



## Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

### TERM 3 INFORMATION

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Tēnā koutou e ngā mātua,

We thought it best to send this newsletter out to all students and whānau with some key information as we start Term 3.

#### Teacher Only Days - SCHOOL CLOSED THIS THURSDAY & FRIDAY

A reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August (this week) as all staff will be attending the Ngā Kura ā Iwi Annual Conference in Rotorua. Therefore, please make alternative arrangements for your children on those two days.

#### Hākinakina

Please note all sports fixtures remain the same, however finals contention and cross overs are occurring so we are awaiting the updated draw for some codes.

- ☞ Monday Squash vs Baradene Gold at 4.15pm.
- ☞ Tuesday Year 7 Girls Netball Tournament. Held at David Lange Park.
- ☞ Tuesday Year 5 & 6 boys' Soccer at Walter Massey Park.
- ☞ Tuesday Senior Boys Basketball vs TBC at 5pm.
- ☞ Tuesday 3pm-5pm Māhepohepotanga and Senior Boys Netball Training
- ☞ Wednesday Tuarua Netball as per normal. **Students are to find their own way to the courts this week.**

#### Student Led Conferences

This term we are holding Student Led Conferences to discuss your child/rens academic progress. These will be held with your child's Whare Ako teacher who will have various times available during the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August. The timeslots will be available for booking on the Skool Loop app from 7pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

#### Whānau Hui

Our first Whānau Hui of the term will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm via zoom. The link details are as follows:

- ☞ <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86043128249?pwd=dHRXb0owQnZGZU5TUVRteDBnN0xCUT09>
- ☞ Meeting ID: 860 4312 8249
- ☞ Passcode: 663478

It is important that every child has a parent/guardian/caregiver join this zoom to stay abreast of all of the upcoming events and kaupapa we are participating in over the coming months.

#### Kapa Haka

As you may be aware we had our Ahurea team practicing during week 1 of the holidays and then our Mana Kuratahi team living-in at school last week. They are both on track for their performances at the start of next term. However, we would like whānau to prepare for more practices both during and after school throughout this term as the Kura Tuarua Qualifying Regionals and the Kura Tuatahi Nationals

draw nearer. It is important that we have full whānau support in order for your children to be successful in all facets of their holistic learning.

### **Attendance, Punctuality & Uniform**

It is imperative that students arrive on time and are ready for karakia at 8:30am every morning. If they are unwell or attending a tangi then please notify their Whare Ako teacher via Skool Loop, email or with a letter. We'd also like to remind everyone that winter uniform is to be worn in Term 3 and this does not include gumboots or crocs.

### **Behavioural Standards**

We would like parents/guardians/caregivers to sit down and discuss the following behavioural standards with your child/ren as we start our new term please:

- ☞ Some of our key values and expectations are based around Manaakitanga and Whakaute (Respect). Therefore, it is important for all students to be kind and respectful to themselves, each other and staff. Kōrero whakaiti (putdowns & bullying) and disrespect won't be tolerated so we ask whānau to spend time discussing what respect and disrespect look like.
- ☞ Respect also extends to property and equipment. Unfortunately, we have found some broken pieces of equipment and property around the school which is proving to be very costly and frustrating to organise repairs as the damage is clearly intentional. Therefore, it is imperative that students are clear that school property must not be defaced, damaged or destroyed because whānau will be charged for repairs if your child is found to be the culprit.
- ☞ We also want to encourage whānau to discuss your child's subject content and what support you as a whānau can provide to assist him/her. Often, the school is expected to provide a child with all of their educational knowledge however we only have them with us for 30 hours per week for 40 weeks and only 25 of those hours are in class learning. The other 138 hrs per wk x 40 wks plus the additional 12 full weeks are with you as whānau. Therefore, you are best placed to help increase their potential and change their academic trajectory by being engaged and assisting them wherever possible. This could look like, asking what they are struggling with at present, talking through some strategies, searching online for free tutorials or tips, providing the space and time to complete homework, assignments, tasks or study.

### **New Catering Staff**

We have two new staff in Ngā Hau Māngere preparing our Ka Ora, Ka Ako meals. Their names are Mā Bonnie and Mā Leisha. There will be a hot breakfast available every morning as well as weetbix and fruit salad. This will be available from 7:45am until 8:25am and they will also prepare our school lunches that must be eaten in the Wharekai. We would like to remind all students that they must be respectful and use manners at all times please.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office on Ph: 551 6161 or via email: [info@ngatapuwaes.school.nz](mailto:info@ngatapuwaes.school.nz)

Ngā manaakitanga,



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