

**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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Kia ora koutou katoa

INTERNATIONAL DAY – TOMORROW!

An air of excitement has surrounded our school this week with our 2nd International Day ready to take place tomorrow. Students have been busily preparing their items to share! We're looking forward to seeing you throughout the day. The programme was sent out earlier this week and there are opportunities for you to pop in during the day to celebrate and/or join in an activity with your child or join us for shared lunch. See you tomorrow. *Cheehoo!*

A reminder:

- **8:45am** – Students go to class as normal
- **We start at 9:30am on the Courts**
- **Cultural Parade will be on the courts.**
- Food can be dropped off in Studio 2 at any time tomorrow.
- Shared Lunch is at **12:30pm** in the Garden area

Maori Whanau Hui

A big thank you to our whanau who attended our Maori Whanau Hui last night. Great korero about strengthening our cultural narrative with Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori. Work on our 'Kawa' (protocols) for our school will take place shortly. We look forward to working with whanau on this and future projects. An exciting journey ahead!

Noho ora mai,

Mrs Latoa-Levi

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

Congratulations to our amazing students who received class or principal certificates at last week's assembly. We are so proud of you!



Remember – if a student receives a “Mana” principals award from Mrs Latoa-Levi they will be shouted lunch!!



EOTC WEEK

Kainga Ora Outdoor Activities on Monday 17th March

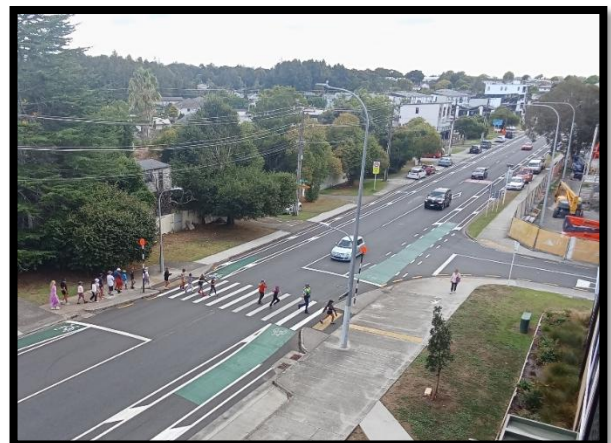


It was a normal school day until the end of fitness when half of the class spilt into four groups for an environmental trip to Te Ara Awataha Greenway, right outside the court gate. There were seven individuals outside: Nigel, Whaea Zae, Jada, Claire and Sara.

The first group activity was a water clarity test. We used a long tube, looked into one end and pulled a magnet back. If the image disappeared, we checked the number on the side and recorded it – 50 was considered above average. The second activity was a team drawing, where we used chalk to create a stream together and discussed what it needed to survive and stay healthy. For the third activity, we learnt about past floods in the area, the plants on the hill and their role in the ecosystem. The fourth activity was construction. Learning about demolition and deconstruction. This involved littering and recycling and was also our last group activity. Afterward we washed our hands and enjoyed a sausage sizzle and a popsicle before heading back to school.

By Vincent Tran – Year 6 Hapori Rangitoto

Birds eye view of Rangitoto Students participating in “Safe Walking” session with Community Constable Louise Nicholas



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 REMINDERS!

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 28 th March	International Day Celebration 9.30am – 1:00pm
Saturday 29 th March	Adopt a Block – Free Community Event Onepoto School Hall 10:00am – 12:00pm – Free clothes, sausage sizzle, tea & coffee, baked goodies, games – Bring the whanau!!!
Sunday 30 th March	Block Party – Northcote Baptist Church 67 Eban Avenue, Northcote 4-7pm – Free Fun Activities, Food, Clothing
Tuesday 1 st April	6pm - Fanau Pasifika Parents Fono
Wednesday 2 nd April	Duffy Book Theatre 1:30pm School Hall
Friday 11 th April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 28 th April	First Day of Term 2