

# NEWSLETTER WEEK 7, TERM 1, 2025



Kia ora koutou katoa,

As we are at the halfway point of Term 1, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the exciting start we've had to the school year. While our principal is currently on leave, I'm pleased to share that everything continues smoothly, and the school community remains as vibrant and engaged as ever.

We are also excited to welcome four new Board members who were elected at the end of last year: Leila Rewi, Tania Gavigan, Jamie Delamere and JayDee Delamere. We look forward to working together with them to support the school's growth and direction in the coming months.

This term has already been full of activities and opportunities for our students, including:

**Top Town Whanaungatanga Day:** A fantastic event that brought everyone together to celebrate and strengthen our school's sense of community.

**Swimming Sports:** A fun and competitive day, where our students showed great effort and sportsmanship, fun highlight was the staff vs student race!

**Senior Athletics:** Our senior students took part in a day of athletic events, showcasing their talents and determination.

**Services Academy Induction in Wellington:** An opportunity for our students to explore careers in the services and learn from professionals in the field. This is the first of many character and leadership building trips for our Services Academy Students.

**Hinemoa Water Safety Programme:** This programme is equipping our Years 5 to 6 students with crucial water safety skills.

**Regular Volleyball Competition in Rotorua:** A fantastic ongoing event, where students have the chance to represent our school, play against other students and develop teamwork skills. Looking ahead, there are many more exciting events and learning opportunities to come this term, and we are excited about all that's planned.

As always, learning remains our top priority. Attendance plays a critical role in helping students reach their full potential, and we encourage all families to ensure regular attendance so that students can fully benefit from the opportunities available to them.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Julie Tumarae  
Acting Principal

## IMPORTANT INFO

**13-14 March**—Hinemoa Water Safety programme

**17-21 March**—Life Education Yr 1-8

**18 March**—BOT Meeting

**31 March to 11 April**—Mobile Dental Unit

**11 April**—End of Term 1

**18 April**—Good Friday

**21 April**—Easter Monday

**25 April**—Anzac Day

**28 April**—Term 2 Begins

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

## OFFICE NOTICEBOARD

### Attention All Caregivers: We Need Your Updated Contact Information!

At Murupara Area School, the health and safety of our students are our top priority. To ensure we can reach you promptly in case of any emergencies or important updates, we kindly ask that all caregivers provide their most current contact details, including:

- **Email Address**
- **Phone Number**
- **Physical Address**

Having accurate contact information allows us to keep you informed about any health and safety protocols, scheduling changes, or urgent matters that may arise. It's a simple step that helps us maintain a safe and efficient environment for everyone.

Please take a moment to update your contact details with us at your earliest convenience. If you need assistance or have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out. We truly appreciate your cooperation in keeping our community safe and connected.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support!

### Uniform Reminder

We would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of our school uniform policy. As part of our commitment to fostering a focused and respectful learning environment, it is essential that all students wear the school uniform at all times.

Please note that gumboots, Crocs, socks with sandals, and hoodies are not part of our official school uniform. We kindly ask that students refrain from wearing these items to school in order to maintain consistency and uphold the standards we have set.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that our students take pride in their appearance and adhere to our uniform. If you have any questions or need assistance with uniform items, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your cooperation!

# NĪOREORE PĀNUI

A great start to the year with a warm welcome in New Entrants to Michelle Herwini Te Are, Pauline Apiata, Kohuka Gavigan, Keilani-Marie Maniapoto, Sonny Nathan, Graham Walters and to Kaycen-James Rihari in Year 2. In Whaea Jo's class we welcome Te Kamiki Nathan, Kaili-Jean Tuhua and returning to us Kaiser-James Vili.

It was awesome to see so many families turn up to our Whanau Day and enjoy the sun and games, especially the water!!! Our tamariki are now enjoying swimming lessons each afternoon at the school pool. Please remember to send togs and towel everyday.

Our tamariki have settled well into their learning routines starting every morning with phonics and handwriting leading into writing before play and reading and mathematics before lunch. Your child makes the most progress when they turn up to school everyday.

We have the resources for the new maths programme which looks exciting and we shall be implementing that very soon.

Cheers

Susannah and Marie T



# NĪOREORE & KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

E tika ana kia karangahia ngā tini mate o tō tātau rohe nei, otira ki a koutou, ngā whānau o tō tātau nei kura kua riro ki Paerau. Ngā mate haere, haere, whakangaro atu ra. Otira kai ngā mate huhua o te motu nei, haere, haere, haere atu ra.

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

Kia ora e te whānau,

A warm welcome to all our new whānau and students who have joined our school community this year. It has been wonderful to see so many new faces settling in, building friendships, and embracing the supportive and vibrant environment we are so proud of. We look forward to sharing this journey with you and working together to create a positive and enriching experience for all.

