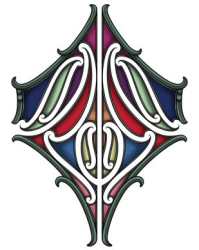




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Well Done!

Well done to Arlo, Harley, Liddy and Cirilla for earning class certificates. Great job, Fern and Bobbie for earning principal awards.



Term 1 Dates for Your Diary

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| 5 May | Technology Project Judged (seniors only) |
| 8 May | Both Classes Awa Trip |
| 8 May | BOT meeting 7pm |
| 9 May | Bhana Cup (Year 5-6 only) |
| 16 May | Bhana Cup (Year 5-6 only) |
| 31 May | Bhana Cup (Year 5-6 only) |
| 2 June | King's Birthday—School Closed |
| 4 June (pp 6 June) | Rippa Rugby Tournament (Seniors only) 1-2 adults needed. |
| TBC beginning of June | Whanganui Museum Trip (2 parents needed) |
| 13 June | Bhana Cup (Year 5-6 only) |
| 20 June | Puanga—School closed |
| 25 June (pp 26 June) | Bhana Cup Tournament (1 adult needed) |
| 27 June | Last day of term |

Winter Uniform

We have noticed that most children have their own school uniform jerseys already. In order to reduce costs for families, we have decided not to sell jerseys or jackets/coats with the school logo on, this year. Instead, we encourage families to have the logo sewn onto their pre-existing jerseys, fleeces or navy jackets. Logos can be embroidered at JH Sportswear (236 High Street, a few doors down from Pizza Hut). It costs around \$15 per a logo.



Postie

If you are in need of navy school uniform "bottoms", Postie have some on special, that start at \$5 each.

Free Pumpkin Soup

On Friday, Monica will make free pumpkin soup, for all those who want it. If you would like to donate a gold coin for it, we will put it towards our camp at the end of the year.

Hangi

Thank you to all who participated, donated and supported this event. We think that we earned around \$500—we are just waiting for the final figures to come in. We would like to set down how we in Mokoia do our hangi. If you are interested in contributing to a hui around this, please let Evon know.

Invoices and Attendance Updates

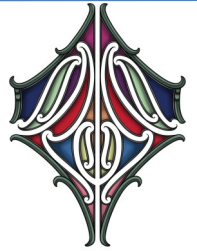
This week we will be sending out invoices and letters informing you of your child's attendance rates since the start of term. Attendance has really improved since February. We really appreciate your efforts—we know that some mornings it is quite hard. Also, thank you for calling/texting into school with absence reasons—it's a little thing but makes a big difference.



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Asphalt

We have just repaired the chicken coop. If you have a small amount of asphalt hanging about, please could we have it to cover the roof of the coop?

Thank you!

The Senior class would like to thank Jamie's dad for bringing in hot chips for them today. It warmed them up and was very appreciated!

River Trip On Thursday, we are planning to take the two classes down to one of the local rivers to do some surveys on water quality, with a water teacher from the council. We would appreciate at least one parent helping us with this. We plan on taking each class separately— Seniors 9:30-10:30, Juniors 10:30-11:30. It will depend, of course, on the local rivers being safe to access after the excessive rain that we have had.

Junior Learning This Week

This week the Juniors have been learning about heavy and light. The year 3's have been learning about grams, whilst the year 2 children have been measuring using multilink as their unit of measurement. The Year 1 children have been learning about comparative weight— what is heavy, what is light and what is heavier and lighter than a given object. You could continue this learning when they pick up things, and by letting your children cook with you.



For phonics and handwriting we have been focusing on "g" and "l". We have been focusing on formation (ask your child where the letter "g" starts) and placement on the line (with the hook going under the line). I've put some QR codes for "went" and "down" songs from this week.



In literacy, the children have been developing skills through rotational learning. This means that they start with one activity, and after 10 minutes, they rotate to another activity. During this time, one group will read or work with a teacher, whilst one group works with the teacher aide. The children have done well in understanding this new format of learning.

We have also been learning what our primary colours are, how to clap and play an instrument in time, and wondering about floating and sinking. In circle time, we learnt about how our brains are a muscle, and that we come to school to exercise that muscle. When things are hard, it's ok, because that is our brain growing stronger and developing better. We just have to keep going!

Junior Spellings WB 2/5/25

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Around the girls head, and down her plait.

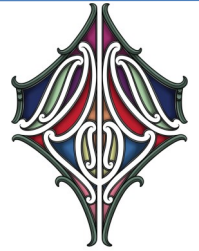




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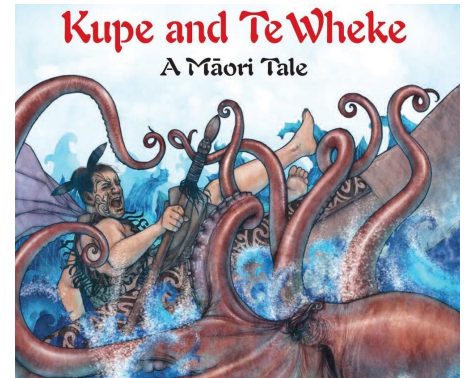
The first week back for Term 2 has started really well. Math we have been revising measurement, estimating length and then measuring length. We have used unconventional units of measurement and



learnt that it can be challenging to guess length. We also got to measure ourselves using measuring tapes.

We started our study on the Great Migration by researching the waka Hourua; how it was made, how it was designed and how it moved. Did you know the waka hourua means “a large seafaring boat”?

We read about Kupe, who followed a giant wheke that kept taking the bait from the fishing lines and discovered Aotearoa.



Spellings WB 2/5/25

| Main Class | Group 2 |
|------------|----------|
| Ice | Eyes |
| Nice | City |
| Rice | Country |
| Mice | Daughter |
| Place | Dollar |
| Face | Ewe |
| Race | Elephant |
| Eyes | garage |

Bhana Cup

This Friday, the Year 5 & 6 children to Patea Area School, for an hour. Children train in either netball, football, rugby or hockey.

Equipment needed (no equipment for netball):

- Hockey- covered foot wear, shin pads & mouth guards are compulsory.
- Football: teams need covered shoes/boots and shin pads are compulsory.
- Rugby: teams play in bare feet and need a mouth guard. No mouth guard no play.

Occasionally, if numbers are too much or too little in one discipline, children have to be swapped into other teams. We try to avoid this, but we do need to make children aware. If you would like to help us