

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 4 December Term 4 Panui 4

Quote for the week

“If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.” - Roald Dahl

From the Principal’s Desk

Term 4 is drawing to a close and soon our school year for 2020 will be   
over. Our final school newsletter next week will have some of the   
‘happenings & highlights’ of the year. However, at end of last week and   
this week, it has been ‘jammed-pack’ with a host of activities - the junior   
school sleepover, Raglan Surf life-saving workshops for middle/senior   
school students, fully registered teacher graduation for our teacher,   
Whaea White at the University of Waikato, Year 7/8 - Treats outing to   
Rainbows End in Auckland, Year 7/8 students Police trip into Hamilton   
and a day at Water world for our Rainbow feathers students whose   
exemplary attitudes, behaviour and achievement earned them this reward.

The entire teaching team have been busy meeting deadlines, completing end of year student data requirements and writing End of Year School Reports. Senior leaders are in the process of proof reading these and I will have the pleasure of reading each child’s report in the weekend.

Preparation for End of year Prize-

giving is well underway. It is my

pleasure to share with you that the

school is celebrating the contributions   
that three Ngaruawahia Primary School   
legends have made to our kura over   
the last two decades. Whaea Ma

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(Mawhera McNicol), Whaea Huirama (RTLB   
Helen Huirama) and Uncle Norm (Community   
Constable Norm MacIntosh). It was an honour   
to ‘korero’ with members of each whanau. It   
highlighted the unique qualities that made these   
legends so special to our students, teachers and   
whanau and helped identify the specific criteria   
for each award.



The trophies will be

presented at the school

prizegiveng next Tuesday

8 December. The new

awards are part the Board   
of Trustees process to

review trophies and longstanding awards. This may involve retiring some   
of our trophies/awards and introducing some more meaningful taonga.   
Some of the historical trophies are in poor condition or in need of repair.   
They will however be archived and the donor families or institutions will be   
informed of this decision.

The Board have adopted an action plan to review and decide upon this   
process and this will be available for families and friends of the school to   
review.

I am also pleased that we have ‘staff stability’ for next year - our student   
roll will decrease with the departure of our Year 8’s and we are required to   
reduce our teaching staffing. We are extremely disappointed to have   
Whaea Amanda White leave us at the end of the year but in the next   
‘breath,’ we are exceedingly happy for her as she has won a position at a   
school in her hometown of Gisborne. Travelling during the holiday breaks   
will be thing of the past for her. Congratulations to Whaea on her new   
appointment!

Maria Hamill

PRINCIPAL

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WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES

A very warm welcome to the following tamariki and their families who have recently joined our NPS Whanau.

Barry-Christopher Mahara-Straker Year 0 Rm 1

Orpheus Mahara Year 0 Rm 1

Cortez Meredith Year 1 Rm 1

Vaiola Tavake Year 3 Rm 3

Rosabella Oancea Year 6 Rm 8

Tapumanaia Tuaivaafau Year 6 Rm 8

EXCITING EVENTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

These are the results of the Interschool Athletics that were held on Tuesday

24 November. We are so proud of our tamariki who represented our kura with effort and determination. Congratulations to the following for their success on the day.

DISCUS:

Juniors:

Intermediate:   
Seniors BOYS:

GIRLS   
SHOT PUT: Juniors:

2ndTe Huinga Maru 1st Hine-Aroha Tukere 3rd Potiki Tarawhiti

1st Nga Huia Ihaka Te Amo   
 2nd Te Huinga Maru

3rd Mihiwai Kihi

2nd Mary-Jane Walker

Seniors: BOYS   
 GIRLS

HIGH JUMP: Junior: BOYS   
 GIRLS

Intermediate: Seniors:

LONG JUMP: Juniors:   
 Intermediate:

3rd Harlem Tukere-Fraser

1st Mary-Jane Walker 2nd Nga Huia Te Amo

3rd Sione Rangvanu 1st Elin Rangihika

2ndTe Hira Mulhern 3rd Ziyon Pohoiwi   
3rd=  Starry Pomana-Wairau/Tatiana Crosby

1st Elin Rangihika ` 3rd Te Hira Mulhern

Seniors: BOYS 2nd Morgan Punga

GIRLS 2nd Starry Pomana-Wairau

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400m OPEN: 3rd Ziyon Pohoiwi

100m: 9 years 1st Elin Rangihika

12 years 1st Starry Pomana-Wairau

13 years 2nd - Andre Ryabukhin

3rd - Nga Huia Ihaka Te Amo

RELAYS - Juniors: 1stGirls 3rdBoys

Intermediate: 3rdBoys

Seniors: 1st Girls 3rdBoys

Flying Squadron: 3rd Girls 3rdBoys

Starry   
you

made it!

