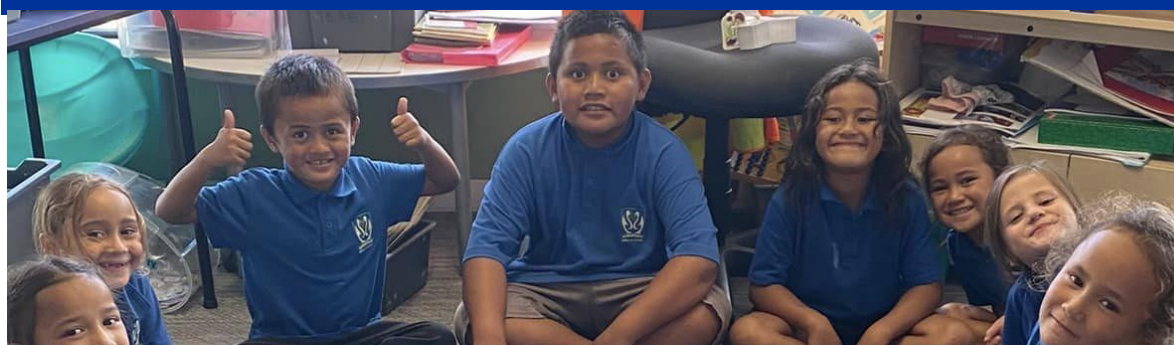


# NEWSLETTER WEEK 7, TERM 1, 2024



Kia ora whanau,

it is now the middle of March and we are feeling the onset of colder weather. Please ensure that your tamariki have extra clothing particularly in the morning.

The school lunches are going well, but you will have heard that this government wishes to do away with them. We all know that a full puku helps our tamariki to stay engaged so when the time comes whanau, please ensure you add your voice to the groundswell of public opinion calling for their retention.

In terms of attendance, I need to report that our attendance rates at Murupara Area School sit considerably below the Ministry targets, and it is getting worse. For instance, in Term 4 of 2023 only 47.6% of our students attended school an average of 9 days a fortnight, which means the other 52% were missing more than 2 and sometimes even more than 3 days of school a fortnight. This is extremely disturbing and is now an issue that needs to be addressed. Pauline our attendance officer works extremely hard to support whanau to get their tamariki to school but even she has to draw the line at blatant excuses like going to town, babysitting or attending someone's birthday during school time. Medicals will be followed up as they are being trotted out without any real evidence. If you need help with your child's constant sickness, we can help you to access medical support.

Given the high rate of student absences, teachers will be following up on students who are away for 2 days or more or who have a pattern of missed days. Whanau of these Tamariki will be expected to attend hui to develop and follow through on attendance goals. The school prefers to work with the whanau first and work out a plan, but if we are unable to engage with the whanau, we have no other option but to bring in outside agencies to ensure tamariki are not missing out on their learning.

We are often being asked what constitutes a justified and unjustified absence. The following chart should answer those questions.

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## IMPORTANT INFO

**11-22 March—Services Academy  
Induction Waioru**

**Fri 22 March— Services Academy  
March Out**

**Tue 19 March—Paid Union Meeting**  
Yr 1-8 finish school at 12pm  
Yr 9-13 school as normal

**Wed 20 March—Te Urewera Cluster  
Swimming**

**Fri 29 March—Good Friday**

**Mon 1 April—Easter**

**Tue 2 April—No School**

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Group	Reason for Absence
Justified	Short term illness/medical reason
	Justified absence
	Stood down or suspended
	Justified overseas
Unjustified	Explained but unjustified absence
	Truant – no information provided
	Holiday during term time
	Unknown reason

Lastly, whanau, I want to shout it from the rooftops that our NCEA results for 2023 are simply outstanding. Congratulations to our taura and staff for this magnificent effort. Not only are Murupara Area Schools NCEA results above the school equity band (that means school similar in size and decile to Murupara) our results are better than the national average across all of New Zealand.

### Murupara Area School NCEA results

Level 1 NCEA results: 83.3% pass rate

Level 2 NCEA results: 87.5% pass rate

Level 3 NCEA results: 100% pass rate

Well done Whaea Teri, Rangipō staff and students!

