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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau
Kia Ora,

Thack's Thought: *Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.*

Trivia: *Your mouth produces about 40,000 litres of saliva in a lifetime.*

This Week's School Value

CO-OPERATION – Co-operating with teachers, parents and other children.

MAHI NGĀTAHI – Mahi ngātahi i waenga i ngā kaiako, nga mātua, me ngā tamariki.

Whakatauki (Proverb)

Nāku te rourou, Nāu te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

With your basket of knowledge and my basket of knowledge the people will prosper.

Recommended Children's Book

Charlotte's Web by E B White

Recommended Adult's Book

Sail by James Patterson

A Song You Should Listen To

The Afterlife by Paul Simon.

Parent Tip – Look at ways to teach maths to tamariki while baking, shopping, playing games or talking about money. Budgeting is a major life skill that uses so much math.

Tamariki Tip – Help yourself get back in the groove of school by getting plenty of sleep, eating well, drinking heaps of water and being punctual. Being positive because first impressions count.

Mr T's Mini-Study Challenge:

JELLYFISH

Champion Class – The Tinfoil Tiger

Mr T's Chance Card Draw –

Jhett Bartlett from The Tinfoil Tiger.



Merit Awards 09/02/2024

The Bees Knees - Matekahi

Morgan - for a great start to school life and working hard in the Bees Knees!. Tino pai Matekahi!

The Orange Orange - Aaron

Manga - for being a good role model and making good choices.

The Magic Morepork - Horomanga

Amuketi-Williams - for the way you have started the year. You are showing diligence and a willingness to give everything a go. You are a true Morepork.

The Custard Square - Louca Taha-

Williams - for fabulous focus and effort you have put into your mahi this week and last! Miharo!

The Dizzy Dragon - Hartley Jerome - for settling into the Dizzy Dragon quickly, consistently working hard and showing maturity. I am lucky to have you in my class this year.

The Tinfoil Tiger - Kruze Woollett - for having a fabulous start to the year and standing out for all the right reasons!

Te Hikoi Roa - Marnie-Rae Matthews-

Hilaire - for your kind, helpful nature that you have shown yourself to be. You are a treasured member of our class.

The Wise Weka - Amelia McQuinn - for her lovely demeanour and the fantastic start she has made in The Wise Weka and the Kākāpō team!

The Wonky Donkey - Mia-Jade

Matthews-Hilaire - for showing outstanding initiative, asking the right questions, using immaculate manners and being donkeymazing.

The Golden Goose - Jaime Gubb - for your absolutely golden start to the new year! A top role model on the road to success, ano te pai!

The Silver Crown - Shyah Paekau - for Having an amazing start to the year. You are such a helpful and caring young man.

He Wahine Kaha - Hine Tai-Rakena - for the diligence, manners and 100% effort you have put into your mahi this week. An excellent start to the year!

The Changing Room - Brodie Hill-Liddle

- for an impressive start to the year. Always willing to help classmates, showing kindness and consideration for others. Impressive stuff!

Mrs Arnott - Turner Tawha - for being an excellent role model to other students in the Orange Orange this week. Trying your best and concentrating for a long time. Keep it up Turner.

Miss Hooker - Kayla Bowler - for the maturity, diligence, kindness and leadership you are already displaying as a Year 8. Tino pai!

Mr T's - Wanakore Herangi - for being so very impressive. Showing maturity, thoughtfulness, care for others and taking all the opportunities on offer. Fine role modelling and exciting leadership potential. I give thanks.

Councillor Comment

Kia ora boys, girls and citizens of Ngāruawāhia.

Term 1 has started well!

Well done to all the students who participated in the inter-house swimming relays this week. Congratulations to Kauri for winning the relays yesterday!

Now that you're all back at school, make sure you're getting enough sleep so that you have enough energy.

We wish the councillors well for assembly tomorrow as it will be their first ever time to run it.

Don't forget to bring your hat to school each day as you must be wearing it during the breaks.

Well, that's all from me.

Ka kite anō.

Kayla Bowler

Welcome

We welcome four new students to our weird and wonderful world this week.

They are:

Pine'apple Rawiri-Lloyd joins Miss Kington and the amazing workers The Tinfoil Tiger.

Ambah-Rose Foster joins Whaea Jess and the excellent team of learners in The Silver Crown.

Dakura-Leigh Brown, Cleo Llewellyn and Diane Rawiri-Lloyd - join Whaea Priya and the wonderful young ladies in He Wahine Kaha.

House Leaders

Our Year 4 - 8 tamariki had their first House Meetings last week, with the main item on the agenda to elect their leaders for the term.

