



Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua,

Firstly, we would like to congratulate our Mana Kuratahi team for a beautiful performance and awesome results. They were outstanding representatives of our school and have qualified to represent Tāmaki Makaurau at the Nationals taking place in Tauranga in November 2025. Thank you to all students, whānau and staff for supporting their efforts for the past 3 terms. This was an excellent example of the embodiment of our whakatauki – Inā te mahi he Rangatira!

### **Whānau Hui Postponed until 7pm next Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Our apologies for the late notice but with the support of the Board of Trustees we have postponed the Whānau Hui scheduled for tonight. This will not take place on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm** to allow everyone attending the hikoi or iwi based activations the time to travel and those who have just finished the Mana Kuratahi campaign time to rest. However, it is imperative that we have someone from each whānau present next week as there are a few key kaupapa for 2025 that will be discussed.

If your child is interested in performing at the Mana Kuratahi Nationals in Tauranga then you **MUST** be present to sign up and receive important fundraising information.

### **NCEA Examination Timetable**

Here are the remaining external examinations taking place for our seniors:

- ☞ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9:30am ~ Level 3 Physics
- ☞ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9:30am ~ Level 2 Te Reo Rangatira
- ☞ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov at 9:30am ~ Level 3 Te Reo Māori
- ☞ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 9:30am ~ Level 2 Physics

If you have a child sitting one or more of these exams it is imperative that they prioritise studying and don't begin their "holiday" until all of their examinations have been completed.

### **Manuwhiri**

Over the next few weeks, we have a few sets of manuwhiri here at Kura. A group of 30 Indigenous Teacher Trainees, Lecturers and Ministry officials from Tahiti here observing how we teach in a Māori learning environment from next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

The following week we are hosting students and staff from Te Kura o Mangātuna including our very own Horiana Cassidy-Brown who is their Tūmuaki.

### **National Competitions**

Our senior team have been training hard in preparation for the National Secondary Schools Touch Tournament in Rotorua from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you are in Rotorua that weekend please head along and support them.

We also have a number of students preparing for the National Ki o Rahi Tournament taking place in Wellington from the 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December. As this is a Māori – Iwi tournament we have been privileged to enter teams under the Auckland Māori Club – Haukere to allow our students who reside in the melting pot of Tāmaki Makaurau to participate which in turn will help increase our overall level of skill.

### **Year 1 – 10 Prize Giving**

This is a reminder that we are holding our Junior **Prize Giving for our Year 1 – 10 students on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. Doors will open to parents at 9am and will begin at 9:30am sharp. We would like to have at least 1 whānau member for each of our Year 1 – 10 students present and seated by 9:25am. It's really important that you come along and support your child, celebrating their achievements either on an individual, team, cohort, collective or schoolwide basis. We will also be distributing 'End of Year Reports' so please make sure you collect them either on your way in, or as you are exiting after prize giving.

Lastly, if you wish to take your child home at the conclusion of prizegiving you will be able to sign them out from the gym to save on congestion at the office.

### **Last Day of Term 4, 2024**

Our final reminder is that school will conclude at 12pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December for the end of the 2024 scholastic year. It is important that your child has someone to pick them up at 12pm if they don't catch the bus or walk home themselves.

More details regarding the start dates and times for 2025 will be sent home and posted on the Skool Loop and Storypark apps in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any queries regarding any of the above, please contact the office on Ph: 09 551 6161 or via email: [info@ngatapuwaee.school.nz](mailto:info@ngatapuwaee.school.nz)

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