The school year is already off to a fantastic start, with our recent Whānau Day bringing everyone together for a day of connection, fun, and whakawhanaungatanga. Our noho marae was another special experience, providing a deep and meaningful opportunity for students to strengthen their cultural identity, learn, and grow. It's been amazing to see our tamariki and rangatahi engaging wholeheartedly, and we're excited for all the learning, adventures, and successes that lie ahead.

Last year 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 whanau if your child does not have a school jersey or jacket these need to be purchased from The Warehouse. Kids Can Shoes and Jackets are now available at school for those who need them. Kia kaha ra tātou.

Nāku noa

Whaea Miriama Iti-White  
Pouarahi & Nīoreore/Karangaranga  
Hub Leader



# NĪOREORE & KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI



Attached below are our UARA recipients for Nīoreore, Karangaranga and Rangipo. These students were acknowledged at our Hui a Kura (School Assembly) on week 3 as they were seen displaying and exemplifying at least one or more of our seven UARA over the first 3 weeks of our school year. Our students who had also passed their NCEA levels from 2024 were also acknowledged.

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou!



# KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

## Surprise Valentines Parakuhi

At our recent noho marae, our teachers surprised the students with a special Valentine's breakfast, creating a beautiful moment of connection and care. It was a wonderful way to model aroha, showing the students the importance of kindness, appreciation, and looking after one another. Seeing their smiles and gratitude reminded us all that small gestures of love and thoughtfulness can make a big impact. It was a truly special way to start the day and reinforce the values we cherish in our school community.





# KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

## Years 1-8 Staff PLD

Our Year 1-8 teachers recently took part in professional development for Health and PE, focusing on ways to better support our students' wellbeing, physical development, and overall hauora. This learning opportunity provided valuable strategies and resources to enhance our teaching in these essential areas, ensuring that our students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to lead healthy, active lives. We are excited to implement what we've learned and continue fostering a positive and supportive environment for our tamariki.



# TIPAPA NOHO MARAE

Our first Noho Marae at Tipapa Marae was a very special and meaningful experience! Being welcomed onto our marae is such a powerful way to begin our kaupapa.

We heard the korero from our pakeke about the establishment of Fort Galatea which is the purakau for term 1 it was indeed both informative and inspiring.



Our main kaupapa for the noho is whanaungatanga and it was great time for the tamariki to relax and enjoy each other's company—it's so important to find that balance between learning and just being together.



On the following day which also happened to be Valentine's day, the teachers decided to show our appreciation for the hard work the kids have put in at kura, and prepared a morning breakfast which was awesome.

Every noho our tradition is to Powhiri our teina on to the marae to share in the experience with their tuakana and enjoy the beautiful moments. Having our teina running around and having fun is part of this Kaupapa.

Heoi ano kua tutuki pai tatou te kaupapa noho marae!!

Nā Matua Muriwai





# TIPAPA NOHO MARAE



More photos  
from the Noho



# NOHO MATHS COMPETITION

Near the end of last year, Murupara Area School students studying Technology helped build and erect a Pakiri Wai structure which is now located at the entrance to the Urupa at Tipapa Marae. Inside this timber construction, there is a container which is filled with water to help those visiting the Marae grave site.

During our Kura's local Noho visit to Tipapa Marae, the following students received Tohu for working on a challenging Maths Patai- figuring out how much water is contained in this Pakiri Wai:

Tawhaarangi Toataua-Harris

Daenah Harris

Amelia-Rose Tui

Rahiri Teepu-Te Are

Jack Sharp-Carson

Veyron Pari

Nicole Tupe

Ericka Cruz



Mihaka Parekura

Hamiora Burich-Keefe

Andrew Howden-Vari

These students concluded that about 200L was the inside capacity of this blue container.

Ngā mihi,

Matua Brent



# SERVICES ACADEMY

The Services Academy course began at the start of the term, and the past two weeks, our students had been immersed in training at the Army Base as part of their induction. Now, in Week 7, they have faced and continue to reflect on the challenges of when they were away from Wi-Fi, family, and friends, stepping out of their comfort zones into an environment filled with unknowns and intense pressures. Though the lead-up was brief, they put in as much preparation as possible in the time given. Not everyone who started the course went to induction, but those who did showed incredible determination and resilience in tackling what lay ahead.

Our students completed their March Out on Friday 7th March, marking a significant milestone in their journey. It was a proud moment, not only for them but also for their families, who have supported them throughout this experience.

Leadership among previous academy students often reflects a unique blend of personal growth, responsibility, and the willingness to support and inspire others. These students demonstrate the ability to guide peers, share knowledge, and set examples, not only in achievements but also in character and perseverance. Their experiences within the academy helps them to develop critical thinking, communication, and teamwork skills that they apply to leadership roles. Whether through mentoring new students or taking on group leadership tasks, these past students show how leadership is grounded in empathy, adaptability, and a shared commitment to the greater good of Area School. Their growth as leaders continues to influence our Kura, not only in the Rangipō area but also filtering down to our babies in Kārangaranga and Nīoreore.





