

Facebook

Website (New One Coming Soon!)

Hero

Rāpare 29 O Pepuere

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.

Seek the treasure you value most dearly. If you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

As the year starts to settle and children become accustomed to their teachers, their classmates and the classroom programme, we as a school strive to introduce certain values (taonga) in both the classroom setting and across the whole school. One of these values is “Whanaungatanga” which aims to create a family - like context within the classroom. This also includes setting high expectations as well as creating and managing culturally appropriate and responsive contexts for learning. It has been shown that there is a direct correlation between whanaungatanga and effective teaching and learning. This is more than just having good relationships as it also relies on teacher knowledge and practice. Where there are high levels of relationship skills, there are high levels of engagement with our students. The importance and value focussing on whanaungatanga is therefore an excellent way to start our year.



We wait beside the pool then, because it is a LEAP YEAR.....we LEAP in!



Last week saw the arrival of the Peace Run team (above) who brought with them some secondary school runners, a wonderful banner and most importantly, the peace flame.

Our children learned about the concept of peace and how people can be brought together across the globe through the simple activity of running.

Nā te waewae i kimi! - Look, the seeking feet!

Sports

Netball information is coming out this week. If children are keen to learn and play keep an eye on Facebook and HERO

Reminders

Unfortunately we have had an outbreak of headlice and ask that you check your child's hair regularly. We have a supply of shampoo at school; come in and ask for some at the office. It's free.

Please can you ensure your child has a sunhat. Each class has sunscreen but hats are also necessary as there are still some very hot and potentially damaging sun rays even as we head towards the end of summer.

Our staff never stop learning....even during their breaks. Here one of our Teacher Aides - Dean - is learning to use Te Reo based on questions (patai) about the house (whare). By leaving these resources in the staffroom ALL staff have the chance to engage and refresh their new learnings.



Manaakitanga: *We value ourselves, others and the environment,*
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*