



18 Rātu Poutu-te-rangi (Week 6, Term 1; 2022)

Mauri Ora i te Whanau,

What an unpredictable last couple weeks we have had! As you will be aware, we had a wave of cases that took out our staff and most of our tamariki. After getting advice from the ministry, we had to close the school and provide learning from home until it was safe enough for our teachers and tamariki to return. We understand that there will still be a lot of anxious whanau however we will do our best to keep everyone as safe as we can. In order to avoid being put in this position again we need whanau to keep sick children at home. We want everybody to be able to return back to school as quickly and smoothly as possible so ensuring everybody plays a part is key.

A reminder about our protocols:

- We need to be informed if there are any covid cases in our school community.
- Please ring the school or message via our school facebook page.
- Household contacts are required to stay home if they have not yet had covid themselves.
- Positive cases and household contacts are to **remain at home for 7 days**, they are able to return to kura on day 8 if they are **symptom free**.
- **Children who are displaying symptoms need to remain at home**

Due to our roll increase, we have purchased a new school van. There will be 2 van runs and a 3rd if no one is absent. Please be patient while we get these sorted and into a routine.

This week and for a couple days next week we only have 1 driver and van, so please be aware that the times for pick up could be as early as 8:00 for some until our driver returns to mahi.

Tasting Test-House Competition

A couple weeks ago, we had a house group competition to find a winner. Each child was blindfolded and had to taste something delicious or not so tasty, run back to their teams and record what they thought they tasted.



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Creative Writing-Similes and Metaphors

We have been practicing our language features for our writing. On Friday's we have all our tamariki working together as one. Last week we worked on using similes and metaphors, here are some of them below...

"The sky was pink and fluffy like candy floss" India

"The city was an abandoned, barren wasteland" Holden

"The ladybug is as red as a strawberry" Amara

"The jellyfish was pink, light green and blue with wobbly strings like a snake" Miriama

BABY PHOTOS: THANK YOU TO ALL THE WHANAU WHO HAVE SENT IN BABY PHOTOS OF OUR TAMARIKI. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY, PLEASE DO SO THIS WEEK :)



DATES TO REMEMBER:

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH- DAY TRIP



Principal Award	India Taniwha-Singh	For putting in lots of effort with her work and displaying great leadership
Values	Ropata Elliot	For showing great self-control and perseverance when completing class activities
Duffy Award	Mahia Waenga-Ngamere	For being awesome in class and keen to learn

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