

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

School Roll: 124 Term 1 – 13th March 2025 – Newsletter 4

Kia ora koutou katoa

We are already halfway through term 1 and we have seen so many students settling into school routines and and doing some awesome learning through this terms theme ***Miharo Aho – Marvellous Me! and Whakamiharo – Marvellous Us!*** The cloak of feathers in hapori Onewa was made by the students to represent them being part of the Onewa team. It is a beautiful artwork that proudly sits on their wall.

Rangitoto Hapori has a huge **class feather** made of their smaller class feathers. Each feather has been made by the students and is a symbol of them being part of a team. Another stunning art work representing our students! Pop in and check these out!

Students are making the most of the school playgrounds and field at break times. It's great to see so many students with hats ready for playtime. **A reminder to students to wear a hat outside** for protection from the sun otherwise you will play in a shady spot. School bikes will be out soon to add another opportunity of play for students.

Our **Structured Literacy and Maths programs** are well underway providing a strong foundation of knowledge and skills. Great to see students in hapori Onewa learning their letters and sounds to make words.

A reminder about regular school attendance. Every day matters and arriving at school on time ensures that students don't miss important information. We want to see our Tamariki everyday ready to learn!

Free fruit in schools, breakfast and the Lunches in Schools program continues this year ensuring our students are fuelled for their learning day! Remember you must bring your own morning tea and water bottle.

A friendly Traffic reminder to drive carefully in and out of our school. Slow down and keep our children and whanau safe!

Finally, a big thank you to the parents who attended our **Whanau Information evening last night**. It was great to see so many parents wanting to find out more about our school, the School Board, our school goals and the new NZ Curriculum- *TeMātaiaho*. **A reminder that we have our Culture Festival Meeting next Tuesday 18th March at 6pm – see you there!**

Noho ora mai,

Mrs Latoa-Levi

Duffy Role Model Assembly – Taiofi Mose Nehemia

Our kura had the privilege of hosting Taiofi Mose Nehemia on Wednesday at the Duffy Role Model Assembly. Taiofi is an accomplished dancer and actor passionate about inspiring the next generation through the arts. With a strong background in dance and acting, she uses performance as a powerful tool for storytelling and cultural expression. She has appeared in acclaimed films and television series such as Millie Lies Low, Gary of the Pacific, Wellington Paranormal, and Savage, showcasing her talent and versatility on screen. Taiofi also starred in Mako, an international award-winning short film directed by Mark Papalii, as well as performing in O le Pepelo, le Gaoi, ma le Pala'ai – The Liar, The Thief and The Coward at Auckland's Waterfront Theatre. Through mentorship and community engagement, she continues to empower youth to pursue their dreams and passion! Thank you Taiofi for sharing your passion with our tamariki!!!!



Congratulations to some of our special students who were “Caught been Good” receiving Duffy Certificates and a new book. You totally ROCK!!!!!!!

CHILD SAFETY REMINDERS

We encourage you 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!
- Don't talk to strangers (people you do not know).
- Cross the road with care – practice with your children.
- Buckle up in the car!
- **Disagreements, fights and threats of violence, will NOT be tolerated!**

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

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

Morning Tea Ideas: Not all of these things but a couple of items – Something small and quick! 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.
Safer schools together!

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 Nicki

Our Public Health Nurse, Nicki Burgess, 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 awesome 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 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 14 th March	12:15pm - School Assembly – School Hall Sharing our mahi and celebrating our learners. All Welcome. Year 4,5 and 6 Basketball coaching session - Tuatara
Monday 17 th March	Rangitoto Year 5/6 – Morning activities with Kainga Ora
Tuesday 18 th March	6pm CULTURAL FESTIVAL MEETING - all whanau welcome
Tuesday 18 th March, Wednesday 19 th March Thursday 20 th March	<u>ONEWA HAPORI – EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM!</u> Students learn outdoor activities across three sessions during the 3 days. Keep a look out for more information.
Thursday 20 th March	Hapori Rangitoto – Tuatara Basketball Coaching Clinic
Wednesday 26 th March	6pm – Maori Whanau Parents Hui
Saturday 29 th March	Dreamcentre Free Community Event - Onepoto School Hall 10-12pm – Music, Sausage sizzle, clothing giveaways, baked goods
Sunday 30 th March	Block Party – Northcote Baptist Church free community event 4-7pm 67 Eban Avenue, Northcote
Tuesday 1 st April	6pm - Fanau Pasifika Parents Fono
Wednesday 2 nd April	Duffy Book Theatre
Friday 11 th April	Last Day of Term 1