

NEWSLETTER NO. 21 - 29th November 2023

Nau mai haere mai, Greetings | Tena Koutou | Konnichiwa | Groete | Namaste | Talofa Lava | Malo e Lelei | Ni sa bula | Fakalofa lahi atu | Kia Orana | Asalam Alykum | Ni Hao |

As we head into the last three weeks of school, we are enjoying spending time with each other before the big summer holiday break. Our focus at school is keeping routines consistent and learning experiences engaging. Our students' focus on their learning remains excellent and we are so very proud of them!

Whakangahau

Congratulations to our amazing Kapa Haka group for their wonderful performance on Friday 24th November. WOW! What a talented group we have! They thoroughly enjoyed uniting with neighbouring schools to perform in a casual whakangahau (concert) at Ōmokoroa School. We are all very proud of each member of the group and their commitment to Kapa Haka throughout the year. They are great representatives of Whakamārama School and should feel extremely proud of performing publicly in front of students, parents, whānau, teachers and community members.

A huge thank you to Tumanako for your hard work with the group. Not only does the group extend itself each year, but you also make Kapa Haka fun 😊 Thank you Lana for your mahi on adding to our costume this year. Thank you parents that supported preparing the group before their performance - lots of mahi took place here.



Bay Conservation Alliance - Snorkelling (Marine Unit)

What a super treat for our learners 🐟🪼! On Tuesday 28th November, our Year 5-8 students were provided with an expert snorkelling lesson with an experienced instructor in our school pool. Our students learned to snorkel and develop their confidence. They also practised a scientific marine survey in the pool using waterproof tally sheets and large pictures of local marine fish and invertebrates.

Our snorkelers braved the cold, and left the poolside experience with new knowledge and big smiles 😊

We are extremely lucky to be involved in an initiative that teaches our students about New Zealand's unique biodiversity / taonga; native, endemic and introduced species; sustainability; and personal and social responsibility for action.

Our journey with Bay Conservation Alliance continues into 2024 - our upcoming Year 4 students are in for a treat 😊

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Cricket World Cup

On Friday 17th November, a team of Year 5 & 6 students took part in the Cricket World Cup event at Blake Park. Leading up to the event, our learners received skills sessions from Northern Districts Cricket Association. These skills were definitely seen out on the pitch. The day was about enjoyment and having lots of fun. Our team was awarded with the fairest play award 😊 Thank you Debbie, Fiona and Kylie for making this event happen for our team.



Photos taken by Kylie Morrissey Photography



Champions of Champions 2023

Champions of Champions for our 'Show Day' senior lamb section (Years 4-7) was awarded and celebrated at our assembly on Friday 17th November. A visit from Hungry, supported by mum Amber, made this a very special moment for Evan, the recipient of the Champions of Champions ribbon 😊 Whilst held a surprise till the day, Hungry had great vocals out in the playground. Vocals that were undeniably recognised by Evan as both awaited for the presentation. CONGRATULATIONS EVAN!

Rippa Rugby

Monday 4th December will be the final game for the Rippa Rugby modules. As communicated at the beginning of the term, it is important that your child makes each game. We have limited girls in each team, and with two girls needing to be on the field at all times, we ask that parents make an extra effort to ensure that their child is at their field on time.

Once again, BOP Rugby Union will be handing out participation certificates and Juicies after each round. There are only enough Juicies for the players, so a reminder to extra whānau members, there are no extras to give away.

Whilst late in the season, some message sent through from BOP Rugby Union to consider for the Term 1 modules:

- Coaches and managers should be supporting our young referees who front up every week and try their best out in the middle.
- As per the rules, if a referee cannot be supplied (sometimes it's hard to get enough refs at some venues), it is up to coaches to step up and have a go. BOP Rugby congratulates and thanks coaches that have got out there and refereed games with no grumbles.
- Positive behaviour of parents - BOP Rugby Union wishes to stress that all they want to hear is positive praise from parents and supporters on the sidelines. From visiting a number of fields, it has been fantastic for the team to hear clapping and cheering for both teams playing. It's a children's participation sport 'keep it positive'.

End of Year Prize Giving Assemblies

Have you marked your calendar? Have you spread the word to grandparents, other whānau members and friends? End of Year school prizegiving assemblies take place on Thursday 7th December. We look forward to gathering with you to celebrate the year and give thanks to our akonga / learners.

Year 0 - 3 (Junior School) 9.30 to 11.30am

Year 4 - 8 (Middle/Senior School) 12.30 to 2.30pm

NZ Bumblebee Conservation Trust Visit - Wonderment & Awe at its Best!

Thursday 16th November hosted a visit from the NZ Bumblebee Conservation Trust. The trust was very excited to share with us the incredible and unique abilities of the humble bumblebee. And little did we know, that we were one of twelve schools in our region picked for this experience 😊. Through a whole school presentation, our learners (including our staff) learned so much about bumblebees. We were all in awe when we got to view a live hive in action through a clear perspex display hive 🐝

Our school received 10 copies of 'Bumblebees Have Smelly Feet' books by Rachel Weston, which we will definitely find useful in our learning. We also have some bee friendly wildflower mix and sunflower seeds to plant. Huge thanks to the NZ Bumblebee Conservation Trust and Emma (our regional coordinator for Garden to Table) for bringing super learning into our kura.