Successful candidates were:

	Captains	Deputies
Kauri	Kayla Bowler	Myah Nepia
	Cyden Kalonihea-Talitua	Issac Harris
Nīkau	Harper David-McBeth	Manaia Davis
	Jayden Waters	Shyah Paekau
Rimu	Kiana Beckett	Mia-Rose Wills
	Terutene Perese-Roberts	Charlie Morgan-Litt
Tōtara	Hine Tai-Rakena	Tegan Tolchard
	Layton Taha-Williams	Kamira Haggie-Heremia

Swimming relays, Karetu Tag and Swimming Sports are on the programme this term. We wish them well.

Nīkau finished last year strongly winning 4 of the six contests in the fourth term to win the House Shield for the fifth time since its inception in 2003.

For those of you who are ex-students, I know you'll be interested in the history of winners.

So, **Kauri** - '04, '05, '22

Nīkau - '09, '14, '16, '17, '23

Rimu - '08, '10, '11, '18, '20

Tōtara - '03, '06, '07, '10, '12, '13, '15, '19, '20, '21

Councillors

It was certainly heartening to have 25 of our Year 8's apply to be a School Councillor this term. The interview process was fabulous, with so many of them wanting to take on new challenges and give something back. We love hearing that.

We would love to appoint all 25, but logistically it can't happen.

So, the successful applicants were:

Kayla Bowler, Kiana Beckett, Faith Burgess, Eden Gilgen, Harper David-McBeth, Tegan Tolchard, Sunnie Aspinall, Hine Tai-Rakena, Eilidh Doyle, Mia-Rose Wills, Dion Barakat, Joseph Tongotea,

**Wanakore Herangi, Te Hihi Matenga,
Layton Taha-Williams, Brodie Hill-Liddle,
Issac Harris, Lycan Moana-Greenland,
AJ Morley.**

These seniors play a crucial role in helping us to make our kura a special place.

Their job description entails:

- *Lead by example, as best I can, in and out of the classroom.*
- *Attend weekly meetings.*
- *Liaise regularly with my designated class and teacher.*
- *Contribute to our school newsletter.*
- *To help run the breakfast club.*
- *Be in my designated class during wet breaks.*
- *Act as a school advisor.*
- *Help run our school assembly.*
- *Develop my skills as a leader and a public speaker.*
- *Assist the staff in any way I can in the operation of our school.*
- *Exhibit care for our school, its pupils, and our environment.*

We wish them well.

Kōkapa

The Tūrangawaewae Regatta is fast approaching and tamariki are beginning to train for their opportunity to gain glory on the Waikato River. This year, Waipa Primary School students have taken up the challenge once more. We are entering four eager teams with four paddlers and a steerer in each. Year 5 and 6 tama, Year 5 and 6 kōtiro, Year 7 and 8 tama and Year 7 and 8 kōtiro.

Teams will begin practises on the awa at Tūrangawaewae under the guidance of Waki Simon and Rangimarie Morgan after school from Monday 19th February. Tamariki will be transported straight from school to Tūrangawaewae but require collecting after practice by whānau at 4.30 – 5.30pm.

The Year 7 and 8 teams train on Monday and Wednesday and the Year 5 and 6 teams train on Tuesday and Thursday. Thank you to

those of you who have offered to support our tamariki by offering supervision or transport.

Also, the organisers have kindly offered further assistance to those that wish to be steerers by holding a steering clinic on Saturday 17th February from 9am until 11.30am. Whānau are welcome to attend or simply transport their tamariki to and from Tūrangawaewae. I had the pleasure of watching the first clinic last weekend and it looked like a lot of fun.

The Tūrangawaewae Regatta will be held on Friday 17th March for our tamariki with the main Regatta the following Saturday. All are welcome to attend and celebrate our culture, history and continued relationship with the Waikato River.

He piko, He taniwha!
Waikato Taniwha Rau!

Ngā mihi
Matua TeWaaka

Study Clubs

Available for students Year 3 - 8 and operate Monday - Thursday, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

If your child would like to be part of this group please complete the form.

Enrolments for this term close tomorrow, Friday 16th February.

Yes, I would like _____

from Room _____ to be part of the Study Clubs this term.

Signed: _____

Stay Happy
Steve

Numbers of Interest

<p>117</p> <p>Life Members of our Juggling Club.</p>	<p>61</p> <p>Life Members of our Unicycle Club.</p>	<p>43</p> <p>Life Members of our Stilt Walking Club.</p>
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