

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week, we have had a number of illnesses among our staff and students. Staying well helps everyone to be at their best and ready to learn. While regular attendance is important, we understand that we all become unwell from time to time. If your child is going to be away, please contact the kura and let us know.

If we have not heard from you, our attendance follow-up process is:

- *Whaea Jess will give you a call.*
- *Whaea Ottyleah will follow up if we are still unable to make contact.*
- *If we are concerned about ongoing attendance, a letter may be sent home.*
- *We may arrange a hui to discuss how we can support your child to attend regularly.*
- *Referrals to outside organisations are made only when necessary.*

You can find further information in our Attendance Management Plan on the school website.

A reminder that kura runs from 8.20am to 2.30pm. Arriving on time protects valuable learning time and helps students begin the day settled and ready to learn. If your whānau is experiencing any barriers to getting your tamaiti to kura on time, please reach out to Whaea Ottyleah for a kōrero. We are here to help.

Last weekend, some of our AMAZING students performed at the Paisley. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and achievements. A huge thank you to Matua Mark for the time, energy and support he has invested in our students.

On Monday morning, we will hold a special assembly featuring NED's Resiliency Ride. The assembly will share three important messages:

- *Never give up*
- *Encourage others*
- *Do your best!*

This week, we have also celebrated Cook Islands Language Week. It has been wonderful to recognise and celebrate the diverse community we serve. Our classes have enjoyed learning about and celebrating this special culture.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Pasifika parents who have generously volunteered their time to tutor and prepare our students for the upcoming Polyfest. We truly appreciate your knowledge, commitment and support—our students are fortunate to have you sharing this journey with them.

Finally, a reminder that Friday 14 August is a Teacher Only Day. Thank you for supporting our staff as they take part in valuable professional learning and development.

Cook Island Language Week

Our tamariki have been celebrating Cook Island Language week. Meitaki ma'ata to our Cook Island tamariki for sharing their culture and teaching songs and dance



"Me kite koe i te tuatua i to'ou reo tupuna, e turanga rangatira tena nō'ou no te uki amuri atu" – With our language as our foundation, we will embrace the future.



Upcoming Events

- NED show: Monday 10 August
- Teacher Only Day: Friday 14 August