

Te Kura o Taitoko ki Te Tokerau

Ko Rāpare, rua tekau mā iwa o Mahuru : Thursday 29 September 2022

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Camp week has finally arrived!

Well camp week has finally arrived for our kids! Months of anticipation, fundraising, worrying and planning have reached THE EXPERIENCE.

Yesterday I went down for the day to join them for their first taste and to be honest, I had forgotten how much the kids change in a different environment ... and without exception - this is for the better! Cabins were located, beds made, kids rushed from cabin to cabin to see whose was the tidiest (weird I know), first stashes of lollies were opened and confiscated (:-) and everyone shouted, slammed doors and talked all at the same time - until camp mother had a word!

Seriously though, the kids find manners they normally never have and support each other in the kindest of ways - even our most challenging little people seem to have personality transplants. Makes you think doesn't it.... Is school the right place for everyone - anyway enough about that!

As we won't have another newsletter this term, a HUGE shout out must go to Anna (Camp mother), David (he who is in charge of morning runs) and Karen (she who is in charge of homesick kids) who have put in HUGE hours (and heaps of stress) to make sure this happens. Particularly Anna who bears the weight of responsibility for the experience.

To all of you who baked, bought pizzas, somehow found the money for your own and in some cases other children, counted endless piles of money, listened to Anna panicking,



supported kids through the worried tears and generally just helped out where you could - thank you, thank you, thank you!

I can assure you that when your kids come home they will come with memories of a lifetime.

Mr Malcolm on the water slide... breaking the ice at the pool...



Mayson getting ready, Itsuki at the top, Skylar on the way to the top. Lots of nervous giggling beforehand but look at this!



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Kotahitanga, We own what we do, we have a sense of being together , we belong,
Manawanuitanga:Determination to do our best and never give up

In other news - is there any to compare?

We have just had our first completed ERO review in five years! It was quite a different model and the evaluator as they are now called (Nikki) meets with us and we talk about and provide evidence of a heap of things around how our school functions. They look at things such as:

- Learner progress and achievement - how are our kids going?
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi - how well do we honour this document?
- Inclusive Learning Climate - how well do we include ALL kids
- Wellbeing and Safety - are our kids safe?
- Responsive Curriculum Planning - do we move with the times and meet the needs of learners
- Effective Teaching
- Leadership and Capability - how effective are our leaders?
- Partnerships - how well do we work with others?
- Stewardship - how is our Board going?
- Evaluation for Improvement - how well do we know what it is we need to work on?

The final report (which will be on our website shortly), indicates what we are working on as a school and how the evaluator will work with us. It would be fair to say that in most of the areas above, the evaluator found our practices to be outstanding, which means (using ERO speak) that we are continuously trying to improve what we do and have a relentless focus on helping kids to be successful no matter what their circumstances or experiences. YEEHA!!!! - THANKS TEAM!

Girls Futsal



Last week some of our girls attended a Futsal tournament in Palmerston North. Our Year 4 and 5 girls played seven games and won all seven. Our Year 5/6 team played in the Year 6/7/8 grade and had close games and won 1 game out of 5. Only two of the 21 players had ever played football before, and none had played futsal. It was an amazing effort by the girls' teams to be competitive. Thanks to David Malcolm and Dean Armstrong.

Music lessons...

Rawiri Wehipeihana (Otaki music) will be taking music lessons at North next term. Hamish will continue with his drumming and ukulele groups on a Wednesday and Rawiri will be offering lessons in guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals on a Monday at \$10.00 per session per child - lessons will be in pairs or small groups. Please let our office know if you would like your child to take part!



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Lastly....

Kia pai to Harere - have a great holiday and we will see you all
back for Term 4 on
Monday 17 October.