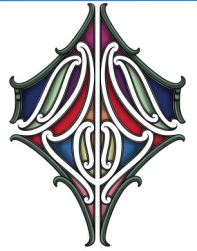




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## Thank you!

A huge thank you to so many parents this week. Firstly, to the five parents who helped out with Junior Swimming Sports— we really appreciated your help to make this possible.

Secondly, a thank you to all those who came to the community meeting on Wednesday. Apologies for over-running a bit— I didn't realise how passionate Koka and I were about the new curriculum!

Thank you to all those who keep the pool clean so that we can swim in it, safely.

And finally, a massive thank you to Ali, who has pretty much planted all the plants in the bed, weeded them and watered them. There are currently some nice tomatoes coming up. The courgettes will need another week or two. Please come and pick some. We also have some bantam eggs and a couple of duck eggs up in the school fridge, if you would like them.

## Dates for Your Diary

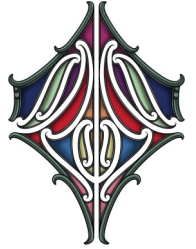
### Term 1

<b>6 March</b> (postponement date 7 March)	Mokoia Swimming competition 1:15pm Whanau welcome.
<b>10 March</b>	Taranaki Anniversary Day— School Closed.
<b>14 March</b>	BOT meeting 7pm
<b>21 March</b>	Aroha Day
<b>24 March</b>	Teacher Only Day—maths— School Closed
<b>28 March</b>	Hangi 6:30pm— cultural performance and hangi ( <b>please note new date</b> )
<b>31 March</b> (postponement date 1 April)	Cluster Athletics— Patea Area School
<b>2, 3</b>	Parents' Evening 3-6pm
<b>7 April</b>	Announce technology Competition
<b>11 April</b>	End of Term 1
<b>28 April</b>	Start of Term 2

### Aroha Day

One of our students, Dulcibella, has masterminded Aroha Day. She has surveyed the students and planned out a day where we show kindness to each other. As part of this there will be a clothes and toy swap, a singing competition, compliment circles and general additional kindness. We will also be doing "secret friends" where the children pick a name from a hat and have to be a secret friend to that person, all day. They can leave little notes and do kind things for that person, secretly. I would also be very remiss if I did not mention the piñata, with love hearts all over it!

Next week we will be sending home new enrolment forms. This is part of us updating our documentation as this hasn't been done for over 10 years. If you already picked up one from the community meeting, please return both (but only fill out one). If you have multiple children at the school, just fill in one set of addresses and we will photocopy that section for each child.



## Junior Swimming Cluster

The Juniors went to Whenuakura school this week, to meet up with other schools in the area. Each year group participated in swimming races or events. When their year wasn't swimming, they participated in sports activities.



## Discovery Time

This week we have focused on relationships and getting to know how to learn in discovery time. Monopoly has featured heavily, as has the marble runs.



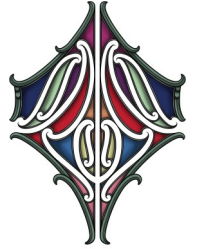




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## Senior Learning This Week

This week in maths we have been finishing off our work on clocks and we are beginning to focus on place value (how the number system works– hundreds, tens, ones etc) and times tables.

We are learning how to research a topic. Each child has chosen a dinosaur to research. If you get chance at home, you could try watching some youtube clips together or looking up the dinosaur that your child has chosen, and help them to learn about it. There are a few books in the library (we did leave some in there, we promise!) that your child might like to check out. The library has a variety of modern and accessible dinosaur books, that your child is sure to enjoy.

Our phonics focus has been revising double vowel sounds.

## Spellings this week

### Main Class:

Friend

Found

Know

knit

knew

new

last

### Group 2:

guess

hockey

hundred

knee

lead

magic

mouse



## Fundraising

Sharni, one of our staff who is also an artist, makes beautiful hand made cards. In order to help us with fundraising, she has donated some of these to sell to the community. At \$5 each, I think you will agree, they are an absolute steal.

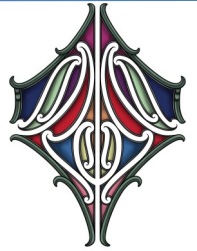
See Monica in the office, to purchase them.



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## Junior Learning This Week

This week we have been learning about addition and subtraction with the numicon. We have been “hiding” parts of an amount to find the new number. We have also been working on bonds of ten, using our fingers. We have also been writing equations in our books.

We have been reading “Looks Like Lunch” which the kids have loved. We have been learning about different words for small and big, and using these adjectives in sentences. We have also been focusing on what makes a question, and the punctuation of a question.

Like last week, we have been establishing routines and ways in which to learn in different settings, such as at the mat, with an adult and through play.

Our phonics focus has been revising our vowels– “i” and “u”. We have been learning to “slide” the letters together to make them into a word.

In the sand pit, some of us have been learning about gravity and kinetic (stored up) energy. We noticed that to make the ball travel further we had to either make the slope higher or longer (using gravity to create more kinetic energy).

This week, we will be establishing routines for reading books. If your child is a “red” reader, they will have a sheet with their new words to recognise on them. If they are a yellow reader or level 9 and above, they will bring home a book every time that they have read it in class.

Spellings Junior Class Week Beginning 24-2-25
Look
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too
big
and
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we

