



# WHAKAMARU SCHOOL

Growing Creative Thinkers



NEWSLETTER  
T1 #05 final  
Week 10

## Supreme KAAHU kid



Syifa Mommad

Week 7



Darcy Mackey-Namana

Week 8



Hope Harvey

Week 9

### Principals message

Tēnā koutou ngā whānau o te kura o Whakamaru.

Whakatauki o te rua wiki - Phrase of the fortnight

*Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.*

*We will Remember them.*

We have reached the end of term 1 2023, we can reflect what we have done and gone through this term— school leadership roles established, swimming sports and education with Swim well Taupo (valuable lessons), Cyclone Gabrielle , teacher strike, Purple Day, Waikato Full Primary Swimming sports, Year 5-6 league tournament, our students learning and the use of our **learning stories** (see pg. 4-6 for examples).

Our **learning stories** show links to the New Zealand Curriculum and where the learning is in a child's play. Our staff have developed their understanding of over time this with the guidance of Longworth Education and we feel strongly that this is a way to cover the whole curriculum and engage learning for your children.

Due to **ANZAC** day being in the school holidays, we have decided to commemorate this historic day today at school. I will be at the Mangakino RSA ANZAC Day Commemoration if anyone would like to join me there. See ClassDojo for further information of this day.

With great support from TCoSS—The Tokoroa Council for Social Services, we are encouraging whanau to help our students improve **attendance rates** at school. If your child/ren are absent from school please let us know through one of many ways—phone the school if there is no answer leave a message, message in ClassDojo or email your child's teacher or the Skool Loop app. If you forget or your message was missed by us a text message will be sent to you please reply to it. See pg. 7 for the affects of continued absence from school. Remember we are here to help! TCoSS fliers are available at the office for more information around attendance and how they can help too.

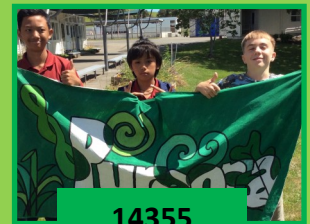
Just a reminder that our first day of term 2 is **Wednesday the 26 April** due to ANZAC Day falling on the Tuesday.

Enjoy the holidays everyone and we look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming term. See Calendar pg.8 for upcoming events. Stay safe!

Nga mihi nui  
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Happy Easter everyone—Nga mihi o te aranga

## Maunga Ropu Tatau (points)



14355



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12515



12020



*Pursue that which is precious and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain.*

# Term 1 2023—Week Seven & Eight Awards



Supreme KAAHU KID  
Syifa Mohammad week 7



Supreme KAAHU KID  
Darcy Mackey-Namana week 8

**Jack**

**Rolly**

**Maunga**

**Pureora**

**Titirapunga**

**KAAHU KIDS WEEK 07**

Jack Kendrick (Ar)  
Rolly Te Oka Reti (H)

**Azril**

**Arcadian**

**Mikey**

**Mikaera**

**Tongariro**

**Tauhara**

Mikey Pinlac (U)  
Mikaera-Riki Skudder (Acc)  
Emma Kingi-Maea (Acc)  
Corvo Oka-Smith (H)

**Emma**

**Corvo**

Week 07 Certificates	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
<b>Achievement Certificates</b>	Taroi Ngatai Syifa Mohammad	Casseus Murray	Tobyn Ransfield Corvo Oka-Smith Azril Maulana	Ahmad Alfarizi
<b>Caught Being Good Duffy Certificates</b>	Chelsey Skuddwe	Arcadian Tanner Arlo Wilkinson	William Kulinidilo	Emma Kingi-Maea Mckenzie Colipano

**Darcy**

**Jahrel**

**Maunga**

**Pureora**

**Titirapunga**

**KAAHU KIDS WEEK 08**

Darcy Mackey-Namana (H)  
Jahrel Reweti (H)

**Azril**

**Tyree**

**Tobyn**

**Sisilia**

**Tongariro**

**Tauhara**

Tobyn Ransfield (U)  
Sisilia Adicaginitoba (H)  
Kohatu Murray (U)  
Aanav Singh (U)

**Kohatu**

**Aanav**

Week 08 Certificates	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Achievement Certificates	Jahrel Rewiti	Hayden Riri Manaia Moa-Reti	Nathaniel Aryunda Darcy Mackey-Namana Tobyn Ransfield	Emma Kingi-Maea Mathew Pinlac
Caught Being Good Duffy Certificates	Ardent Perez	Kahliah-Jane Oka-Smith	Pallas Hutton-Ashcroft	Kayden Farquharson

## Term 1 2023

### Week Nine Awards



Supreme KAAHU KID  
Hope Harvey week 9

#### KAAHU KIDS

WE ARE CREATIVE THINKERS WHO ARE.....

**K**nowledge seekers (K) - He tangata whai matauranga

- \* are curious, inquiring and reflective

**A**lways respectful (Ar) - He tangata whai manaaki

- \* To ones self, others and property.

**A**ccountable (Acc) - He tangata whai whakaaro

- \* Towards ourselves, our actions and our words.

