



EMPOWERING OUR CHILDREN TO SUCCEED IN AN EVER CHANGING WORLD
 Hei whakakaha i ngā tamariki kia whaimana i roto i tēnei ao huri noa



Horoeka Hub

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Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai

RESPECT Whakaute
OUR VALUES
RESPONSIBILITY Takohanga
RESILIENCE Manawaroa
INTEGRITY Ngākau Pono

OUR GUIDING WHAKATAUKI – Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai – Nurture the seed and it will blossom.

Kia Ora,

What a busy start to the term we have had! A huge welcome to all our new families joining us this term. We have also had a new farmer join our team in the Pumpkin Patch. Farmer Fi (Fiona) is now working in Room 9 and we are very fortunate to have her experience and support.



Over the coming term we will be thinking about the world around us and what we notice, just like a scientist! We have already enjoyed the change of season and playing in the leaves. We will also be thinking about what makes us feel happy and safe, what we appreciate and how we can help others.

If you have any questions, concerns or information to share regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

ANZAC Day:

We had a wonderful time sharing the importance of ANZAC day in our classrooms. As always, the children responded with all of their Tawhai Values as they listened to the stories and showed their respect and appreciation of such an important part of our New Zealand/Aotearoa history. Thank you to Mrs Poole and the Cultural Rangatira's for organising our celebration under the canopy.



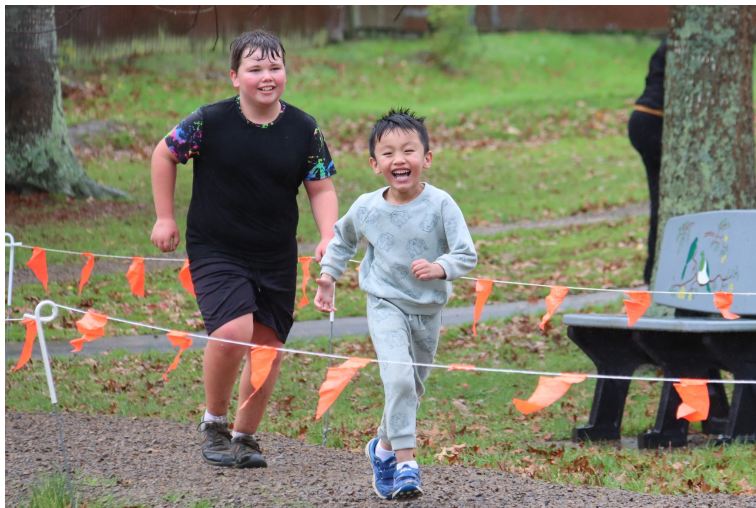
Mihi Whakatau:

We welcomed our new whanau and staff under our canopy. We were very fortunate to have such lovely weather and it was very pleasing to see all our tamariki participating in our school Mihi Whakatau so confidently. Thank you to all of the whanau who participated and supported us on the day, and of course to all of our tamariki.



Cross Country:

Wow! What a rollercoaster of an event cross country was this year. We certainly had a taste of participating in a winter sport - which apparently cross country is! A huge thank you to Mr McGarry and his Rangatira leaders for organising and supporting our hub. Thank you to all of our whanau who could come along and cheered from the sidelines. Also, thank you to whanau who could not attend but supported this event by being so positive and preparing their children for the race (especially by providing a change of clothes on the day). Finally, well done to everyone who ran their little hearts out. A special mention goes to the children who placed in the top 3 of their race. We saw many future interschool runners out there today. We are so proud of you all!



Communication:

Thank you to all of the whanau who are reading and commenting on the goal updates we are posting. Please keep checking your Educa account for information regarding **your child's learning**. These updates are an opportunity for you to see how much your child has progressed and how you can continue to support them at home. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions about their learning.

Weather: We are very fortunate to have such beautiful park-like surroundings and we like to get our children out and about enjoying nature as much as possible. Please provide a full **change of clothes in your child's bag**, as Kelly does not have enough spare clothes in the office.



Guided Reading Books: It is always so lovely to share books with your child and see how happy and proud they are to take them home. These books cost a substantial amount of money and it is really important we teach our children to respect books. Please ensure that they **bring back** any Tawhai Reading books that they take home the next day. Children need to have a **bookbag** in order to take books home.

Upcoming Events:

Please keep checking in with Educa, this is where we will post information to you.

Term Dates:

- **Friday 19th May - Pink Shirt Day (Dress in Pink)**
- **5th June - King's Birthday**
- **29th June - Matariki and celebration of learning (more info to come)**
- **30th June - Last day of Term 2**

Curriculum Coverage:

Key competencies/6 C's: are the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future. This term we will be focusing on **Citizenship - I am starting to explore and develop interest in local and global issues.**

Inquiry Unit: This term we are continuing to explore our **whakatauki** for the year: **Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai - Nurture the seed and it will blossom.** We will be supporting tamariki to grow their **knowledge** by **exploring, innovating** and **building.** We will be investigating science concepts around the **living world.**

PB4L/Self Regulation: We will continue to support children to identify how they are feeling, are their **"engines" high, just right, low?** How can they change their emotions to suit the environment they are in? All emotions are ok, however we need to understand the best way to express them and the impact they have on ourselves and others. Please contact your classroom teacher if you would like more information regarding our Self Regulation Programme.

Literacy: We will be continuing to explore literacy each day in the classroom. Please encourage and support your child's learning by **reading and writing** with them, listening to them read, and encouraging them to share their ideas (by talking, drawing and/or writing). Your child should be bringing home a reading book most nights and some sight words to learn (reading and or spelling).

Numeracy: Numeracy is another daily focus in our classroom. Children are supported to understand Mathematical concepts and strategies. Where possible we try to make the **connection to Mathematics in everyday life.** Please support your child at home to increase their knowledge and skill by counting with them, cooking with them, and discussing word problems with them. Some students have Mathletics activities to support their learning.

Some important reminders:

- **Arrival at school:** The ideal time for your child to be at school is between 8:30am and 8:45am Teachers are not required to be in their classrooms until 8:30am, prior to that they may be touching base with colleagues, in meetings or getting themselves organised for the day. If you need to send your child to school earlier, please contact Kelly Club for supervised care - Vanessa Chatfield, Mobile: 0274 185131
- **After school:** School finishes at 3.00pm. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you need to discuss after school arrangements.
- **Messages for your children:** Please ensure your child knows in advance about after school arrangements. Obviously there will be times when you need to get an urgent message through to your child, but I am sure you can understand how difficult it can be for Kelly to field and follow up the many phone calls she gets at the end of the day.

Keeping in Touch

Please remember that your child's classroom teacher is always happy to talk with you about your child and to support you at home. Please contact your child's teacher about the best time to communicate. If you send an email, please be aware that it may not be answered during the day or after 5pm.

Kind Regards,

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