

Te Kura o Taitoko ki Te Tokerau

Ko Rāpare, tuatahi o Haratua : Thursday 1 December 2022

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Looking back over 2022

What another eventful year we have had not only in our own school but of course across the country and the world... but let's stick to what has happened here!

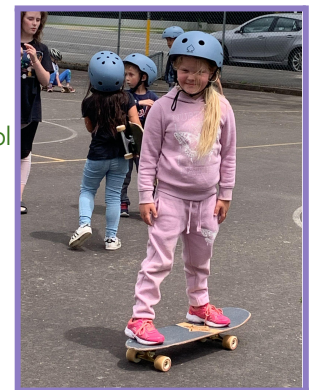
- Most of our school has been painted - with the purple still causing controversy!
- We have had our board elections and welcomed some new faces.
- We have enrolled nearly 70 new kids to our school.
- I have had my sabbatical and Mr P did a great job!
- We have joined Manaiakalani and are on a Learn Create Share kaupapa.
- We have had our ERO partner start work with us - and we have had some pretty glowing feedback.
- We have survived Covid and our kids are happy and achieving as I have never seen them achieve.
- We have had 80 kids perform at Jandal Jam, Showquest and the Kapa Haka festival - and a different 80 (ish) each time!
- Attended numerous sporting events - won the Rugby Cup for this area, came third overall in cross country and introduced skateboarding hard out!

None of this could happen without the teachers who ALL ROCK!



And in 2023...

- We will be welcoming a new caretaker to our school as our wonderful Deano is moving on to other things and the 'other' Dean will be a full time teacher aide. Nick Webb will start at the end of January.
- Mr Clark will complete Reading Recovery training and take Epro8 and science and technology across the school most afternoons.
- We will have a 'New Zealand Creative' working in our school in Terms 2 and 3. Wendy Hodder (the creative) will work with our kids on our art project called 'Values outside the box' - who knows what this will look like around our school - how exciting!
- We will be in our second year of Manaiakalani kaupapa!
- We will all improve our Te Reo with the help of Muaūpoko.
- Doing heaps more skateboarding; trying new 'sports' like Kiorahi and Lawn Bowls.



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Thanks to those of you who have remembered the **sports uniforms, LIBRARY books and junior readers** - please keep returning them to school as they are VERY expensive to replace! If they don't come back we can't afford other things!

Powhiri for 2023

We are working with Muaūpoko to organise our powhiri for new whanau and tamariki for 2023 which will be on Wednesday 1 February. We will confirm the time in the days leading up to school starting through HERO and Facebook.

From the kids.... What have you enjoyed in 2022... (just to prove we also do LOTS of academic stuff!)

"I love coming to school to look for bugs and do some writing. I like playing with my friend Kana-Lee and we are good at hanging on the bars." Eva, Room 13



I enjoyed exploring Geography and learning new things - Cruz

I have enjoyed learning about square roots, percentages and having the best teacher in the school - Ben

I have enjoyed learning about pronouns, adjectives and nouns - Braxton

Zoo talk from Room 6....

If we are called Kiwis, are Australians called Kangaroos?

Not really, they're mostly called Aussies

Then why aren't we called NZ'ies?

Hahaha, Nolan



A Celebration of Learning posts will be available through HERO on Monday 12 December. Many teachers are hoping to use some of the photos from our school zoo trip in their posts!

Thank you, thank you, thank you

A HUGE thank you to the following parents of tamariki who have helped out in so many ways over the year. Your help has meant that our library was open at lunchtime every day for kids, our Kapa Haka and Jandal Jam groups looked amazing (costume sewing and hair and makeup), our sports teams could compete in inter-school events and our kids could go to camp. The old saying that NZ runs on the goodwill of volunteers is not far from the truth!

Thanks Merle, Jhyslle, Caron-Lee, Ruatahi, Chelsea, Alanah, Kevin, Jo, Kilifi, Katrina, Jamie, Toni, Ray, Lance, Leyton, Deborah, Lester, Karina, Jennifer and Grant, Leah, Cynthia, Penny, Renee, Geena, Claire, Mike and to those who may not be listed here, but have helped in many ways.

You are ALL welcome to attend the morning tea next Tuesday - our way of saying thanks!

A BIG Thank you to parents who offered their help for our Zoo trip next Friday. Those parents who are going on the trip have been contacted via Hero. Just a reminder that if your child's permission slip has not yet been returned, please complete and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Important Dates

- **Friday 9 December:** Zoo trip 9.00 am depart and approx 4.00 pm return
- **Tuesday 6 December:** Volunteer/Parent Helpers 'Thankyou' morning tea 10.30 am

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- **Wednesday 14 December:** Year 6 Assembly and Prize Giving 1.30 pm school hall; all welcome
- **Wednesday 14 December:** Year 6 Dinner at Cobb 'n' Co 5.00 pm and DISCO school hall 6.30 pm
- **Thursday 15 December: 12:00 pm School finishes for the year**
- **Wednesday 1 February 2023: Start of new school year (Term 1)**

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