



Term 3, Week 9 2023

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori happens from 11-17 Hepetema (September) 2023. The theme of Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger - will continue this year, picking up from where it left off in 2022. The campaign is an essential piece of the puzzle to achieving the goal of 1 million speakers of te reo Māori in 2040.

About Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Māori Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975.

This special week is an opportunity for the concentrated celebration and promotion of te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language.

In the mid-20th century, there were concerns that the Māori language was dying out. The future of te reo Māori was the subject of a Waitangi Tribunal claim in 1985. The tribunal's recommendations led to far-reaching legislative and policy changes. Māori became an official language of New Zealand in 1987. Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori was established in the same year to promote te reo.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is part of a broad Māori language revival programme and raises public awareness for Māori language learning and public usage. Mahuru Māori was an initiative begun in 2017 to promote the use of te reo Māori throughout the month of September. Mahuru Māori in 2023 is on Friday 15 September, in line with maramataka Māori. *From TKI, Ministry of Education*

Ideas that you can do as a whānau to promote te reo at home are:

- **Learn a Māori kupu (word) each day**

The NZ History website provides a list of 100 Māori words every New Zealander should know and 365 useful words and phrases in te reo Māori.

- **Support your child to create and share their pepeha**

Pepeha is a way of introducing yourself in Māori. A pepeha describes your identity and heritage by telling a story of the places and people you are connected to.

- **Sing waiata**

Learn some traditional waiata (songs) with your children. Have a family concert.

- **Explore Māori placenames**

Work with your tamariki (children) to investigate your local Māori place names. Learn the meaning behind the names and how to pronounce them correctly.

- **Read Māori myths and legends**

- **Create some artwork together using traditional Māori designs or techniques (e.g. weaving)**



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

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Juicies – Available on Friday \$2 each please bring your note and money to the Office.



We are coming to the end of another very busy term and I'm looking forward to watching our Dancesplash group perform on Thursday at the Michael Fowler Centre. A big thank you to Lisa Preston and Kylie Chapman for all their efforts with this and to Amy Hema and Paige Foster for assisting.

As you have probably noticed, all the work is finished on our new builds, and we are just awaiting sign off from the Council and Ministry. Over the next two weeks we will be moving furniture and resources over as we are still on track to move into the buildings for the start of term 4.

I would like to express my thanks to Mike and Nicole from Niche and their fantastic team – they have been wonderful to work with and we have really appreciated all their mahi!

We will be having a blessing for the new classrooms, and I will let you know when and where this is happening as whānau are most welcome to attend and have a look through the new classrooms.

A reminder that we have a staff only day on Friday 20 October (Friday before Labour Weekend). Staff will be working with staff from the Ministry on 'The understanding Behaviour, Responding Safely (UBRS) workshop.

CAMP DEPOSITS

Have you paid your camp deposit? Year 5 and 6 students need to pay your \$50 deposit ASAP so we can finalise numbers for camp this year. A notice went home two weeks ago.



Happy Birthday

Best wishes to these students whose birthday is this week: Ewan, Pippa, Christopher, Gene and Gemma

Dancesplash Ticket information

We received the following information from the Dancesplash organisers last Friday:

ADDITIONAL TICKETS AVAILABLE MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 9am

From Monday the 11th of September at 9am families can purchase an additional two tickets each for our Dance concerts. Concerts will sell out quickly, but I would rather a full house than leave any seat empty in the auditorium.



Vaping Information

The issues with Vaping and our tamariki have been in the media recently.

I am including the following link from Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand website to support you and your child if this is an issue.

<https://www.vapingfacts.health.nz/>

School CARE Assemblies

We hold a whole school CARE assembly every fortnight at 10:30am in the hall. Parents are very welcome to come to the assembly. At each assembly selected children are presented with a CARE certificate for demonstrating one of our CARE values. I will confirm in next week's newsletter if we are having an assembly on the last day of term – at this stage I'm not sure if the hall will be available due to classes moving etc.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with certificates last Friday.

C.A.R.E. Certificates

Shyla Rm 1, Pratham Rm 2, Kotiro Rm 2, Kaci Rm 6, Pippa Rm 7, Brooklyn Rm 13, Wolf Rm 13, Austin Rm 14, Adam Rm 15, Cadlyn Rm 15, Jasmine Rm 16, Riyon Rm 8 and Aiden Rm 8

Children who are spotted demonstrating our CARE values at playtimes and lunchtimes are given a 'CARE coupon'. These coupons are put into our letterbox outside the staffroom and at each assembly six names are drawn out. We then draw again to find out who will get to choose a prize pack. The other students receive a Juicie.

Congratulations to these students who won CARE coupon Juicies: CARE coupon winners:

Mason W Rm 1, Oakland Rm 7, Adam Rm 15

John Rm 14, Kahurangi Rm 2, John Rm 8

Special congratulations to Mason W who won the special CARE prize pack.

Best Class Award -

Congratulations to Room 15 & Room 16 who won the best class.

Important Dates

- Tuesday 12th – Rippa Rugby year 3 and year 4
- Wednesday 13th September – Sausage Sizzle
- Thursday 7th Dancesplash @ Michael Fowler centre
- Friday 22nd Sept end of Term 3
- Monday 9th October – Start of Term 4

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

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