# SPORTS

## Top Town

Our Top Town event was a success, bringing together students, staff, and whānau for a day filled with excitement, teamwork, and plenty of laughter. The spirit of whakawhanaungatanga was on full display as everyone participated in a variety of challenges and activities designed to foster connection and friendly competition.



From house challenges to the waterslide and bouncy castles, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The energy and enthusiasm were contagious as teams gave it their all, making the day one to remember.

The highlight of the event was undoubtedly the highly anticipated Staff/Whānau vs. Students showdown—a fierce but fun competition that saw the staff and whānau team emerge victorious! The day ended with a water fight, leaving everyone soaked but smiling. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the event a memorable experience.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### Level 1 to 3 NCEA Te Reo Maori

This is a small appreciation to the following students who sat one or more Te Reo Maori external exams and achieved pass marks. External exams are done without the support of the teacher, these are done all on their learnings and experiences.

So big mihinui te the following students:

**Level 1**

Satriani Grace

Rangimaewa Beamsley

Wharepakau Kohiti

Skylark Maher

Manaia Gavigan Kohunui

Satriani Grace

Rangimaewa Beamsley

Wharepakau Kohiti

Skylark Maher

Manaia Gavigan Kohunui

**Level 2**  
Meheyla Delamere  
Kayleigh Trevathan  
Summer Vari  
Hunter Rewi

Meheyla Delamere

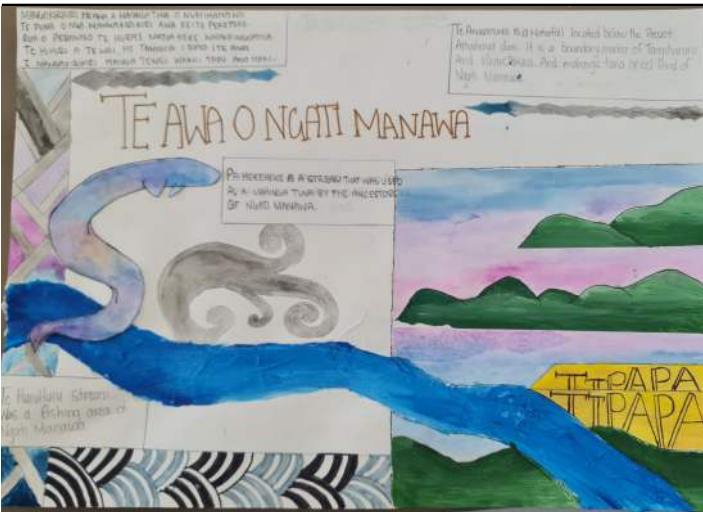
Kayleigh Trevathan

Summer Vari

Hunter Rewi

**Level 3**  
Steven Tautari

Steven Tautari



Reflections from the Tipapa  
Noho  
By  
Che’Vorn Delamere

Noho

By \_\_\_\_\_

Che'Vorn Delamere

Te Kooti's Flag

By

Talon Duff-Martin

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Talon Duff-Martin



# SPORTS

## Swimming Sports:

Our Swimming Sports Day was a fantastic event filled with excitement, competition, and house spirit. While there were some thrilling competitive races, the main focus of the day was the whānau group relays and challenges, which brought plenty of fun and energy to the pool.



With teams giving it their all, the competition was fierce, but in the end, Ngarangihangu came out on top, claiming victory for the day. A huge thank you to everyone who made the event a success—we can't wait for next year's swimming sports!

Well done to the following students who came out victorious in their races:

### **Year 5&6**

Apanui Gavigan - Backstroke, Freestyle

Henry Tai – Breaststroke

### **Year 7&8**

Navid Khoeum - Backstroke

Tea Howden - Back Stroke

Amelia-Rose Tui - Back Stroke & Freestyle

Hinepipiri Tai - Breaststroke

Veyron Pari - Freestyle , Breaststroke

### **Year 9&10**

Butler Toko - Backstroke, Freestyle and Breaststroke

Dilemma Rolleston - Freestyle

Harrison-Cruz Heurea - Freestyle

Angela Leathers - Breaststroke

### **Year 11-13**

Te Amokarangi Pouwhare-Adams - Backstroke/Freestyle/Breaststroke



# SPORTS

## Volleyball

Over the past two weeks, our Rangipō volleyball teams have been competing in the Rotorua Girls' High School Volleyball League, showcasing their skills, determination, and teamwork. Each game provided a great opportunity for our players to develop their game, challenge themselves, and represent our kura with pride.

The teams put in a solid effort, displaying great sportsmanship and improvement with every match. A huge congratulations to all our players for their dedication and hard work—we look forward to seeing them continue to grow and excel in this league!

Also, thanks to Active As funding, we are excited to have a brand-new outdoor volleyball court at our kura! This awesome addition provides a fantastic space for our students to enjoy volleyball, stay active, and develop their skills. We can't wait to see it put to good use!

