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WELCOME

Welcome to another wet and wild week - the weather is certainly showing us no signs of summer just yet... but there is always hope.

A notice went home this week regarding Te Manawanui - a selection of our classrooms that operate a higher level of te reo Māori and tikanga. The philosophy of Te Manawanui is included on the reverse side of this newsletter. In addition, a Google Form was posted on Facebook for whānau to let us know of any teaching thoughts and ideas they have for their tamariki in 2026. When completing these forms please follow the instructions carefully. As always, the school endeavours to work alongside our whānau community but ultimately the decision for classing resides with the staff.

HERO

A reminder that at the end of the year, our reporting will be slightly different. You will receive a printed report with comments written by your classroom teacher but there will be no achievement data present on that report. Recapping some information from earlier newsletters, the achievement data will be visible to you on HERO the same day that reports are sent home and open for a two week period. You will see your child's achievement for Reading, Writing, and Maths plotted on a graph with a key. It is important that you have logged into HERO leading up to this time to ensure you have access to this. If you have any issues with logging in, please come into the office and we will be able to support you. See the diagram for how to download and log into the HERO app.

YEARBOOK 2025

This year our families will each be receiving a 2025 Yearbook. The yearbook will have over 50 pages of wonderful school highlights that should serve as a memento for years to come. A sneak preview is to the right. There is also a page for every classroom. The yearbooks will come home towards the end of the term so keep an eye out.



**SNEAK
PREVIEW**

Foxton Beach Camps

Please enjoy some of the camp memories below by Amari-Shae and Freya.

Foxton Beach camp was super fun! We got to go on the waterslide, zipline and play table tennis and Haka 'n' Ball. With we could go on this exact camp again but for longer! That's how fun it is! All of us students loved it! We all thank you guys for helping us.

It means a lot.



TE MANAWANUI KI TE REO

Te Manawanui ki te Reo is an educational philosophy based on kaupapa Māori principles, integrating te reo Māori me ōna tikanga (the Māori language and its customs) into an English-medium curriculum. This approach significantly increases the daily use of te reo Māori, with developing speakers guiding students to build their proficiency. To bring our philosophy to life, we engage in the following practices:



- Language Immersion: Dedicating approximately half an hour each day (Monday-Thursday) to focused Te Reo Māori language learning across the team.
- Tuakana-Teina: Fostering peer relationships and learning during our team-wide Tuakana-Teina time every Friday.
- Cultural Performance: Alternating weekly between Kapa Haka practice and team hui to build skills and community.
- Unity and Connection: Gathering for Te Pae Tapū at the beginning of the year and again in Term 4 to reinforce our shared purpose.
- Spiritual Foundation: Learning and reciting new karakia and waiata, with tamariki taking the lead in team pae.
- Visual Reinforcement: Creating vibrant learning spaces with te reo Māori displays, themed borders, and bilingual labelling on student books.
- Inquiry Learning: Weaving a te reo Māori theme through our investigation topics.
- Identity & Belonging: Starting the year with a focus on pepeha, complemented by a shared art project.
- Cultural Values: Reinforcing values through team certificates themed with a weekly whakataukī (proverb) and including whakataukī in end-of-year reports.
- School Leadership: The Te Manawanui team takes a leading role in whole-school events, such as Matariki Celebrations.
- Community Events: Celebrating key cultural moments like Māori Language Week.
- Whānau Connection: Hosting whānau nights, such as a Matariki weaving evening, to strengthen community bonds.
- Connection to Whenua: Undertaking a team trip to the local river at the beginning of the year to connect with and understand the concept of mauri (life force).

Te Manawanui is an evolving and fluid kaupapa aimed to support our tamariki to develop their knowledge and understanding of te reo Māori and also tikanga. This approach will be continually developed in consultation with our whānau community. A notice came home this week with more information and also an option for our whānau to select this for their child.

Te Manawanui teachers for the 2026 school year will be:

- Te Tipu/Year 1: Whaea Sarah
- Year 1: Whaea Erica
- Year 2: Whaea Dani
- Year 3/4: Whaea Holly & Whaea Anna
- Year 5/6: Whaea Mandy and Whaea Olivia

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A huge thank you to our whānau for their patience and support last week during both the strike action and also the Teacher Only Day. Extremely important Mathematics curriculum learning took place for our teaching staff.

IMPORTANT DATES

Camp Raukawa

Room 12/19: 3rd -5th November

Room 1/13: 5th-7th November

Room 2/20: 10th-12th November

Year 6 Graduation - Wednesday 3rd December

Final Celebration - Wednesday 10th December

125TH CELEBRATION - TALES FROM THE ARCHIVES

In 1941 the headmaster was the late Mr Harry Smith, a keen cricket and athletic enthusiast. The school had a good cricket eleven and I distinctly remember Bruce True smashing a superb "fixer" from Kowhai Park into the Feilding Jockey Club grounds when playing against Manchester Street. I also remember one playground episode, a fight between two Form 2 boys. The headmaster intervened and was not happy. He instructed the boys to settle their differences using more civilised conditions - a boxing match then took place. (Memories from Jack Keneven).

