

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

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## Settling into learning!

Students have settled in well, learning their new routines and expectations in their hapori. There has been a big focus on our school values **Respect, Persevere and Achieve** and sharing our ideas about the values that we have at home. Students are also exploring new skills through art, cooking, team building games and music! I have enjoyed my daily visits to our hapori and chatting with students about their work and learning. I even had the privilege this week to teach in Rangitoto! Our students are amazing!



## **OUR FIRST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY!** - Thanks Hapori Onewa for a great assembly!



## CHILD SAFETY CONCERNS

There have been a range of child safety concerns that have been brought to our attention stemming from outside of school hours. The safety concerns have happened outside the school and have impacted some of our students. We have been working with child safety service providers to support students and their whanau and provide the school with programmes to keep students safe. We have a [Child Care and Protection Policy](#) to support us in our practices and procedures when incidences happen at school. This can be found on our website under School Docs.

**We encourage whanau to discuss with your child/children the importance of being safe in the community.**

- Ask permission to play at the park or with friends.
- Set a time to return home after playing.
- Parent supervision of younger children playing at the park.
- Parents should plan and talk to each other about play dates (when children play at each other's homes).
- Children should not be knocking on or using the speakers at other people's homes!
- Do not talk to strangers (people you do not know).
- Disagreements, fights and threats of violence that have happened outside of school, and then have continued at school, **will NOT be tolerated!**
- Cross the road with care – practice with your children.
- Buckle up in the car!

***Be aware! Be respectful! Be Kind! Look after each other!  
Safer communities together!***



### *Gifts of Kindness!*

A beautiful gesture of kindness was received at the start of this year by Saffron Hita and her team of volunteers. A local good sort, Saffron wanted to do something positive for our school. Saffron got together with some friends and kindly donated new school bag packs, packed with stationery and goodies, for students who needed a school bag. Some of her team were past students of Onepoto School! A huge thank you to Saffron and her team for thinking of us and this kind gesture for our students! We

## MANA MONDAYS!

## Respect – Persevere-Achieve

This year we are revamping our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PB4L) Assembly! Each Monday for the past 3 years we have dedicated time on a Monday morning to gather as a school to set the tone for the week and learn about our school values, **Respect, Persevere and Achieve!** This year we wanted to do something different, so we have now re-launched our gathering as **Mana Monday!** The purpose remains the same to encourage positive behaviours for learning and to also celebrate our students who have empowered their mana by living our school values at school. Mondays are looking great!!

**OUR SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN** – All schools have a strategic vision and plan for their school for 3 years. Our school vision is **“Empowering Learners Together”** and our school values are **Respect, Persevere and Achieve**. We have 3 key strategic goals for our school. The strategic plan is developed with our school community, students and whanau, teachers and staff and the school board.

<div> <div>  <b>Onepoto School</b>            Manaakitanga   Manawanui   Whakatutuki            Respect   Persevere   Achieve         </div> <div> <b>Strategic Plan</b>            Empowering learners together            2024 - 2026         </div> </div>		
Strategic Goals	Key Initiatives	Success
<b>Working together</b> Actively develop strong connections with whānau and celebrate cultural diversity. NELPS: 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grow our understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Te Reo Māori and Tongata Whenua.</li> <li>Our school environment reflects our multicultural learners and community.</li> <li>Increase visibility and relationships in the the community.</li> </ul>	Delivering a local curriculum that celebrates our cultural, social, and academic aspirations.
<b>Future Focused</b> Consistently and regularly monitor progress, evaluate performance, and use data to inform future decisions. NELPS: 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve teacher assessment &amp; evaluation practices.</li> <li>Embed moderation processes and implement internal review plan.</li> <li>Streamline documentation and access to review data.</li> </ul>	Continual improvement in all aspects of school based on regular and reliable data.
<b>Responsive Curriculum</b> Student achievement is accelerated by building student, teacher, leader agency. NELPS: 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve teacher &amp; leader practice through cycles of inquiry &amp; quality mentoring.</li> <li>Improve teacher knowledge of what to teach, when &amp; how to teach it.</li> <li>Increase whānau engagement in their child's learning.</li> </ul>	Confident, achieving students with engaged whānau alongside, highly skilled and motivated teachers.

Noho ora mai,

*Mrs Latoa-Levi*

**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.



The Gardening Team have been tending to the vegetable gardens; weeding and watering. The team meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime with Whaea Sandra. If you’d like pop in and help we’d love to see you. Please sign in at the office.



#### **HATS: Terms 1 & 4:**

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

**No hat, No play, No fun today!**

#### **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.



## DRIVEWAY SAFETY!

To keep everyone safe at drop off and pick up time please think about your driving.  
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1. Drop your speed to **5kmh** – in and out of the driveway.
2. **DROP OFFs:** Use the drop off area at the top of the roundabout for a quick drop off or park and walk.
3. **PICK UPS:** You must park your car and walk to wait for your child to get them safely into the car. Our car traffic has grown!
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 – due to more traffic.**
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 and will continue to monitor traffic flow.

## Onsite Health Services at our School:



### **\*PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:** Nurse Nicky

Welcome to our new Public Health Nurse, Nicky Burgess, who will be onsite once a week for health concerns with children and whanau. Contact the school office if you'd like your child to see the nurse. School office 09 40 74-69

**\*SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOLS (SWiS)-** We are very fortunate to have a Social Worker, onsite twice 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](mailto:Min.Lee@fwn.org.nz)

This year Min is onsite on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## 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

## **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!

## Dates for your Diary:

Date:	Event:
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	No School Assembly this week.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Duffy Role Model Assembly
	<b><u>6pm Whanau information Evening! – ALL WELCOME!</u></b> Come and find out more about our school goals, initiatives, sports, cultural groups and our annual cultural festival!
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	12:15pm - School Assembly – School Hall Sharing our mahi and celebrating our learners. All Welcome
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Rangitoto Year 5/6 – Morning activities with Kainga Ora
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm CULTURAL FESTIVAL MEETING
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><u>ONEWA HAPORI – EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM!</u></b> Students learn outdoor activities across three sessions during the 3 days. Keep a look out for more information.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Hapori Rangitoto – Tuatara Basketball Coaching Clinic
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm – Maori Whanau Parents Hui
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	6pm - Fanau Pasifika Parents Fono
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Duffy Book Theatre
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term 1