You’ve   
got this   
Elin!

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The jump   
of the

day to   
WIN!

JUNIOR SCHOOL SLEEPOVER - THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Well, some Kaiako are still recovering from this awesome experience!

Although the weather didn't start out in our favour - we still made the most of our time at school after hours. From woe to go it was very cool to spend time with all our tamariki and their whaanau in a different way. Whaea   
Maggie and I would like to thank all whaanau who helped it to be a   
success! From bringing your tamaiti in with all their gear, to watching our activities, to helping to feed them, to staying over

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(Ngaa mihi to Whaea Coby, Whaea Pratima, Chalice and Tania), to   
joining us again on the Friday! We can't wait to do it all again in 2021!

Nga mihi Whaea Kim

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Surf Life Saving Beach Education Day

On Friday the 27th the middle and senior school embarked on a journey to Raglan to learn about beach and water safety.

First off the tamariki were shown around the club rooms learning how the lifesaving boat works and looked into the first aid kit that life savers use: breathing apparatus, air tubes, hypothermic blanket and an AED (to   
restart a someone's heart).

Next the students were tasked with re-enacting scenarios, in groups,   
about helping people when they are in trouble in the water and how to   
identify rips.

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Our tamariki were great actors and enjoyed working together, dressing up and using Lifesavers equipment to show their new learning.   
To finish off the day we headed down to the beach where they put all their new learning into action. Identifying where the rip was, swimming between the flags, floating, and running into and out of the waves.

A huge nga mihi to all our whanau helpers! Duaine, Raewyn, Jahna,

Tania, and Taylor. Days away like this would not happen without your time and dedication to our akonga. We really appreciate it. And to the staff who are always making sure our tamariki are having these experiences.

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Nga mihi to the Life Guards and Surf Life Saving New Zealand for giving   
us a free day and the opportunity to learn how to be safe in the surf.

FULL REGISTERED TEACHER GRADUATION

The staff were very proud and delighted to have accompanied Whaea Amanda White and her family members to Whaea Whites Teacher graduation and dinner at the University of Waikato last Friday. Congratulations to Amanda for achieving this important goal in her career -  
she looked absolutely stunning on the night

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RAINBOWS END TRIP FOR YEAR 7 AND 8’s

On Monday the Year 7 and 8 students chose their well-earned senior   
school treat to venture to Rainbows Ends in Auckland. The CARE   
DAY programmes which is offered annually to school means entry   
prices for school aged children is reduced. We took advantage of   
this opportunity and although there were a number of other schools   
present, rangatahi did not have to wait in long queues for rides.

The weather was great and everyone had a ‘blast of a time!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 8 END OF YEAR DINNER

Monday 7 December

It is an end of an era for our Year 8’s and an end of year Dinner outing

has been organised for Monday. The students will be released to go home at 12.00 p.m. and they will be expected to back at school by 2.30 p.m. The programme will be as follows:

2.30 p.m. Depart school

3.00 p.m. Team Activity 1 - Perusing through Te Awa Base

3.45 p.m. Team Activity 2 - Rock Climbing

5.15 p.m. Dinner at Gengy’s

6.15 p.m. Team Activity 3- Time zone

7.00p.m.- 7.30 p.m. Arrival HOME

The cost per child is $20.00 and needs to be paid at the office by Monday. Our contact phone number in case of emergency is 0272727 444.

We are looking forward to having a most enjoyable time with our Year 8   
rangatahi as we wish them all the very best for next year and beyond.

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday 8 December

commences at 5.30 p.m.

NEXT WEEK is our last week of the YEAR. It is also the time where we will be celebrating the successes of our tamariki for their social, academic and physical talents. We encourage ALL parents/caregivers and whanau to please come and join in with the celebrations.

This is considered a whole school event where we expect all our students   
to attend. If they are unable to come would you let their classroom teacher   
know. Tamariki are expected to be at school by 5.00 p.m. PLEASE.

End of Year School Reports will be distributed to each child at the end of the evening in a sealed envelope. YOUR attendance at this event will be greatly appreciated by both your CHILD/REN and STAFF.

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| CALENDAR COUNTDOWN TERM 4 2020 | |  |
| Fri 4 December | THANK YOU morning tea for Parent/Community  helpers 11.00 a.m. |
| Mon 7 Dec | YEAR 8 End of Year Dinner |
| Tues 8 December | END OF YEAR Prize giving 5.30 p.m.  End of Year School reports to be distributed |
| Thurs 10 December | LAST DAY FOR Term 4. Short day - school  closes at 2.30 p.m. |
| Wed 16 December | Board of Trustees monthly meeting 10 a.m. |
| Friday 18 December | Last day for Administration and  Cleaning/Caretaker team. |
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