

# NEWSLETTER WEEK 4 , TERM 1, 2024



## Whaea Helena's class learning about water safety at the Ohau channel

Kia ora koutou katoa, Welcome to 2024.

As always, we are looking forward to a wonderful year focused on learning and opportunity. We welcome our new staff and students. Whaea Erina Butterworth is working with us for Term one and is taking on Senior Curriculum Lead, working with staff on NCEA matters, Markbook set up, Kamar and Principal Nominee functions. Together our staff intend to make a difference with achievement across all areas, academic, sporting, and cultural.

Please make sure you have updated your email and cell phone number with your child's teacher as we will be sending out the newsletter via email. We also strongly encourage you to sign up to the Kamar parent portal and to regularly use this. The portal allows you to look at the school's calendar and keep up to date with all the events happening. You can also look at your child's attendance, timetable, student achievement and reports, and your school account. You can access this from the "Parent Portal" link on our webpage: [www.mas.school.nz](http://www.mas.school.nz). To access this from your phone you need to download the kamar school app from itunes or google playstore. This is a free download. Set up Murupara Area School as your school by entering [kamar.mas.school.nz](http://kamar.mas.school.nz) in the settings in the box named portal address. You can then stay informed wherever you are!

There have been no issues with cellphones at school and we thank you our whanau for enabling a smooth transition. We also wish to notify a change to our attendance protocols. In future if your tamariki is absent intermittently during the week or is absent for a minimum of two days within the week or weeks, we will require a face-to-face meeting with whanau to explain absences. Going to town, sleeping in or it's my birthday are unjustified absences. The Ministry has set a target for 2024 of 70% of students attending school regularly. That is attending at least an average of 9 days a fortnight. In Term four of 2023 only 47% of our tauira met that target and what was more concerning is that 23% of our tauira were chronically absent, missing three or more days per fortnight. So, whanau please be advised of the new attendance protocol and help us get your tauira to school, not just to meet a target but to give our kids the best opportunities possible.

Thank you all for the wonderful turnout with our Pohiri at MAS and the solid support with our noho at Tipapa Marae. Big thanks to Whaea Miriama and Matua Muriwai and Matua Truby for your lead in these significant areas. We also give thanks to our kaumatua and Kuia that have supported us with our journey. The Hauora Day was held on Friday at MAS and was a memorable experience for all who participated. Thank you Whaea Julie and Whaea Mem for your vision and implementation of this day. Lastly, Friday we had Senior School Athletics. Whole School Swimming Sports is on the 28th of February and is another great opportunity to spend a fun day with your tamariki.

