

MURUPARA AREA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week 3, Term 3, 2024

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Embracing the Cold Weather and Staying Committed to Attendance

As the chill of August settles in, we want to remind everyone of the importance of regular attendance. The colder weather can make mornings tough, but staying committed to school is essential for our students' success.

Attendance Matters

Unfortunately, our latest attendance statistics weren't as positive as we hoped. Last term only 37% of our students were attending regularly, that is over 90% of the time. One- or two-days absence every week, during your child's schooling life can mean a loss of 1 to 2 years of their learning. Regular attendance is crucial for maintaining academic progress and ensuring that every student can achieve their full potential. Missing school means missing out on valuable learning experiences, and it can be challenging to catch up. Let's work together to improve these numbers and make everyday count.

Tips for Handling the Cold Weather

1. **Dress Warmly:** Make sure your child wears layers, including hats, gloves, and scarves to stay warm during the journey to and from school.
2. **Healthy Habits:** Encourage good hygiene and a balanced diet to boost your child's immune system.

Punctuality: Plan ahead and leave extra time for travel in the mornings to avoid rushing in slippery conditions.

Your Child Matters

Whanau we encourage you to ensure that your child has some sort of pre school experience to ensure they ready for school when they turn five. We have noticed that some of our new students are unable to count to five, write their name and even sit still for five minutes. These are basic skills that can give your child a head start when they come to school. We want your tamariki to begin school well and experience the joy of learning and success.

Teachers Only Day - Friday, August 16th

Please note that next week, Friday, August 16th, is a Teachers Only Day. There will be no classes for students on this day, providing an opportunity for our staff to engage in professional development. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a positive and productive school environment. Let's embrace the cold weather and stay committed to regular attendance, ensuring the best possible outcomes for our students.

Stay warm and see you at school!

Ngā mihi mahana,

Kura Hingston

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Well Done to the following students who received certificates for exceeding 95% attendance at our school: Tiaki Apiata, Tepihopa Apiata Biddle, Maia Beamsley, Ngahuia Beamsley, Titus Beamsley, Jeremiah Grace, Satriani Grace, Meyching Khoeum, Navid Khoeum, Brooklyn Taylor, Materoa Toko. Ka rawe koutou mā!



Below are our UARA recipients for Nīoreore and Kārangaranga. These students were acknowledged at our Hui a Kura (School Assembly) just this week, as they were seen displaying and exemplifying at least one or more of our seven UARA over the past 3 weeks.

Well done to you all!



Tohu received for being outstanding models of our school Uara at the Noho Marae—Ngahuia Beamsley, Titus Beamsley, Jeremiah Grace, Daenah Harris, Manaia Hanuera-Gavigan, Reeanna Trevathan.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Rangipō Tohu:

Summer Vari received a Tohu for gaining her Restricted driving licence.

Both Meheyla Delamere and Te Pera Maki received their recent Level Two certificates as they have, along with other students, achieved sixty NCEA L2 credits. Furthermore, Te Pera Maki gained two UARA awards for displaying many of our school's values.

In addition, Ericka Cruz received a certificate for sustaining a 100% attendance record.



Introducing our Prefects for the year: Leon Stillwell Nepson, Te Pera Maki, Shandi Mellon, EJ Te Aho, Marunui Ruri-Poumako and Brooklyn Taylor

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 12 to Fri 16 August— Advanced Leaders Camp—Services Academy

Tue 13 August—Yr 7 Boostrix Vaccinations

Fri 16th August—Teacher Only Day

Wed 28 August—Tough Guy and Gal (Seniors)

Thurs 29 August—Tough Guy and Gal (Juniors)

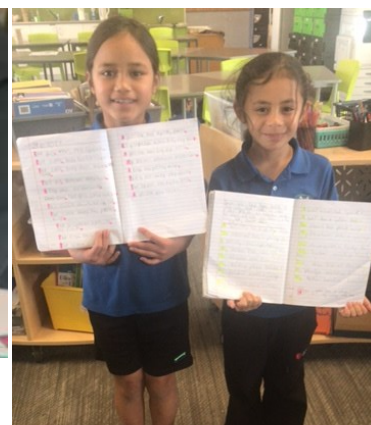
NĪOREORE PĀNUI

Nīoreore students have settled into learning and we appreciate all the whanau who support their tamariki who turn up to school every day, ready to learn.