**H**igh achievers (H) - He tangata piki ake ki te teitei

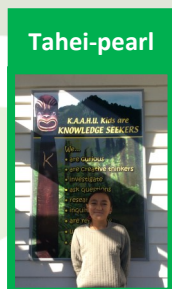
- strive to show excellence, personal best and perseverance

**U**nified (U) - He whānau kotahi

- by working together, showing teamwork for the benefit of all.

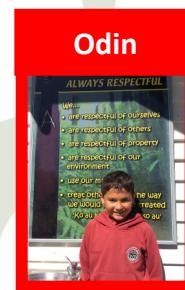


Pallas



Tahei-pearl

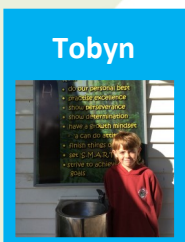
Maunga	KAAHU KIDS WEEK 09
Pureora	Pallas Hultn-Ashcroft (U) Tahei-pearl Anderson (K/Acc)
Titiraupenga	Odin Karauna (Ar) Tia-Maree Turfrey (K/H)
Tongariro	Tobyn Ransfield (H) Lilly Currie (K/Acc)
Tauhara	Capre' Reti (Ar) Corvo Oka-Smith (H)



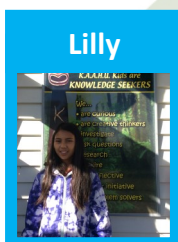
Odin



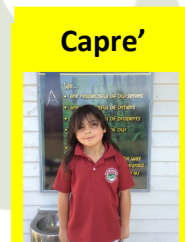
Tia-maree



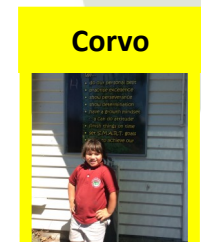
Tobyn



Lilly



Capre'



Corvo

Week 09	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 5
Achievement Certificates	Aanav Singh	Arcadian Tanner Lilly Currie Casseus Murray	Tamati-James Potter Olivia King Nathaniel Aryunda	Jack Kendrick
Caught Being Good Duffy Certificates	Hosea Mackey-Namana	Tehani-Rose Anderson	Ikki Campiteli	Mckenzie Colipano

What we have been up to

# Ribbon dancer



Hope had tied bandages around her waist and was spinning around making large movements with her arms. She was also adding jumps into her 'routine'

Soooo, we used a yoghurt lid and plastic ring to tie lengths of ribbon onto and use for ribbon dancing. Hope thought a talent show could be a good idea...



This is Hope adding a pirouette into her routine. Next we had a look at ribbon gymnastics on YouTube and we got some new ideas. KC: Managing self, NZC: The Arts, Kaahu: Knowledge Seeker, Urges: Family.



# Minecraft Pepeha



Tamariki learn and orally present their pepeha when hosting each class or assembly. Each class alternate weeks when they are the hosts.

Kyran, Syifa and River decided that they graphically design their pepeha using Minecraft Education. They built their marae, Maunga, awa etc, using Minecraft blocks and tools. Links to key Competencies - Thinking, Participating and Contributing, Relating to Others, Communication.



Their next challenge is to figure out how to export their Minecraft pepeha onto their class dojo. Links to the Curriculum: Digital Technology, Computational Thinking, Designing and Creating Outcomes.



# ARTIST WORKING



Nathaniel started working on his monster picture about 7 weeks ago. He is always here early in the morning, after he has done his jobs, this is what he does. I asked him whether he was drawing from something he'd seen. He told me he is making them up from his thoughts. Each morning as more of his friends arrive, he files it back in his tote tray until next time. He always makes sure it is flat.

K/C: Managing self. Thinking and Language, symbols & texts. NZC: The Arts, English and Maths (spatial awareness and proportions) KAAHU values: Accountable and High Achiever LTP urges: patterning, transformation.



It is wonderful to see you revisiting your work each morning. I can tell that you are putting a lot of thought into your colour choices and blending different shades of orange and yellow. I cannot believe that you have been doing this for 7 weeks. It is actually quite calming for me to watch you quietly creating your "masterpiece" Nathaniel.

NAME:  
DEPARTMENT:

# Letterland

By: Jack, Kayden, Ollie, Treth, Matthew and Maeve



During letterland sessions the children have to guess the action that belongs to a letterland character. These students are just learning the actions



How about, dippy duck, yellow yo-yo man or bouncy Ben?

WOW



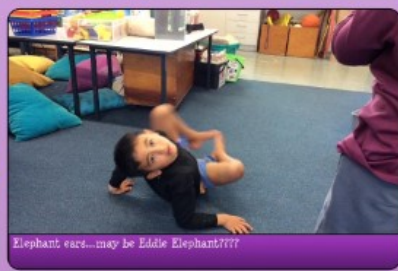
Is it tickling Tess and Harry the hairy hat man?



How about Sammy snake or golden girl???



Munching Mike or Mr. A?



Elephant ears...may be Eddie Elephant???

# hotoke maro kai

It's time to plant our hotoke maro kai (winter vegetable garden). Cabbage and silverbeet plants were purchased and Sisiwa and Jibani prepared the garden area by weeding and mixing compost into the soil. They then went about planting a cabbage patch and a silver beet patch. When they finished they watered the maro kai with a mixture of worm tea and water.