Mā te wā,  
Mrs Kuratu Hingston  
Principal

## IMPORTANT INFO

Thur 29 Feb—Swimming Sports  
Years 5-13

Life Education—4 March

Mon 11 March—Fri 22 March  
Services Academy Induction in  
Waiouru

Easter—29 March—2 April

End of Term 1—Fri 12 April

Start of Term 2—Mon 29 April

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

## OFFICE NOTICEBOARD

# Lunch Menu Term 1

## From Manawa Munchies

TERM 12024 MENU  
WEEKS 1,3,5,7,9

### Monday

*Main meal: Chicken burger*

*Side dishes: Seaweed+ Muesli Bar*

*Portion sizes: Yr 1-3 - 180g / Yr 4-8 - 240g / Yr 9-13 - 300g*

### Tuesday

*Main meal: Bacon Frittata*

*Side dishes: Yoghurt*

*Portion size: Yr 1-3 - 180g / Yr 4-8 - 240g / Yr 9-13 - 300g*

### Wednesday

*Main meal: Ham Pasta*

*Side dishes: Brownie*

*Portion size: Yr 1-3 - 180g / Yr 4-8 - 240g / Yr 9-13 300g*

### Thursday

*Main meal: Spaghetti Meatballs*

*Side dishes: Fruit Salad*

*Portion size: Yr 1-3 - 180g / Yr 4-8 - 240g / Yr 9-13 - 300g*

### Friday

*Main meal: Roast beef Bun*

*Side dishes: Yoghurt*

*Portion size: Yr 1-3 - 180g / Yr 4-8 - 240g / Yr 9-13 - 300g*

TERM 1 2024 MENU  
WEEKS 2,4,6,8 & 10

### Monday

*Main meal: Corned beef salad Sandwich*

*Side dishes: Yoghurt*

*Portion size: Yr 1-3 - 180g/ Yr 4-8 - 240g/ Yr 9-13 - 300g*

### Tuesday

*Main meal: Beef Nachos*

*Side dishes: Carrot Cake*

*Portion sizes: Yr 1-3 - 180g/ Yr 4-8 - 240g/ Yr 9-13 - 300g*

### Wednesday

*Main meal: Chicken Wrap*

*Side dishes: Yoghurt*

*Portion sizes: Yr 1-3 - 180g/ Yr 4-8 - 240g/ Yr 9-13 - 300g*

### Thursday

*Main meal: Pork chop suey*

*Side dishes: Fruit salad*

*Portion size: Yr 1-3 - 180g/ Yr 4-8 - 240g/ Yr 9-13 - 300g*

### Friday

*Main meal: Beef Burgers*

*Side dishes: Seaweed & Muesli*

*Portion size: Yr 1-3 - 180g/ Yr 4-8 - 240g/ Yr 9-13 - 300g*



# NĪOREORE PĀNUI

## Nīoreore and Karangaranga

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. Nīoreore has gained an extra class with Matua Truby in the year 4-5 class, Whaea Jo in the year 3-4 class, Whaea Susannah in the year 2-3 class and Whaea Marie with our NE/Year 1 class. They are accompanied by Whaea Audrey and Rosana, our Super Teacher Aides. Karangaranga is made up of 2 cohorts. Whaea Helena in the year 5-6 class and myself with the year 7 & 8's.

With all whanau supporting our Nīoreore and Karangaranga staff and your tamaiti, the achievements are limitless. If your child is in one of our hubs and you have not yet been added to our FB messenger, please chat to your child's teacher about being added. If you need to know anything in regards to your child please contact their teacher in the first instance.

He waka eke noa

Naku na

Whaea Miriama Iti-White

## Celebrating Success

Attached below are our first UARA recipients of the year for Nīoreore and Karangaranga. These students were acknowledged in our first Hui a Kura (School Assembly) for 2024 as they were seen displaying and exemplifying at least one or more of our seven UARA over the first 3 weeks of school.

Well done Daenah Harris (yr7), Hinepipiri Tai (yr7), Arai Harris (yr6), Tepihopa Apiata Biddle (yr5), Kyngston Ponio Biddle (yr5), Kaia-Marie Tawhara (yr4) Stoney Brown (yr4) absent, Kahutoi Tawhara (yr3) absent, Gisaliyah Manihera (yr3) Lily Howden (yr2) Denise Apiata (yr2) Nataleah Taylor (yr1)

Congratulations koutou! Our next Hui ā kura is on Wednesday 6th March, week 6. Nau mai haere mai whānau, it would be great to see you all there.



# NĪOREORE PĀNUI

Kia ora Whanau Nīoreore,

What a wonderful start to 2024. In our Hub this year we have Whaea Marie (New Entrants/ Year 1); Whaea Sussanah (Year1/2); Whaea Jo (Year 3/4) and Matua Truby (Year 4/5). It is such a blessing to have Matua interacting and teaching our students and he brings all his kite of knowledge to join with Whaea Jo in the teaching of Ngatimanawatanga. We are also very fortunate to have Whaea Kohine working with our students for two blocks each week either in the classroom teaching or in the music room. Our new entrants are showing a real aptitude for music and love what we have learned to date, waiata, raps, beat and instruments. It is really good to see our music suite being used as our tamaiti have much talent in this area.

**We have some new students in our HUB.**

**Titihuia Higgins-Crawford (Y2), daughter of an ex-teacher at our school Rawinia Higgins.**

**Natasha Morunga (Y3)**

**Ivy-Rose Adams, Hakeke Carroll-Reha, Stormy Howden, Shaun Isaac, Rani Naeiti, Amani Potae, Tialia-Marie Tapara Isaac, Jaisiha Te Pania (New Entrants).**

With all this beautiful weather we are swimming in our school pool in the afternoon block. We also are very lucky to still have available this primary school pool as so many schools failed to maintain theirs unlike Murupara Primary. Matua Peter and Matua Anaru keep this pool in pristine condition. The older students have the use of the town pool.

Note from Whaea Jo: Please bring your swimming gear EVERYDAY. Please ring the school and let us know when and why your child is absent and update your contact details at the front office.

Note from Whaea Sussanah: Very impressed with the students bringing their book bags back and doing their reading at home. Whaea Jo wishes her older students would do this as well.



# KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

Over the last 3 weeks our Year 5 & 6 students in Whaea Helena's class have been working with Te Waiariki Purea Trust on the Hinemoa Water Safety Program. The program teaches tamariki how to enter, move and exit safely in water.

Week 1, we were at our local pool learning all of the techniques they would need or use while we were in the water. Week 2, the class went off to Lake Okareka with Whaea Julie and practised water safety in the lake. Last week saw us go off to the Ohau Channel, with Matua Neihana and Matua Ryan again taking us through the water safety activities.

It has been wonderful to see the shift in confidence with our tamariki. Some students, who were very reluctant to get in the water, getting in there confidently and happily.

This Thursday is our last day with Matua Neihana, Matua Ryan and Whaea Amelia. We'll be travelling through to Ohope and putting our water safety skills to the test in the moana. We cant wait!