Noho ora mai

Kuratu Hingston

## 2023 NCEA RESULTS

Level	National Average	School Equity Band (Schools similar to us)	Murupara Area School
Level 1	60.0%	39.4%	83.3%
Level 2	72.0%	56.1%	87.5%
Level 3	49.8%	49.8%	100%

# NĪOREORE PĀNUI

Our Nīoreore hub has settled in well to the term and we are off to a great start with our learning. Swimming is over now, and we had a super few weeks enjoying our pool.

It's lovely to see almost everyone in their correct school uniform and a reminder to our whanau that this is an important expectation, as our school has an official uniform. Only regulation school shoes which are all black, are to be worn - no gumboots, scuffs or crocs.

Whaea Marie's tamarki have been enjoying music classes with Whaea Kohine and we will be performing one of our items at our next hui a kura, date to be advised.



Whaea Jo and Whaea Susannah's classes joined together and experienced a fun way to work developing their writing skills. We built lego worlds with our friends and talked about how we would write about it.



We visited the Life Education Trust van and caught up with Harold and his friends and learned more about kindness and treating people with respect.

Nīoreore raffle tickets are selling well, \$5.00 a ticket. All tickets need to be returned with the money by 10am 25th March and will be drawn on the 27th of March. Thank you to everyone for such a super response. It is much appreciated.

# SPORTS PĀNUI

## **Rangipō Athletics**

Rangipō Athletics kicked off on the 23rd of Feb, showcasing our rangatahi skills through field and track events. From sprints to long jumps, our students gave it an awesome shot with the majority of Rangipō giving every event a go! Congratulations to all the participants for their efforts.

Big mihi to the following students who hit the qualifying marks for BOPSS Athletics Champs:

Butler Toko -- Shot Put & High Jump  
Whiti Tamahou -- Sprints  
Tyson Delamere -- Sprints  
E.J Te Aho-- High Jump  
Candice Nicholls -- Sprints and High Jump  
Tyshaun Delamere -- Discus

## **School Swimming Sports**

With colourful outfits our students made waves at our whole school swimming sports! Our students showcased their skills across a variety of events, from serious races to bomb competitions they gave it everything they had! Well done to all who participated and supported their whanau group!

Congratulations to the following students who will progress onto our TUC Swimming event:

Tamahae Kahaki  
Apanui Gavigan  
Giselle Manihera  
Veyron Pari  
Kiara-Jae Phillips  
Materoa Toko  
Reef Kahukiwa  
Jackson Kirk  
Harrison Heurea



## **BOPSS Athletics**

Continuing onto the next stop of our athletics journey, we were able to take three of our qualifiers along to the BOP Secondary School Athletics event in Tauranga. Our kids did incredibly to make it all the way there and compete the way they did. Athletes from all across the Bay of Plenty were there and despite being a bit apprehensive they gave it an awesome shot! Ka wani kē tauira mā!





# RANGIPŌ PĀNUI

## Running Spartans

Running Spartans have been consistently running from week 2 of this term. Students in this club elect to run 4.9km, 3 times per week during their lunch break. The students that have consistently taken part have made excellent progress. The Service Academy has also started to join the running 2 times per week.

Students who have made the full distance without stopping are:

Candice Nicholls, Andrew Vari, Jeremiah Grace, Hamiora Burich-Keefe, Whiti Tamahou -Manaena, Tyler Nicholls.

Teachers: Matua David, Matua Brent, Whaea Weka.

Students demonstrating perseverance are:  
Paetawa Sharp, Academy students.

Huge mihi to all runners, kia kaha!

Nāku Noa  
Whaea Weka



## Student Achievement

### Attendance

**Yr 9** 100% Meyching Khouem,

96% Dilemma Rolleston

95% Davina Rutene

**Yr 10** 100% Chevorn Delamere, Jeremaiah Grace, Te Raukura Ranui-Tai, Terence Tawhara

96% Grayson Te Aho

**Yr 11** 100% - Andrew Vari, Satriani Grace

Candice Nicholls (95%) Sapphire Saitu (96%) Maaki Tupe

**Yr 12** 100% Dayanee Emery, Brooklyn Taylor

96% Summer Vari

95% Dhanzay Tamepo

### Uara

Yr 10 Manaakitanga Chevorn Delamere and Hamiora Burich-Keefe

Yr 11 Whakaponu Shazayvia Sharp and Sapphire Saitu

Yr 12 Whakaponu Dayanee Emery, Summer Vari

## Food Technology

The Level 2 Food Technology Class is learning to Prepare Fruit and Vegetables to present to Manuhiri. The classical cuts used are ...

