīoreore and Kārangaranga students

Dress: Whānau House colours

Timetable:

9:50 - First field event begins

11:50 - First track event begins

1:15 - Lunchtime

2:00 - Fun Activities begin

3:00 - End of Day



All whanau supporters and helpers are welcome. The weather is forecast to be hot and sunny so please ensure your Tamariki bring hats and wear sunblock. Please dress our Tamariki up in their whānau colours which are Te Maire—Pink, Ngārangihāngu—Orange, Hinengāwari—Purple and Hineaiwhārona is Green! Kārangaranga will be holding a fundraiser on the day. \$5 combo Sausage, Drink and iceblock Pre-orders welcome and cash only.

Meet our new Sports Co-ordinator: Alice Donaldson

About me:

Ko Karangahake te māunga

Ko Ohinemuri te awa

Nō Waihi ahau

Ko Kaye rāua ko Rex ōku mātua

Ko Alice tōku ingoa



Kia ora! My name is Alice and I'm the new Sports Co-ordinator here at M.A.S. My partner and I moved here from our hometown of Waihi six months ago and we are really enjoying our new start here in Murupara. Back in Waihi I was a Personal Trainer for two years and loved to keep active by going to the gym, hiking, and playing in the local Soccer team. I'm really enjoying getting to know the students, settling into my new role and meeting more of the community!

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Amnesty

If anyone has any blazers, ties and trophies that belong to Murupara Area School, could they please be dropped in to the front office. No questions asked. We are missing a few of these items and would appreciate their return. Ngā mihi.

An important update on school uniforms From Schooltex Price Increases

Thank you for your continued support with Schooltex as we continue to offer you our high quality, affordable school uniforms available locally through The Warehouse stores. We wish to advise that we have a price increase on the below items and all stock in store and anything flowing to stores will be reflecting these new prices from 6th November 2023.

We believe that Schooltex continues to offer schools and families the best value and convenience in school uniforms, through competitive prices and local stores. The Warehouse Group also supports schools and education in New Zealand through its contribution to community programmes.

Description	Item Code	New RRP
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL 04	999999141855	\$31
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL 06	999999141855	\$31
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL 08	999999141855	\$32
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL 10	999999141855	\$32
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL 12	999999141855	\$32
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL 14	999999141855	\$32
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL 16	999999141855	\$32
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL S	999999141855	\$35
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL M	999999141855	\$35
MURUPARA SS POLO WE RYL L	999999141855	\$35

NĪOREORE PĀNUI

Nioreore Our Workers of the week & Uara winners

Cheyvarn, Kahutoi, Zire, Denise, Gisalyah & our Aniwa who received not 1 but 2 awards! Ka mau Te wehi tamariki ma! & our lucky Uara draw winner Miss Frankie - Keep up the awesome mahi!



Fun-tastic Friday

Tēnei te mihi nunui ki a koutou. To all our parents and caregivers who took the time to dress up their tamariki - mokopuna. We had such a Fun-tastic Friday with our Nioreore hub who all enjoyed a Dress up/Halloween day. They also participated in 'Halloween Freeze dances' and most of all the kaitahi which would not be possible without your continuous support.



KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

Year 7 & 8 End of Term3 Trip

The day started a little wet and windy, but we were ready to go! And what a fun, relaxing day had by ALL.

Our first stop for the day was TE PUIA where we were met by our very knowledgeable guide Matua Shawn Baka. Matua showed us through all the different areas at Te Puia and as we passed through we were all blown away by the skill and talent on display, in the completed art works and those being worked on. ABSOLUTELY beautiful!!!



Our tamariki impressed us with their engagement, listening to and asking pertinent questions, as we followed Matua around. He was quite impressed with them. Well done, whanau.

Te Puia was followed by a kai at Burger King before heading off for a relaxing kaukau at Waikite Hot Springs.