Our Mini Marathon fundraising is being well supported by whanau sponsoring the children who are running the track everyday accumulating laps/kilometres. Please return money with forms in an envelope by 16th September. Their final lap will be run on Thursday 19th September, where we will have medal presentations and a free sausage sizzle for our Tamariki and whanau attending.

Correct uniform is essential, there is no excuse for crocs, jandals or gumboots; if children arrive with these items they will be confiscated. If your child is riding their bike to school, they must wear a helmet. It is noted that many children are very tired upon arriving at school, we talk with the children about the importance of receiving adequate sleep, as they cannot function and make the most of their learning. Please ensure children are in bed, without devices to get a good 12 hours sleep. Thank you so much for your support in this area.

We welcome the following students who have joined our Nīoreore hub in Whaea Marie's class : Isaac Aramoana, Braxdyn Ransfield—Maki and Stylez Makai Keefe.



Super students working hard!!

NĪOREORE PĀNUI



The following students were caught being good and received some Duffy books. Ka wani kē tamariki mā!!

Whaea JoAnn's class—Sarj, Kyngston and Wehipeihana

Whaea Susannah's class—Denise and Te Atawhai

Whaea Marie's class—Braxdyn and Shaun

MY FISHING TRIP



I went fishing with my whanau at Lake Aniwhenua.

My fishing rod is bright Pink. 10 minutes went by, and I caught a fish. I was shocked but so happy. Storm also caught 2 fish. Dad was so proud

We ended our day with a nice warm swim.

Written on a computer by Lily Howden Year 2

KARANGARANGA PĀNUI

Nīoreore and Karangaranga

Kai ngā tini mate o te wā, o te marama, o te tau, otira kai ngā mate o
Ngāti Manawa tonu, haere, haere, haere atu ra.

Hoki mai ki a tātau te hunga ora tēnā tātau katoa. Mauri ora e te whānau!

Just like that we are already in week three of Term 3. Our kaupapa ako (Learning Topic) this term is Ngā Reo (Languages) and the Kingitanga. Our students have already started to learn about Pūkawa and Ngāti Manawa's involvement with the establishment of the Kingitanga Movement, and their knowledge will only increase in this area, so watch this space. Last term we almost eliminated mufti clothes and the majority of our students are looking smart in their uniforms. This is just a reminder that there will be no tolerance of footwear that does not comply, eg NO gumboots, NO crocs, NO scuffs or other coloured sports shoes. Only black shoes are part of our uniform. Also we have some hoodies creeping back in, please whānau if your child does not have a school jersey or jacket these need to be purchased from The Warehouse. Please whānau we need your full support in helping us achieve our very simple uniform standards. Kia kaha rā tātau.

When your child is absent please make sure to ring the school office or contact their homeroom teacher to explain why they are not at school. Marking the attendance roll is a legal requirement for the school, so please inform us early so we can enter the correct details. If you have any questions or queries at all about your child, their homeroom teacher is the first point of call.

Naku noa

Whaea Miriama Iti-White
Nīoreore/Karangaranga Hub Leader

KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

Science Roadshow

Thursday 25th July saw our Years 4-8 head off to Mokoia Intermediate for the 2024 Science Roadshow.

On arrival, we were ushered into the school hall where we were treated to a workshop. The focus for this year's Roadshow was 'Sustainable Energy'. The presenters performed several simple, but effective, experiments that help to stimulate interest of the students. Miss Maia Beamsley and Ian Walters were fortunate enough to get selected to assist with the experiments.



Students were then allowed to have a 'tutu' with the available displays/ experiments. The favorite of all of the experiments was the 'photo booth' where students investigated their shadow and its effects. Other experiments included a food wheel, sugar and fizzies, weights and speed, a drawing wheel and a kinetic seat.