Brunoise - to dice finely. Macedoine - to dice. Julienne - to cut into very thin batons (matchsticks). Jardiniere - to cut into thin batons. Mirepoix - to roughly cut (for flavouring stocks, soups, and sauces). Chiffonade - to coarsely shred (of leafy herbs or vegetables). Hache - to mince or grind (not with a machine).

Well done to our Level 2 Food Tech class who worked hard to prepare a chicken stir fry, beef stew, frittatas, and quiche dishes to share using these classical cuts.

Ngā mihi—Whaea Connie



# **Kapa Haka Tutor Opportunity at Murupara Area School**



Murupara Area School is excited to announce an opportunity for a passionate and dedicated individual to join our team as a Kapa Haka Tutor. We are seeking someone who is enthusiastic about sharing their expertise and fostering the cultural growth of our students through Kapa Haka.

## **Position Overview:**

- Kapa Haka Tutor for years 7-13.
- Work with students to develop their Kapa Haka skills.
- Work closely with the hub leaders.

## **Requirements:**

- Demonstrated experience in Kapa Haka performance and teaching.
  - Ability to collaborate effectively with colleagues and students.
  - Strong understanding and appreciation of Ngāti Manawatanga
- Commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment.

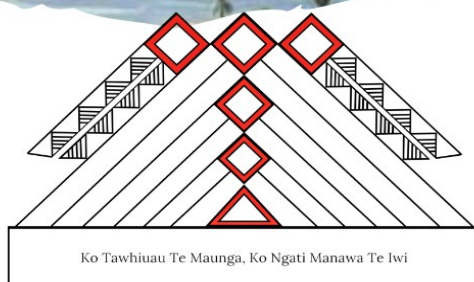
This is an excellent opportunity for individuals who are passionate about Kapa Haka and eager to make a meaningful impact in our school community. If you believe you possess the skills and attributes to excel in this role, we encourage you to come in and have a korero. To express your interest, please submit your resume and a brief cover letter outlining your relevant experience and why you are interested in this position via email to our Tumuaki - Kuratu Hingston [principal@mas.school.nz](mailto:principal@mas.school.nz)



# NGĀTI MANAWA Festival

Saturday 23rd  
March  
2024

Venue:  
Murupara Rugby  
Sports Club Grounds,  
Ngatimanawa Road



9:00am - 1:00pm



## Top Pā

Each Marae will participate and compete to see who has what it takes to be the Top Pā. Events include TUG a War, relays, races, and sports for adults and kids.



## Food

Murupara Market stalls, come and support local whanau and community stalls. If you would like to book a store on Facebook Ngati Manawa Festival / Event and Group



## Something for all ages

Kaumtua, Māmā and pēpē spaces. Tamariki and kaumatua games and activities. Local community organisation information and services for the community.

## T-shirts for Sale



FULL BACK AND FULL FRONT PRINT  
Black S-3XL, 5XL  
(limited numbers)  
\$45each



## Music & Prizes

Music, announcements, competitions and prizes to be won.

Please remember:  
This is a non-alcohol event

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Ngāti Manawa Festival 2024  
Facebook Event



# NGĀTI MANAWA FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY 23 MARCH  
2024**

● **9:00AM - 1:00PM  
GAMES BEGIN**

● **MURUPARA RUGBY AND  
SPORTS CLUB GROUNDS**

**8:30AM**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

**9:00 AM**

**TAMARIKI & KAUMATUA GAMES.  
STALLS ARE OPEN.**

**10:00 AM**

**TOUCH RUGBY**

**11:00 AM**

**TOP PĀ**

**1:00 PM**

**PRIZE GIVING**

**WHAKAPAI**