

Te Kura o Taitoko ki Te Tokerau

Ko Rāpare, tua toru o **Whiringa-ā-rangi** : Thursday 3 November 2022

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Jandal Jam 2022

This group of nearly 80 akonga from our kura performed at Jandal Jam week before last. They were amazing and there is a short video of them on our Facebook page (FYI) should any whānau have missed the performance. They really did represent our approach to everything so well - all ages and capabilities were accepted and valued for who they were and what they could do! They brought tears to many eyes!

A **special thanks must go to Whaea Sarah and MeganMckenzie** (Kenzie to her kids) who worked tirelessly to make sure this could happen. They bought fabric, organised sewers and held endless practices. We performed Le Aute and did a Sasa (dance) which was **led by Merenia (also well done!)** Thanks to **Matua Livi from Taitoko School** who came to teach us the Sasa.

Thanks also to the 'sewers' who came in the weekend to help make the costumes!

Without teachers who go above and beyond what is 'traditional' classroom teaching (such as many of those in our school) and parents to support us, this opportunity for our learners would never have happened.



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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

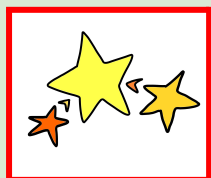
Yet more generosity!



Thank you to Fleur's grandmother, Robyn Turner from Wellington, who donated beautiful reading books for our school library after the recent holidays - our kids are very lucky to have people such as this who are so willing to support the literacy learning journey.

AND another thank you to other whānau, extended whānau and people who have been or are connected with our school, who quietly donated extra money so that all our kids could attend camp. The great news is that we managed to pay for it all and I know the kids had an awesome time as did those who helped. BUT the extra putea was invaluable!

Congratulations to our school Rugby Team



Massive congratulations to our Levin North School Rugby Team who recently won the Horowhenua area Rugby Trophy (Levin Primary Schools Rugby Challenge). This is the first time we have won it since 2012 and interestingly, it has only ever been won by Levin East or Levin North!

The team really did train hard and given that we have had pretty much two years break in any rugby get togethers at school AND very few actual experienced players, this achievement was nothing short of outstanding!
ALL the kids played as a team - Yippee (from Anna)



More sports news...



Twilight soccer and Waterpolo have both started. Aside from the few first game glitches, things have started off pretty smoothly and we are looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled 'covid-free' season. Thanks to all of the whānau who are supporting their children and our school.

Our interschool cross country team headed off today to Poroutawhao to race. Update on how we went to follow!

Te Ahurei

Tomorrow the Kapa Haka Festival is on at Waiopahu College. Most of you will have seen a notification about this on Facebook already. We have nearly 80 kids going and we are performing at approximately 11.00 am for about 8 minutes!

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Buses will pick all of our kids up from school at 10.00 am and return them at 1.00 pm. YOU are very welcome to come and support our ropu who have been practicing so hard!

We would ask that girls have their hair tied back and boys wear black shorts if they have them - if not we have some at school. The kids will be getting ready in Room 11 with Whaea Sally and Megan McKenzie - anyone who would like to help is also welcome to come along and wield a hair brush! I will be at the powhiri with our leaders.

MIHI AROHA to Whaea Sherry and Silena from Muaūpoko who have been our kaiako - it has been our privilege to have them at our kura.



Keeping Ourselves Safe: For your information.

This term we are teaching a programme known as 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. As a school we are required (by law) to teach this every two years as part of a wider education approach to keeping your kids safe from harm across a range of situations. These days it also focuses on being safe in a cyber world.

Next week we will begin the biannual Keeping Ourselves Safe programme, with the support of Constable Terry from NZ Police. We have included a number of links below; click on these if you are interested and want to know more. If you would like even more detail please see Emma Hansen in Room 12.

Here is a link to a whānau Information Video we recommend you watch - [KOS Programme v1 - YouTube](#)

This is the link to the website, if you'd like to check out more information about the programme <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/personal-community-safety/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/kos>

Here is the link to the year 0-3 Programme teachers will be delivering <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/junior-primary>

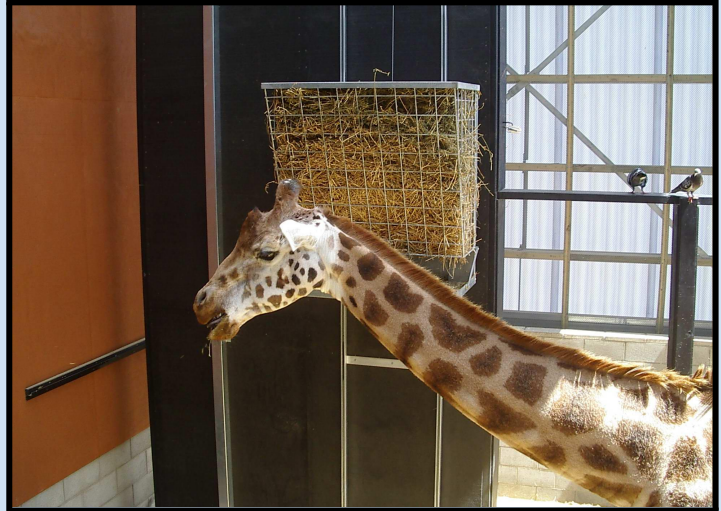
Here is the link to the year 4-6 Programme teachers will be delivering <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/middle-primary>

BIG NEWS

To have an end of year event for everyone to remember, we have managed to secure a day at the Zoo for ALL our kids. Yes we are going to take 6 buses and helpers (of course) and spend the day in Wellington.

Given the upheaval of the last couple of years, our Board has

been very supportive in approving this event.



We have booked Friday 9 December and while our kids don't know it yet - they will now!!!!

The cost to make sure this will happen is the grand total of \$8000 (approx \$32.00 per child) BUT THERE WILL BE NO charge for this event. IF your family or friends or your family can afford a koha towards this, that would be great, BUT no child will miss out if a whānau can't pay. If you would like to contribute something, please pay online - headed - ZOO 2022- or come into the office. PLEASE don't worry if you can't afford this - it is our Xmas present to you all!!!!

Isn't it nice to have an entire newsletter of GOOD news!