

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

Term 1 – 13th February 2024 – Newsletter 1

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL – 2025!

A warm welcome to our new students and families, we hope you enjoy your time at our school.

Tena Koutou Whanau It is great to be back!

I hope you had an amazing restful holiday time with your whanau. Welcome to our new students and their families starting at our school this year. We look forward to working with you.

It was a great start to our year with Start of the Year School Interviews and Meet the teacher Sessions last week. Teachers and students and their whanau had an opportunity to meet and discuss the year ahead, together. Thank you for attending these important meetings.

Students have started the year well, prepared and ready for school with an abundance of energy and a willingness to share their great ideas. Teachers, learning assistants and our office staff have made a great start with students and their hapori. Returning to school

Our Discovery Learning theme this term is **Miharo Aho – Marvellous Me! and Whakamiharo – Marvellous Us!** Students are learning about how to be a learner, class routines, ways of working in a new class, building relationships, teamwork and sharing the things that are important to them in their lives; their whanau, language and culture, their interests and favourite things.

To celebrate our theme for this term, we will end the term with an International Day where we will celebrate each other, our whanau and cultures together. We will update you soon with a date and time for this special event.

Parent & Whanau Meetings – Join in

We have some upcoming parent and whanau meetings planned for this term and throughout the year. We would love to see as many of you become involved in the life of the school and share your expertise as we continue to build our amazing school culture! We're looking for keen and active parent helpers, volunteers or coaches this year. Come and join in; establishing a Friends of the School Committee to help organise school events for our school like our annual Culture Festival Committee – this year we celebrate our 30th Anniversary!, Sports Coaching, Kapa Haka Group, Pasifika Group, International Day and Matariki. If you're keen keep a look out for meetings and notices this term!

Our school Facebook Page and school Website are the best places to keep up to date with school events and messages.

ROLL GROWTH – We have seen positive growth in our school roll numbers for the start of our year. We have been inundated with new enrolments, which reflects the positive growth in the Northcote area. We currently have 115 students and next Monday we will increase to 123! We have been monitoring roll growth over the last 5 years and will continue to do so to ensure we are staffed to support our growing classes.

ARE YOU READY FOR SCHOOL? – We are teaching our students to be ready for learning each day and this includes how we get ready for school, at home. Here's some ideas from some of our students.

<u>Have a set morning routine at home:</u>	<u>Morning Routine at School:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wake up time• Say good morning to my family• Breakfast time• Get dressed• Pack my morning tea• Fill my drink bottle• Check I have my hat• Check I have my Book Bag• Pack my School Bag• Leave for school	<p>Greet people on the way Take out my Book Bag Check my morning tea and water bottle & hat Hang up my School Bag Play 8:45am First Class starts for Learning</p>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – We encourage healthy options for morning tea. Here's some ideas;

Morning Tea Ideas: 2 -3 Biscuits, Yoghurt, Small packet of chippies, Cheese stick, Crackers, Vegetables or fruit, a small sandwich & water.

Please note - Big bags of Chippies and biscuits, Juice and Fizzy drinks will be kept safely by your child's teacher and sent home with your child after school. Alternative morning tea will be given to your child.

OUR PEOPLE 2025

STAFF:

Senior Leadership Team: Principal – Mrs Latoa-Levi and Deputy Principal– Kristen Webster

Hapori Onewa NE/Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3: Diane Simona (Team Leader), Sandra Collings & Prithvi Leathart.
Learning Assistants: Sala Alona & Annitta Cleal

Hapori Rangitoto Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6: Maya Latoalevi-Nosa (Team Leader) & Rangimarie Nilsen-Pene.
Student Teacher: Ashlee Wharepouri (UoA) Learning Assistant: Marlene Cassidy

Administration: Maria Konia – Office Manager

Onepoto School Board:

Tom Allen – Presiding Member
Alan Curtis
Emma Alona
Linda Sullivan
William Puliuvea
Sandra Collings – Staff Representative
Secretary: Kristen Webster

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2025

We're looking for another hard-working team of eager and active board members to help take our school to the next level!

Elections for new school boards are taking place in September!

