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2024 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Along with today's newsletter you will receive a copy of the 2024 Annual Report to the Community. This is a brief summary of the school's progress and achievements for 2024. Our achievements and needs set the direction for 2025. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions that you would like to share, we welcome your feedback. Please feel free to communicate with the principal, Jan Donaldson, the presiding member of the Board, Stacey Morunga, or any of our Board members or staff.

SCHOOL WHĀNAU LEADERS

Congratulations to all our teacher and student whānau leaders. We are planning to hold whānau challenge tabloid sports on Thursday starting at 11.30am (weather dependent). Parents are welcome to come along and support the activities.

Kaipara



Back: Avani, Whaea Emma, Mikala, Jerra (tech)
Front: Uria, Leonardo

Waitemata



Back: Risha, Esther
Front: Lezane, Miss Moate, Te Whiu
Absent: Azelar (tech)

Manukau



Back: Sam, Miss Sooula, Knickson Front: Angeline, Mia Absent: Ayden (tech)

Hokianga



Eljay, Temeinga, Mrs Singh, Faaeteete, Shikha (tech), Esilovina Absent: Adrian (tech)

HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Thanks to all the parents and students who attended our Home School Conferences last week. It was great to discuss learning goals and progress to date with you. Remember, you can contact your child's teacher anytime that you have a concern or a query.

The winners of the Pak N' Save vouchers were:

- Michelle Burdock (R3)
- Aluma Pokura (R20)
- Ashleigh Williams (R11)

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING - PAINGA TRUST

Recently Painga Trust personnel completed vision screening for students. If your child was absent or missed out for some reason they will be screened shortly. Students who require further assessment for their vision will bring home a form that needs to be completed and returned to school. Thank you to parents who have already returned the completed forms. The next step involves a specially equipped van coming to school where an optometrist will complete the required assessments. If your child requires glasses these will be provided at no cost to you.

MEDICAL AND DIETARY UPDATES

We are updating our records to ensure we have the most accurate and up to date information about your child's medical and dietary needs. Last week individual forms were sent home with each child to be filled in and returned to school. If you have not yet returned the completed Health Record form, please do so as soon as possible. This will enable us to provide the appropriate care for your child(ren) while they are at school. If you require another form or further information, please contact the school office. Thanks to the many parents who have already returned forms.

END OF TERM 1

The end of term is approaching rapidly. The last day of school for this term is Friday 11 April. Term 2 begins on Monday 28 April. At the end of the term we will farewell Mrs Sandy Udaar (Room 3 teacher). Mrs Udaar will be taking maternity leave for the rest of 2025. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting the new addition to her family. Also leaving us at the end of the term will be Mrs Imeleta Wei and Ms 'Ainise Kaihea, both valued members of our support staff. We thank them for their contribution to our school and wish them well for the future.

NEW NAVIGATORS

During the term our Year 6 and 7 students were offered an opportunity to participate in the New Navigators programme. New Navigators is an action-packed water awareness program that teaches students about water safety and the marine environment through participation in marine sports. In a thrilling day out, students got to try their hand at sailing, while learning simple ways that they can help to protect the ocean. Thanks to the Blake Trust NZ-VR outreach programme for enabling this amazing experience at no cost to our school. It was exciting to see our students participating in the sailing activities and developing confidence and safety skills out on the water.

