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WELCOME

The roller coaster thunders on towards the end of the year - school camps, final assessments, reports and end of year events are all part of the important excitement that is building. This year has been another fantastic one at our school and we are sure to finish extremely strongly. Over the last few weeks I have been putting together the yearbook and reflecting on all the amazing opportunities our tamariki have enjoyed - I believe we have most certainly breathed life into our charter and our fundamental aims.

Our staff are also busy planning for 2026. It is really helpful to know the new entrants that attending. If you have a 5 year old starting in 2026, please let us know. Planning for future students will ensure we are well prepared.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

On behalf of all the staff, students, and the Board of Trustees, we want to extend a massive thank you for to our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for their outstanding fundraising efforts with the recent pie drive.

Selling over 2,100 pies is an absolutely amazing achievement! We know this doesn't just happen—it represents hours of planning, organising, promoting, and sorting orders. We are blown away by your hard work and dedication.

To raise in excess of \$5,000 for our kura is simply fantastic. This money will make a significant difference and will go directly towards resources and opportunities that benefit every student at our school.

We are so grateful to have such a committed and hard-working PTA. Thank you once again for everything you do to support our school community.

The PTA is now well underway organising the celebrations for 2026. Their next meeting is scheduled for 6pm tonight in the school staffroom. All are welcome to come along.



With your support we've sold over 2,100 pies and raised over \$5,000 for our school!

WINNER OF THE \$25 ROSEBOWL
VOUCHER TO BE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

PIE PICK-UP IS THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER
FROM 2PM IN THE LSS HALL

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TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Currently, the Board of Trustees, through the Treaty requirement currently in the Education Act, states schools would give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including by ensuring plans, policies, and local curriculum reflected local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori; taking all reasonable steps to make instruction available in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori; and achieving equitable outcomes for Māori students. There are currently plans to remove this from legislation.

The current Education Minister, Erica Stanford said the Treaty was the Crown's responsibility, not schools'. She goes on to state, "School boards should have direction and we are giving very clear direction. You (schools) need to ensure

equitable outcomes for Māori students, you need to be offering te reo Māori and you need to be culturally competent," she said.

The Protect Te Tiriti o Waitangi in Education petition has been initiated and is being led by the National Iwi Chairs Forum with support by many of the unions and organisations involved in education. This change to legislation will be discussed by our Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

CAMP RAUKAWA

Our camp out to Raukawa, north of Whanganui was a huge success for our students. The camp, situated in bushland and run by the YMCA offers a unique variety of experiences within a safe and supportive environment. This year we took our very own Camp Mums, Tina and Joy (normally Teacher Aides), who looked after all the food and managed the kitchen. It was great to be able to design our own menu and ensure the palates were well and truly satisfied. A huge thank you to all involved in bringing with wonderful experience to life. See photos above.



HERO

Hero Communication - This week we are looking at the 'Communication' tab on the HERO app. On this page, you are able to communicate directly with the classroom teacher. All you need to do is click on the + symbol and then write what you would like, you can also attach photos if they are required. The classroom teacher will be able to reply to your communication posts just like they do on Seesaw. Please note, that using this form of communication will allow both parents to see the communication posts. If for any reason you would like to communicate something more privately with your classroom teacher you can email them. Your classroom teacher will share their email address in a communication post to you at the beginning of next year.

Example post - Dentist Appointment



I will be picking up John at 1pm today as he has a dentist appointment.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Year 6 Graduation - Wednesday 3rd December
Final Celebration - Wednesday 10th December

125TH CELEBRATION - TALES FROM THE ARCHIVES

In 1976 the 75th Jubilee was held. The school hall was prepared and ready to receive the numerous old pupils who were returning to celebrate. The atmosphere in the hall was one of expectancy. In this venue crowds of people were going to renew old friendships. Some would not have seen each other for 60 or 70 years. Seven-thirty was the official opening time. By seven fifteen the hall was already beginning to fill and by seven-thirty there was standing room only. The hall was a cacophony of reunions and back slaps.