Come and be part of our Onepoto School Board! Keep a look out for more information this year!

DRIVEWAY SAFETY!

To keep everyone safe at drop off and pick up time please think about your driving.
Safer schools together!

1. Drop your speed to **5kmh** – in and out of the driveway.
2. **DROP OFFS**: Park your car or use the drop off area at the top of the roundabout for a quick drop off.
3. **PICK UPS**: Park your car and walk to wait for your child to get them safely into the car.
4. Please **DO NOT STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DRIVEWAY** to drop off or pick up your child.
5. **DO NOT CALL OUT TO YOUR CHILD** to come to the car. Park & walk.
6. **No U-Turns in the driveway – we have more traffic now.**
7. Children must use a seatbelt! MAKE IT CLICK!
8. PLEASE USE THE CROSSINGS around our school.

PARK & WALK! - Park your car and walk to pick up your child from the front office or playground area. We have plenty of car parks but will continue monitor traffic

Noho ora mai & have a great week!

Mrs Latoa-Levi



DUFFY BOOKS!

This fantastic program returns to our school this year. The program encourages children to read and build their library at home. Children receive free books and get to choose **2 books** in class from a catalogue of books **3 times** throughout the year and share these with you at home. During the year we have Role Model Assemblies where a special guest speaker from 'Duffy Books In Homes' visits our school to share their love of books and the Duffy Theatre production team will also drop by to share some exciting stories. We also learn the Duffy School Song about reading and books!



The **Garden to Table Program** continues this year. Whaea Sandra leads this programme and has some great plans ahead for students and classes to be involved in. Whaea Sandra organised a team to water our fruit and vegetable gardens over the school holidays so a HUGE THANK YOU to the team! The gardens looks amazing! If you're a keen gardener or just want to help out, please see Whaea Sandra in Hapori Onewa.

Onsite Health Services at our School:

*PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:

We have a Public Health Nurse, Nicky Burgess, is onsite once a week for health concerns with children and whanau. Contact the school office if you'd like your child to see Nurse Nicky. School office 09 40 74-69

*SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOLS (SWiS)- We are very fortunate to have a Social Worker, onsite once a week to support students and whanau.

Min Lee is our social worker in schools (SWiS) from Family Works Northern. They support students and families/whanau to overcome challenges. This enables students to reach their full potential in learning."

Please feel free to contact Min on 022 017 1247 / Min.Lee@fwn.org.nz

Min is onsite on Wednesday and Thursdays.



HATS: Terms 1 & 4:

Hats must be worn outdoors during Term 1. Students without a hat will stay in the shade. Please name the hats.

No hat, No play, No fun today!

SUNBLOCK:

We do have sunblock available for the students to use at school and encourage the students to remember to use it before they go outside.



WATER ONLY AND DRINK BOTTLES:

We are a WATER ONLY school.

Please bring a named water bottle each day. The drink bottles can be refilled during the day. Students can also use the outdoor water fountains. use.



WE WELCOME NEW ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-school children who will turn 5 years old at any time or you are wanting to enrol older children, please contact our Office Manager Ms Konia at the Office for an Enrolment Pack. Alternatively, you can complete the online Enrolment Form on our school website. This helps us to plan for staffing and classes. (09) 480-7469

Absences or Messages Line- ph. (09) 480-7469 or 022 5193610

Please call or text with a reason for your child's absence from school.

Dates for your Diary:

Date:	Event:
Friday 14 th February	12:15pm - First School Assembly – School Hall Hosted by Hapori Onewa. Sharing our mahi and celebrating our learners. All Welcome
Monday 24 th February	5pm School Board Meeting –Staffroom - All Welcome
Friday 28 th February	12:15pm - School Assembly – School Hall Sharing our mahi and celebrating our learners. All Welcome
Wednesday 12 th March	Duffy Role Model Assembly
Friday 14 th March	12:15pm - School Assembly – School Hall Sharing our mahi and celebrating our learners. All Welcome
Thursday 20 th March	Hapori Rangitoto – Tuatara Basketball Coaching Clinic
Wednesday 2 nd April	Duffy Book Theatre
Friday 11 th April	Last Day of Term 1