WE ARE LEARNING TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT A GARDEN NEEDS TO GROW VEGETABLES. WE ARE ALSO LEARNING HOW TO SELECT VEGETABLES TO GROW IN DIFFERENT SEASONS.



Meanwhile, Amelia-Jane and Pippa wondered what else might grow during winter. They carried out research and made a list of appropriate vegetables. They went through our collection of seeds and sowed more plants for winter.

DO NOT DISTURB PLANTS

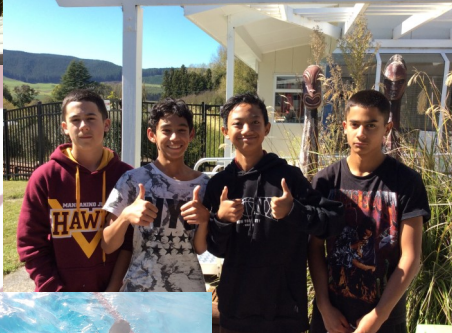


Links to the NZ Curriculum - Science Living World - recognise and understand life processes of living things; recognise and understand how living things are suited to their habitat. Links to Key Competencies: Thinking, Participating and Contributing, Communication, Relating to Others.



**Our Pinelands Girls Swimming Relay Team second place getters.**

**Our Pinelands Boys Swimming Relay Team winners**



**Our Waikato Full Primary Schools swimming team**  
*Estahn, River, Kyran, Putauaki, Chevylee, Indykah, Aotearoa, Pania*



What a fantastic day the Year 5/6 rugby league team had at the Taupō Schools Rugby League Festival on Monday. We finished up 3rd overall and to top it off we also won the sportsmanship and fair play award. Tu meke tamariki ma!!



**Water Play**  
Curriculum Area: Science (Level 3)  
Investigating in science

Students will:  
Build on prior experiences, working together to share and examine their own and others' knowledge.

- Key Competencies
- Thinking
  - Relating to others
  - Managing self
  - Participating and contributing





**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...**

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

**How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?**

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

**If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!**



## Term 2 2023 dates of interest



Please keep up an eye on our communication platforms Classdojo, Facebook & Skool Loop for any change of dates or cancellations.  
More dates for 2023 will be added once they are confirmed.

Days/ Weeks	Monday Rahina	Tuesday Ratu	Wednesday Raapa	Thursday Rapare	Friday Ramere
One	24/04 <b>Teacher Only Day</b>	25/04 <b>ANZAC DAY</b>	26/04 Karakia  <i>Newsletter #1 T2 2023</i>	27/04 Karakia Tech Y7&8	28/04 Assembly KiwiCan
Two	01/05 Karakia Guitar Lessons	02/05 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons Bible in Schools	03/05 Karakia Enviro team—Land fill visit Taupo <b>School Disco</b>	04/05 Karakia Tech Y7&8 <b>School Disco</b>	05/05 Assembly / KiwiCan <b>Pedal Safe Grade 2 year 6 Taupo.</b>
Three	08/05 Karakia Guitar Lessons	09/05 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons  <b>Photo orders due in.</b>	10/05 Karakia  <b>Taupo T-ball</b> <i>Newsletter #2 T2 2023</i>	11/05 Karakia Tech Y7&8	12/05 Assembly KiwiCan
Four	15/05 Karakia Guitar Lessons	16/05 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons <b>BoT meeting</b>	17/05 Karakia	18/05 Karakia Tech Y7&8	19/05 Assembly KiwiCan
Five	22/05 Karakia Guitar Lessons	23/05 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons	24/05 Karakia	25/05 Karakia Tech Y7&8	26/05 KiwiCan <b>Pinelands Winter Sports (PWS)</b>
Six	29/05 Karakia Guitar Lessons <b>PWS postponement day</b>	30/05 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons Bible in Schools	31/05 Karakia <b>Kiwi Sport Golf</b>	01/06 Karakia Tech Y7&8	02/06 Assembly KiwiCan
Seven	05/06 Karakia Guitar Lessons	06/06 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons	07/06 Karakia <b>Tackle 5s Turangi</b>	08/06 Karakia Tech Y7&8	09/06 Assembly KiwiCan
Eight	12/06 Karakia Guitar Lessons	13/06 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons	14/06 Karakia <b>Pinelands Speeches</b>	15/06 Karakia Tech Y7&8	16/06 Assembly KiwiCan <b>Pinelands Folk dance</b>
Nine	19/06 Karakia Guitar Lessons	20/06 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons <b>BoT meeting</b>	21/06 Karakia <b>Taupo inter-schools swimming</b>	22/06 Karakia Tech Y7&8 <b>Community Shared Dinner (Hangi) TBC</b>	23/06 Assembly KiwiCan
Ten	26/06 Karakia Guitar Lessons	27/06 Kapa haka Guitar Lessons Bible in Schools	28/06 Karakia <b>Taupo Orienteering</b>	29/06 Karakia Tech Y7&8 <b>Year 7-8 Winter ball (Marotiri)</b>	30/06 Assembly KiwiCan