

Newsletter Term 1

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PĀUATAHANUI
SCHOOL
Term Dates 2024

Term 1
Tue 30 Jan – Fri 12 Apr
Term 2
Mon 29 April – Fri 5 Jul
Term 3
Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep
Term 4
Mon 14 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

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Friday 12 April 2024

Kia ora e te whānau.

Term 1 - that's a wrap:

Here we are at the last day of the term. We would have preferred the weather to be better, but to be honest it's quite nice finally getting some decent rain.

As is always the case it has been a pretty busy term. Some of my highlights have been:

- Our school picnic in February was a great way to reconnect after the summer break
- Pōwhiri where some of our senior students had the opportunity to karanga and whaikōrero for the first time.
- We were lucky enough to be joined by the mayor, Anita Baker to launch Movin' March where a huge group of students, whānau and staff walked to school from Navigation Drive
- Whānau/teacher meetings were a great opportunity to establish positive relationships between home and school and to set some goals.
- Raukawa and Whitireia's stream monitoring project. It is always great when our students can get out into the local community.
- Junior athletics, where lots of our talented athletes got to show off their skills.
- The Futsal tournament that some of our year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students participated in at the arena.
- The Parumoana End Zone tournament that some of our Raukawa and Whitireia students participated in.

Thank you:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who; came along to the picnic, booked a time to meet with a teacher, helped at a sports event or trip, came along to junior athletics. Without your help and support these events wouldn't be as successful as they were.

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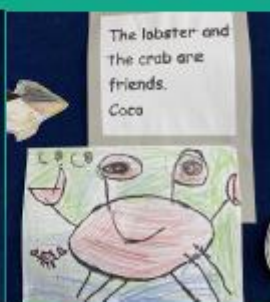
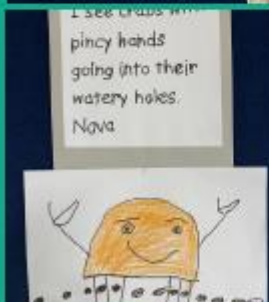
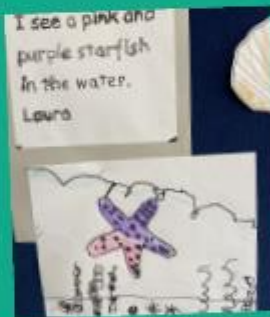
- Mark Turner who did an amazing job trimming lots of the trees around the school
- Tania Ossont who has cooked delicious sausages for the masses each Friday
- The great team who are doing an awesome job of organising the fundraising opportunities

I hope everyone has a good break and we look forward to seeing everyone in term 2. Stay safe and take care.

Ngā mihi
Caine Webster - Principal
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Kawhia Scientists

As budding young scientists we have been learning to make observational drawings of the inlet and the creatures we have seen. We have also been writing great explanations and descriptions. Here is some of our excellent mahi.



Tainui Hub Dioramas

Over the last few weeks, Tainui Hub has enjoyed learning about estuaries and the animals that inhabit them. This week, we created dioramas to showcase what we have learned. We began by outlining key features, identifying necessary materials, and designing our dioramas. We had a lot of fun creating and building them. Thank you to all the parents for taking the time to come in and lend a hand with our dioramas.







Raukawa and Whitireia

Investigating the Quality of Water...

What a busy second half of the term it has been as students in the senior school have been looking into the quality of water. We've read about water, wetlands, and the water cycle.

We've done science experiments looking into the what is soluble and insoluble. We added coloured water to bottles and jars, then filled them with different quantities of water to make different notes. We found high and low notes.





The Pāuatahanui Inlet (before) 😊

As part of our water quality unit Rooms 7 and 8 researched the different wildlife in the Pāuatahanui Inlet. Everybody worked together to create a beautiful mural of the inlet, filled with interesting facts!

BUT...this week we discovered our mural of the inlet has been polluted! The water has been contaminated with sediment, litter, and other problems! We're now on a mission to build fences, add more plants to hold back the soil, and restore the water to it's former glory so the wildlife can return!



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