



28 October 2022 (Week 1, Term 4; 2022)

Kia Ora e te whanau,

And just like that the holidays are over and term 4 has begun!! This term is a fast and busy one, as teachers consolidate the learning and teaching from the year. The DMIC maths program has been a challenging change for both teachers and students this year. It focuses more on mathematical explanations and reasoning. Our tamariki are getting better at explaining their thinking to others and persevering with their problem solving skills.



Climate change is our topic for term 4 and learning opportunities are provided through science kits that reinforce ideas of climate change.

Did you know that 2.3m x 2.3m of grass will provide oxygen for one person for one day?

On Thursday our tamariki took part in the earthquake drill 'shake it out'. Having these conversations with our children ensures they are well prepared for an earthquake. There is a kids challenge handout that helps students to develop a plan for home in an event that an earthquake may happen. There are some cool prizes, so please help them to complete the challenges and return it to school.



Our tamariki also walked around different parts of the village and picked up rubbish as part of the sea cleaners kit. This helps children understand how all rubbish left on the ground ends up in the waterways and eventually out to sea. The impact on our sea creatures is huge!!

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Speed limits outside of school

- Whakatane District Council is consulting on speed limits outside of our school as part of a wider programme of reviews and safety improvements that aim to significantly reduce the number of deaths and life changing injuries on our roads.
- If you want to provide comment on the changes please go to <https://koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/>
- The proposed speed limits presented by Council are not final but they do need to be consistent with new rules for speed limits around schools. More information about this can be found at...
<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/partners/speed-and-infrastructure/safe-and-appropriate-speed-limits/the-setting-of-speed-limits-rule/>

Start of term reminders:

- ❖ Absolutely no phones or vapes
- ❖ We are a water and milk school only.
- ❖ Healthy lunches are provided, we have a five bite rule, which means children are expected to eat at least five bites of lunch.
- ❖ We have weetbix monitors for those children who need breakfast. We also have fruit for brain break (10.30am)
- ❖ Term 4 we have a 'no hat, no play' rule. All children need a hat to play outside during breaks.
- ❖ Please ring and talk to staff if your child is going to be absent for a long period of time.
- ❖ Still need to pay stationery? Either pay at our front office or into our Te Mahoe school board of trustees bank account (02-0416-0016030-005) using your name as reference.

Dates to Remember:

Monday 31st October - Duffy Theatre

Tuesday 8th November - School Photographs

To be confirmed- Class trips

Tuesday 15th November - Rangitaiki Athletics

Friday 16th December - Prizegiving

Principal Award	Chaza-Rae Ranui	<i>For participating and contributing in class and school discussions.</i>
Values Award	Saphire Nevin	<i>For being a respectful learner and listener.</i>
Duffy Award	Bison Burling	<i>For persevering with his maths by showing some good multiplication.</i>

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