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Camp Aongatete

Not long now before our end of year camps at Aongatete. We are so looking forward to ending the year on a highlight where our learners get to experience the great outdoors in a safe environment - an environment that will foster belief in self and increase confidence; an environment that will foster a positive attitude; an environment that will foster resilience skills (coping with challenge & change) and an environment that will foster positive communication.

Thank you to parents / whānau that have supported our attendance at Aongatete by making a 'donation'. Your donation covers accommodation, food, qualified instructors, consumables per night and a departure cleaning service. The camp has been subsidised by the board and the activities that our learners will do during their time at Aongatete will be an invaluable experience. Donations can be made at the school office or through an online deposit into the school account.

Parent & Helpers Afternoon Thank You Afternoon Tea

It was a pleasure to spend time with parents, whānau and volunteers that were able to unite with us on Monday 27th November for afternoon tea. For those of you who were unable to attend, we extend huge thanks to your support across 2023 trips, school lunches, show day, sharing your knowledge and skills, organised sport - and most importantly, and front and foremost, for supporting your child / children on a daily basis.



CONGRATULATIONS to students who received a class award at our whole school assembly on Friday 17th of November. Mīharo!

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 17th November	Cairos	Yay! Cairos listened and checked in with the success criteria for writing. Wonderful!
	Felix A	Wonderful! Felix is able to answer questions (fully) about the book/text he is reading - Great!
	Maddie	Fabulous! Persistence ... Maddie will persist with her learning - Great!
	River	Wow! River is observant. He uses his inquisitive mind to learn more about the world around him. Yay!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 6 17th November	Ruby	For super persistence in reading - you always put in your best effort.
	Sam	For always being willing to help and support those around you
	Courtney	For thinking carefully at writing time about how to make her writing interesting for the reader
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		

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Week 6 17th November	Johnathan	For asking thoughtful questions and sharing your creative ideas and detailed constructions with the class. You are an inspiration to others, Jonathan!
	Noah K	For displaying the Value of Curiosity by asking thought provoking questions and sharing creative ideas and interesting facts with the class. Ka rawe, Noah!
	Otis	For working hard to complete tasks on time and to a high standard. Keep up this amazing effort, Otis! Ka pai!

ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

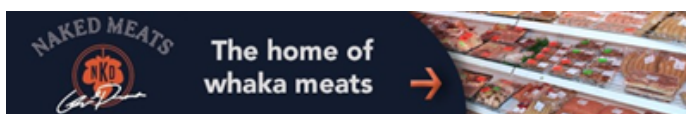
Week 6 17th November	Harry	Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome! Congratulations to Harry for being thoughtful and producing high quality writing. Keep it up!
	Sophie	Kei te whakahīhī au ki a koe! I am very proud of you! Congratulations to Sophie for being a fantastic role model for others during our Bee Conservation visit. Awesome listening!
	Meremaraea	He whetū koe! You are a star! Congratulations to Meremaraea. For having an awesome attitude and fantastic perseverance in her writing. Mahi pai!

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or on the the school website

WHIRINGA-Ā-RANGI / NOVEMBER	
Thursday 30th	Yr 7 & 8 Technology - Remember your shoes and school t-shirt
HAKIHEA / DECEMBER	
Friday 1st	Social Dance Year 8s
Tuesday 5th	Bike Ready Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 5th	BoT Meeting 6pm
Thursday 7th	Prizegiving Assemblies (Note the change of date)
11 - 13th Monday - Wednesday	Camp Aongatete - Rooms 1 & 4
14 - 15th Thursday - Friday	Camp Aongatete - Rooms 2 & 3
Tuesday 19th	Last day of Term 4
HUI-TANGURU / FEBRUARY 2024	
Thursday 1st	First day of Term 1
Tuesday 6th	Waitangi Day - School Closed

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KAITIAKI MOANA
Summer Programme 2023-2024




BOB Squad is back this summer!
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(Available from 11th December)




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Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) has specified you are eligible to use this service if you are **one or more** of the following:
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- a whānau member with the same symptoms as an under 14 year old
- identify as a Pacific or Māori person
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EDVENTURE

Adventure Young Explorers Camp
(8-12 year olds)
Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Jan 2024
\$560

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, rock climbing, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, team building and confidence activities, & night activities. Located at the base of the Kamai Ranges at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati, BOP.

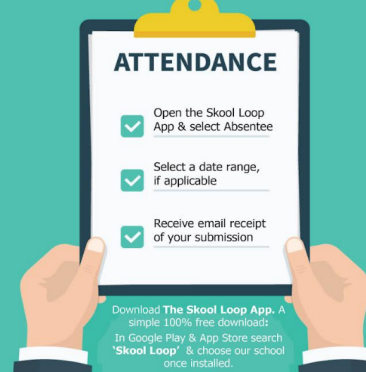
Bus Pick-up/Drop off from Hamilton & Tauranga OR drop-off/pick-up @ Venue
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January Holiday Programs

14th Ave : 9:30am - 12:00pm
Omokoroa : 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Monday 8th - Friday 12th
Monday 14th - Fri 19th
Monday 22nd - 26th

Pool Party Hire from 2:30pm - 5:30pm each day at 14th Avenue (available weekends as well)
Call or email for details.

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REGISTRATIONS OPEN DECEMBER 11
REGISTER FOR TERM 1 NOW

Lessons are dependant on swimming level, starting at \$180 per term.
Term 1: Monday 5th February - Saturday 13th April
14th Avenue, Omokoroa, Toi Ohomai
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