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# RANGIPŌ PĀNUI

The start of the year has been very busy for our hub!

It started with the amazing noho marae at Tipapa Marae. I send big thanks to the marae committee who allowed us to stay in the Wharenuī, a few tents on the grounds, and help us make our time there awesome. We heard stories about the area and were able to powhiri our junior school on the Friday morning. The haka powhiri was awesome and we were able to identify leaders for whanau groups for this year. They are as follows:

Te Maire - Candice Nicolls and Peraniko Moses

Ngarangihangu - Marunui Ruri and Kayleigh Trevathen

Hineaiwharona - Tawhai - Leck Hale-Epiha and Meheyla Delamere

Hinengawari - Andrew Vari and Shandi Mellon

These leaders were presented to the school at our first hui a Kura.

They will lead their houses for our Athletics day and swimming sports.

Naumai haere mai ki te kura matakitaki ai i o koutou tamariki.

We are now in week 4 and the end of term is only 7 weeks away.

All Year 11 - 13 students have been issued with their own laptop to use at school. This move has been made to ensure pupils have access to technology because we are moving to digital (computer) exams.

I will be organizing a hui for all parents of the Year 10 - 13 parents to go over the NEW NCEA levels and what it means for your tamaiti.

We have licences, Induction Camp for the Academy, Athletics and Swimming sports coming up. Hope to see you at some of these activities.

Hei kona

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Photo of our Services Academy



# RANGIPŌ PĀNUI

## First Noho Marae—Tipapa Marae

What an awesome start to our very own localized curriculum implementation here at Murupara Area School. We had our noho marae for years 7-13 at Tipapa Marae. We were welcomed by local Pakeke, in which our tamariki were very respectful of the proceedings. Our focus was "Whanaungatanga" and

that was seen everywhere on our marae. We had the privilege of hearing kōrero from Maurice Toetoe about Tangiharuru and his journey to our rohe, Ngāti Manawa. Our



tamariki enjoyed each other's company while participating in House group activities, practicing our haka powhiri which was then displayed on the arrival of our years 1-6 tamariki to the marae for their day trip. It was just awesome seeing our tamariki enjoying themselves, having fun and just being who they are on our marae. We look

forward to our next noho which will be held on Thursday 9th & 10th May, at Painoaiho Marae, where we will be learning history and korero of Ngāti Koro.



# TRADES PĀNUI

Futures Academy -Trades is fully underway for 2024, we have high numbers attending this year which shows our students are pro-active towards their pathway.

Trades offers students the experience of hands-on, work relevant, learning that provides a strengthened pathway to apprenticeships, employment, or further trades training.

Our students will earn credits towards NCEA, so while planning a pathway they are achieving for today as well.

Students who try a trade while in high school, increase their chances of discovering their strengths and passions and can take early steps to focus their learning on related skills and knowledge.

Our year 11 students get the opportunity to get a brief taste of three different trades, experiencing a different one each term, attending one day a week.

Students can choose from the below Taster Courses

|   |                             |  |
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| Intro to working in a salon environment     | Intro to music              | Intro to Hospitality                   |
| Intro to hospitality and tourism            | Intro to wood manufacturing | Land-Based operations and technologies |
| Get your game on; Game and real-time design | Construction                | Mechanical engineering                 |
| Automotive                                  |                             |  |

| Name               | Term 1             | Term 2 TBC                | Term 3 TBC            |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tyson Delamere     | Automotive skills  | Intro to engineering      | Intro to Construction |
| David Hiko         | Automotive skills  | Intro to engineering      | Intro to Construction |
| Ricardo Sharp      | Automotive skills  | Intro to engineering      | Intro to Construction |
| Maaki Tupe         | Automotive skills  | Intro to engineering      | Intro to Construction |
| Andrew Howden-Vari | Wood manufacturing | Game and real-time design | Automotive skills     |

Our year 12 students attend foundation courses, this gives them a foundational skill building and training experience on one particular trade, this is one day a week over 30 weeks. We have two students on a waiting list as their course choices are full.

| Name                  | Course                  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Brooklyn Taylor       | Automotive engineering  |
| Dayanee Emery         | Forestry                |
| Tipene Tipiwai Foster | Construction            |
| Meheyla Delamere      | Hair, retail and beauty |
| Dhanzay Tamepo        | Barbering               |

Advanced courses are for our year 13 students, they offer more in-depth skills and theory-based training, where students can attain credits towards an industry certificate, or pathway directly into apprenticeships, trades employment or further training.

Shandi Mellon is our only year 13 attending trades, last year as a level 2 she achieved a merit in Automotive engineering, we know she will achieve high results this year as well. Shandi will attend trades two days a week continuing to train towards her level 3 Automotive engineering certificate.