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NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 3: Friday | Rāmere 21 May 2021

Kia Ora, mālō e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, kamusta, salam

We have had a learning-full week! 😊

Kapa Haka Te Mura o Tāmaki

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka students – Te Mura o Tāmaki on their high standard of performance at the Regional competitions held at Kia Aroha College. As you have read in previous pānui, we are super proud of the students' results – their first time competing in the Regionals:

- 2nd in Kakahu (you all looked amazing)
- 2nd in Waiata
- 9th overall placing

Our high commendation to our Tutor Matua Andre for leading the multiple areas of learning which are experienced via the kaupapa of Kapa Haka. Our thanks and appreciation to the Kapa Haka Komiti and parents/whānau for your support this term. It was a huge turn-out on the day and I enjoyed meeting whānau. The link if you missed it can be found on the Māori TV website and is also on our Facebook page. Super happy for our students!



Travelwise – Y7/8 Cycle Training

Thank you to Mrs Jalili, our Travelwise Leader for organising a wonderful week of bikewise learning with the students. A team of experienced cyclists from Nextbike NZ Ltd have extended the students' knowledge and skill via a very practical cycling programme. How fortunate we are to easily make use of our own cycle track, the local streets and cycle ways. The facilitators were very positive about our students' courtesy and engagement in AKO! Way to go Y7/8s!





Pink Shirt Day – Acts of kindness

Thank you to Miss Ashley and the Student Leaders for organising our Pink Shirt Day. Classes join the rest of Aotearoa to particularly focus on being kind which aligns with our School Value of MANAAKITANGA. We have also focussed on further clarifying and defining what bullying IS and IS NOT as well as students using safe strategies for responding to bullying so that it STOPS. BIG thank you for the gold coin donations, the proceeds go to the Mental Health Foundation = we raised \$253.70!! Woohoo 😊



Dedication Day | Rā Maumaharatanga

Thank you for joining us last Tuesday to dedicate our student performances to long serving staff member and Principal, Mrs Rhonda Kelly. Students performed special items in remembrance of Rhonda as members of the Kelly watched on. I enjoyed my kōrero with Mr



Kelly and meeting Rhonda's two other sons too. Mr Kelly expressed

his heartfelt thanks to the staff for the arohanui shown and the shared kai gathering.



****Please enjoy the photos on our Facebook page.**



Y5/6 Ngaruawahia Camp

Super proud of our students who have had an awesome Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) experience over the past three days. This was the first Y5/6 School Camp and its success is the result of shared responsibility and team work, so that the focus remains on the students' learning. Big congrats to Mrs Sharma, Miss Langton, Mrs Tafea, Whaea Lee, Mr Kelly and fabulous parents – Mr Sepuloni Fatai, Mrs Myline Bisong, Mrs Rhoda Bitoon and Mr Kamaka Tarawa 😊!!

I just loved visiting on Thursday to see our tamariki enthusiastically enjoying their learning. Students shine in 'hands-on' experiences which draw out their capabilities, dispositions and strengths. Super proud of you all!

****Please see photos on our Facebook page and look out next week for the special Camp feature.**



Important Reminder: 3-Way Whānau Conferences next Wednesday 26 May

****School finishes at 12 pm.**



Thank you for returning your appointment slip to the Office. Please see today's insert with your appointment time.

If you have not brought your slip back, please do or call the Office and ask for Sharon.

Your child's teacher looks forward to seeing you to discuss his/her's learning and needs.



This is a time for parents/whānau to ask questions and celebrate your child! 😊

****Names on the night will go in a Prize Draw for a meat pack. Look forward to meeting you all!**

Next week

1. Board Meeting Wednesday @ 8 am
2. Preparations for Samoan Language Week

Kia pai tō rā whakatā, enjoy your weekend!

Ngā manaakitanga,

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