Our tamariki were absolutely awesome ALL DAY! Respectful, QUIET (yes they were!) and HAPPY. The staff at Waikite were most impressed and kept coming out to check to see if we were OK.

We would like to thank our awesome drivers/adult helpers, Matua Tanetiki, Matua Tui Beamsley and Nanny Pauline, for their support. You are truly appreciated!



KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

Kārangaranga Uara Certificate and Prize Draw Winners



Week 1



Week 2



Week 3

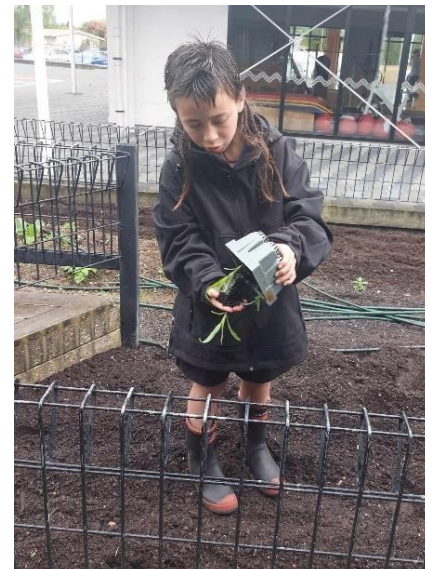
Mahi Māra Kai with Matua Tui

On Friday 27th October, Kārangaranga Hub were extremely fortunate that Matua Tui Beamsley came to the school to plant some of his amazing plants, which he gave to our Hub.



Some of our students getting right in there doing the mahi, “Well Done Guys”

The type of food Matua Tui bought us to plant were, Sweetcorn, Lemongrass, Chives, Kamokamo and two Elderberry Shrubs, which were all planted out in the gardens. Matua Tui informed us that he would be back later in the year, and that he would bring some more food over for us to plant. Well Done Matua Tui, the students can’t wait.



RANGIPŌ PĀNUI

Rangipō Camp



We are going to Ohope for our end of year camp!! We leave school on Tuesday the 21st and will return to school on Friday the 24th November.

We have asked that all students pay their fee (\$50) for camp to the office by Friday 10th please but do not hesitate to contact me if there are any issues with this.

To help out with kai we are also asking that students bring a can of fruit or a block of butter and will collect these next week. Home baking to be in on the Tuesday morning we leave.

Closer to departure we will send home the gear list and there are 3 days of swim activities.

Please note that all participants will get wet so they must bring swimming gear. For safety sake that can NOT be cut off jeans or shorts made of heavy material. Girls are encouraged to wear rashies or singlets. T-shirts get heavy when wet.

The camp finishes off our year in a positive fun way and rewards students for their hard work and diligence.

Naku noa
Teri Teddy
Hub Leader

RANGIPŌ PĀNUI

Excellent start to our running and walking clubs, after 4 weeks in. "Running Spartans" and "Wicked Walkers". Runners hitting just under 5km and walkers are working to being able to do Posties within the lunch hour, 3 times a week.

Ngā mihi, stay solid



DRIVERS LICENCE

The following students have been studying for their licences and were successful in passing their LEARNERS LICENCE'

Congratulations to

Ngarangi Higgins
Tyshaun Delamere
Shandi Mellon
EJ Te Aho
Marunui Ruri Poumako
Hema Hiko
Aaria Higgins
Sapphire Rutene



These courses are paid for by Murupara Area school and if students want to are able to continue on to the RESTRICTED DRIVERS LICENCE COURSE.
Many thanks to Mrs Hewett for her continued support of our students in this really important

RANGIPŌ PĀNUI

2023 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Exams available digitally are shown in blue.
¹ RAS exam for the subject is available digitally.

Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 6 Nov	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
	2.00 pm		French	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Latin
Tue 7 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	Drama
	2.00 pm	Geography ¹	Spanish	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	
Wed 8 Nov	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thu 9 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Chemistry	Geography
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoan	Statistics
Fri 10 Nov	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga	Media Studies	Physics
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music		Accounting
WEEKEND					
Mon 13 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Commerce Economics	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Biology
Tue 14 Nov	9.30 am	Science ¹	Chemistry		English
	2.00 pm	Gagana Sāmoa Gagana Tokelau Samoan Spanish Vagahau Niue	Geography	Biology	Art History
Wed 15 Nov	9.30 am		English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	Cook Islands Māori History Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani	Chinese	Accounting	German
Thu 16 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Drama	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	Health	
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 17 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 20 Nov	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 21 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Te Reo Rangatira	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	History
	2.00 pm	Chemistry Chemistry & Biology	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
Wed 22 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
Thu 23 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance ¹	Earth & Space Science		
Fri 24 Nov	9.30 am	Physics Physics Earth & Space Science	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	
WEEKEND					
Mon 27 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese Chinese (Mandarin)	Media Studies		
Tue 28 Nov	9.30 am	Religious Studies	Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		
Wed 29 Nov	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	2.00 pm			Music Studies	Spanish
Thu 30 Nov	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance		Earth & Space Science

Changes to Strengthen NCEA In 2024:

Schools will use new Achievement Standards when they develop courses for NCEA Level 1 in 2024.

NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 will each become 60-credit qualifications.

The Literacy and Numeracy | Te Reo Matatini and Pāngarau 20-credit co-requisite, which sits outside of the new NCEA qualification, will become mandatory. Learners need to complete the co-requisite once only.

During 2024 and 2025, your child will be able to meet the 20-credit co-requisite through achieving either the new standards in Literacy-Writing, Literacy-Reading, Numeracy, | Te Reo Matatini, and Pāngarau, or gaining 20 credits from a small list of literacy and numeracy-rich standards.

What stays the same?

Unit Standards as well as Achievement Standards can be used towards the 60-credit NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications.

Any credits your child already has can be used towards the new NCEA qualifications.

There is no time limit on completing an NCEA. If your child gains part of their qualification, they can return to study at any time.

Course and certificate endorsement requirements also remain the same: 14 or more credits in a course at Achieved, Merit or Excellence (including at least 3 external and 3 internal credits) to gain a course endorsement; certificate endorsement continues to require 50 or more credits at Merit or Excellence

Informed by a year-long public engagement, the NCEA Change Package paves the way for the most significant reform of senior secondary schooling in almost two decades.

1 Make NCEA more accessible - zero fees, fewer barriers for learners with disabilities and learning support needs, and learners are able to see their culture, identity and language reflected in their learning	2 Mana ōrite mō te mātauranga Māori (equal status for mātauranga Māori in NCEA) - ensure mātauranga Māori is equitably valued and resourced in NCEA, broadening access to mātauranga Māori pathways and increasing teacher capability	3 Strengthen literacy and numeracy te reo matatini me te pāngarau standards and assessments - ensure students with an NCEA have functional literacy and numeracy skills that will ready them to transition into tertiary education or the workplace	4 Fewer, larger standards - new achievement standards and resources will be developed to replace all existing achievement standards and ensure that the most significant learning in each subject is credentialled	5 Simplify NCEA's structure - credits can no longer be carried over to the next level. Sixty credits are required to pass each NCEA level along with Te Reo Matatini me te Pāngarau Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite	6 Clearer pathways to further education or work - develop a Vocational Entrance Award to clearly signal when a student is ready to transition into higher level vocational education and strengthen vocational pathways through NCEA	7 Keep NCEA Level 1 optional - ensure Level 1 provides students with the broad, foundational learning needed to support further study at Levels 2 and 3 where there will be opportunities for greater specialisation
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If you have more questions or need to seek more advice around this we are having whole school Professional Development on Friday 17th of November to go over the new Literacy and numeracy requirements. Please feel free to come and find out what the changes mean for you and your rangatahi.