To complete our session, we were shown another series of experiments, all involving energy and the effects of weight and speed.



Noho Marae ki Rangitahi Pā

What a great way to start our term 3 with a noho marae at Rangitahi Pā. We were greeted by our pakeke of Ngāti Hui, then we took on the reins to welcome our First Nations whānau from Australia, Canada and some of our very own right here in Aotearoa who are following their indigenous footsteps with the help of Kohutapu. How lucky were we to be a part of such an amazing and eye opening experience. To watch and take in other indigenous cultures and witnessing our manuhiri being



proud to showcase their traditional dance and music was overwhelming, but to see our tamariki so engaged and excited was just the icing on the cake. We were so proud of the way our tamariki conducted themselves through the duration of the noho, and to see them physically giving their all for the haka pōhiri was priceless. This wairua exuded through to Friday when we



greeted our Nīoreore whānau onto the marae to enjoy the day with us. We are hoping that the same wairua that we experienced at the marae, follows through in all that we do in the coming weeks. We have another busy term ahead with Sports Events, House Competition amongst other events. So whānau come up anytime and check out what's going on at our kura, but please make sure to sign in at the office.

Na Whaea Miriama Iti-White &
Matua Muriwai



Matariki 2024

Our community Te umu kohukohu whetu held in week 9 of Term 2 was another successful kaupapa. Here we saw first hand, our values of our kura being strongly implemented and showcased.



Like previous years we started at 5.30 am with karakia giving thanks to our Matariki cluster, which was followed with a slide show of all our whanau within our rohe who passed away from the July 2023 to June 2024, there was definitely a few teary eyes in the crowd that morning, it was more joy and happiness just to be able see those who no longer live here on earth with us. Once all the tears of joy were wiped away, we then made our way inside to the Rangipo hub to sit and enjoy a morning soup, hangi and share a few stories with each other.



Until next year Matariki tapuapua, Matariki ahunga nui, Matariki Heri kai.

Matua Muriwai White

RANGIPŌ / SERVICE ACADEMY PĀNUI

Waikato University recently visited our school, providing an invaluable opportunity for our Rangipō students to explore the programs and opportunities the university offers. Representatives from the university engaged with students, offering insights into academic courses, extracurricular activities, and campus life. This visit not only highlighted the university's commitment to supporting student aspirations but also inspired our students to consider the possibilities of their future educational journeys.



SERVICES ACADEMY PĀNUI

Kia ora e te whānau o ngā tauira o te kura a rohe o Murupara, tenei te mihi atu kia koutou.

Term 2 was about bushcraft and navigation, fortunate for us this took place in our back yard in te ngahere o Te Urewera on the Whirinaki tracks, huts and trails where our tauira from Murupara and Te Wharekura o Huiarau applied lessons from 6 figure grid referencing to making survival shelters, importance of communication, basic knowledge of our surroundings, weather and how it effects the ngahere but also planning for the worst case scenario for the best possible outcome.



Moving forward to term 3 we have 2 students going to an advanced leader's course at Royal New

Zealand Air force Base Whenuapai, well done Brooklyn Taylor (Murupara Area School) and Hokimoana Rurehe-Tawa (Te Wharekura O Huiarau) for their outstanding leadership which has opened these doors to be able to further their growth, tenei te mihi atu kia korua.

Finally for Murupara Services Academy is the adventure challenge based at Okataina lodge in Rotorua Nui A Kahumatamoemoe where all service academies meet to battle it out for the week in competition for the Services aAcademy 2024 trophy, this competition is a combination of what our students have learnt throughout the year working in and around the Rotorua area from zip lining to mountain biking, rafting, orienteering, just a week of Activity Based Challenges in the hope of being the best of the best kia kaha Murupara.

Matua Tipene O'Brien

Services Academy

Murupara Area School

SERVICES ACADEMY PĀNUI



Services Academy Bushcraft Camp

