

**Tena koutou! Malo e Lelei! Fakalofa Lahi Atu! Talofa lava! Kia orana! Bula Vinaka!  
Namaste! Kumusta! Rojbas! Hola! Salam Alaikum! Hai! Xin chào! Ayubowan!**

Term 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Newsletter 5

## **Term 1 – Ko Wai Tatou – Who are we?**

Term 1 has been an amazing learning time for our students. They have embraced the new year and settled into learning with focus, purpose and good humour! Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) Week was filled with new experiences outdoors and community service. Bikes in Schools, Stepping Out Road safety, Kaipatiki Educators and the Ecohub, the big trip out to Ambury Farm, Duffy Books, St John's and our first Kilikiti game against Willow Park School! A big thank you to our parent helpers who supported us this term, we are very grateful. Special thanks to Robyn Forran, Omexom, the Dream Centre and PWC for your continued support. Next week we finish this term's learning with our very first International Day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. We hope you can join us at some stage during the day.

Our average attendance rate this term has been 85%. This is up 6% from last year's term 1, which is great. The government goal for school attendance is 90% so we are not far off reaching this goal. The next part will be encouraging consistency in attending school at 90% most of the time. Attendance matters for our children's learning for their future.

Nga mihi nui,

*Mrs Webster – Associate Principal*

## **Term 2 Class Changes**

Due to roll fluctuations across the school, we will utilise our current teachers with slight changes to some classes next term. Consistency in class programmes will continue.

- ❖ Whaea Rangimarie will move from Pupuke Year 3 to become the new teacher in Awataha Year 2. Whaea Rangimarie is trained in the BSLA programme and would continue this programme with the students.
- ❖ Whaea Sandra will continue in Pupuke Hapori as the year 3 and 4 classes will combine and become a composite Year 3 & 4 class.
- ❖ Miss Maya continues in Rangitoto Hapori but will get a small group of Year 4 students becoming a composite Year 4, 5 and 6 class.
- ❖ The New Entrant and year 1 children will continue to be taught by Whaea Diane in Onewa Hapori.

**All children that will have a different teacher or are moving classes will have received a notice today.**

## Kilikiti Game vs. Willow Park School

Last week it was wonderful to finally see an Onepoto School Sports team leave school to play a game of Kilikiti against Willow Park School. Due to our small numbers of students, we have not been able to field a team in any sports for the past few years but with our student numbers rising we hope to see that change.



Thursday morning saw a flurry of activity as children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who wanted to play Kilikiti, put on their lavalava, practiced their chants, and headed off to play. Olalini Tafoulua from Harbour Sport had coached both teams in the previous weeks and was there to oversee the game. We may have lost on runs but we won with the spirit of the game with our chants, handstands, and enthusiasm.



What really impressed teachers and supporters from both schools was the sportsmanship, encouragement and manaakitanga that was shown between both teams. Thank you to Annaliese Sina'au from Willow Park School for organising the game and to Whaea Sandra for managing the team.

## Staff Farewell

We farewell Mrs Findlay-Clarke who is leaving us at the end of this term to become one of the Deputy Principals at Oteha Valley School in Albany. Rachael has been with us since the beginning of 2023 as an Associate Principal. She has introduced and led the literacy programme BSLA, (Better Start Learning Approach), which is a structured learning approach to reading, writing and oral language. We thank her for all she has done at Onepoto School and wish her all the best as she embarks on her new role in Senior Leadership.



## INTERNATIONAL DAY PROGRAMME

Next **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**, we have our Onepoto School International Day to which you are all invited to come along to. Here is the programme for the day:

Time:	
8:45am	Roll Call – Children in their hapori prepare for their sharing time in assembly.
9:30am	International Day Assembly begins - hall
10:30am	Assembly ends at this time.
11:15am	In-class Activities in children's Hapori
12:30pm	Shared lunches in each hapori

### Onsite Health Services at our School:

**\*PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:** Rebecca Sinclair and Megan O'Neil are Nurses who visit our school regularly. Rebecca and Megan are available to discuss hauora (health) for tamariki, including growth and development, skin and ear infections, sore throats and Rheumatic Fever prevention, asthma, allergies, eczema, headlice, wetting and soiling, hearing and vision concerns, immunisations and nutrition.

Public health nurses work together with whānau and the school to promote the health of tamariki. If you would like a referral to talk with the nurse, visit our office or call/text 021 241 7367

**\*SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOLS (SWiS)-** We are also fortunate to have a Social Worker, onsite once a week to support children in Years 1 to 6.

*"Kia ora, my name is Min and I am a social worker in schools (SWiS) from Family Works Northern. We support students and families/whanau to overcome challenges. This enables students to reach their full potential in learning."*

Please feel free to contact me on 022 017 1247 / [Min.Lee@fwn.org.nz](mailto:Min.Lee@fwn.org.nz)"

### **ONEPOTO SCHOOL BOARD CASUAL VACANCY FOR A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Request for a by-election should be sent to by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024:

Presiding member (chair)

Onepoto School Board

PO Box 36126,

Northcote

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Furthermore, if you would like to find out a little more about what the board does, or if you might be interested in filling the vacancy, then please feel free to get in touch with me.

([tom.d.allen@gmail.com](mailto:tom.d.allen@gmail.com)) There is no experience necessary to be involved with the board, just a commitment to making the school great for all our students.

## Dates for your Diary:

Date:	Event:
Tuesday 9th April	<b>Onepoto School International Day!</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Kaipatiki Team working with students in class.
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1 – School is finishing at 1pm THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL LUNCHES ON THIS DAY.</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 2

