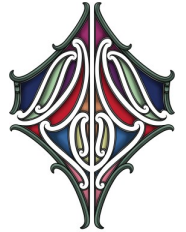




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Well done!

Well done to Edward, Haamiora, Alice, Addie, Harley and Cirilla, who have all been awarded class certificates or tumeke awards for their work in class this week.



Term 3 Dates for Your Diary

20 March	Cultural performance and hangi
23 March	Athletics– Patea Area School
25/26 March	Parents' Evening
1 April	Science Fair– Senior Class (held at Te Paepae o Aotea)
2 April	Last day of Term 1
20 April	First day of Term 2

Annual School Hāngi – Friday 20 March URGENT

At present, we have sold 11 tickets for the hāngi. In order for the event to go ahead, we need to reach a **minimum of 50 tickets** sold by Tuesday evening.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please phone the office, visit the school in person, or send money along with a note to the school.

We would also greatly appreciate your support in sharing our poster (attached and available on our Facebook page) so we can reach as many people in our community as possible.

If the hāngi is unable to proceed, the concert will still go ahead at 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be available afterwards, and it will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our new teacher, Mrs Hodge.

School Growth Committee

We would like to grow our school and need your help! On the recent survey, you all said wonderful things about our school, and we would like to share our wonderfulness with a few more children. On Friday 27th at 9:15am, we invite you to attend a coffee morning to discuss ideas on how we can grow the school, and to form a committee to enact those ideas. Even if you don't wish to be part of the committee, we would be interested to hear your ideas on

Sports Skills

The Board of Trustees and teachers would like to make sports thrive in our school. We teach sports 1-2 times a week, however we have noticed that although some of the children enjoy playing sports during playtime, it's hard for them to organise "real" games.

Duty staff work hard to ensure playground safety and to support disruptions in play, so organising and being part of games is not sustainable– we always get pulled away from a game. This is really frustrating for the children playing.

The Board of Trustees would like to invite any parents who are available at either 11am or 1pm to come and play their desired sports games with the children– e.g. football, rippa rugby, cricket, hockey, netball, basketball, t-ball, rounders, tennis etc.

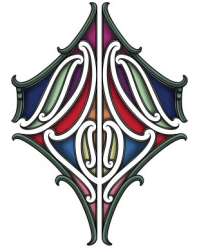
Please see Evon to either book a one off session or a regular spot.



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Spellings

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Senior Class–
Catherine/
Sharni's group

Beginning

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Grabbing

Knotting

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Senior Class–
Mrs. Hodege's
group

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Charade

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Attendance

After the excellent attendance we achieved in Term 2, 2025, we have noticed that overall attendance has begun to steadily decline.

Regular attendance is essential for learning. While we understand that illnesses, including the recent tummy bug circulating in the community, can affect attendance, we are also seeing a number of absences that could be avoided.

To help families keep track of attendance, a summary of each student's attendance will be sent home every half term. This will allow you to monitor how your child's attendance is progressing.

As a guide:

- **95% or higher** – Excellent attendance
- **90%** – Good attendance
- **80%** – Attendance of concern
- **Below 80%** – Serious concern

Annual School Hāngi – Friday 20 March

It's that wonderful time of year again when we come together as a school community to enjoy our **annual school hāngi**. This year the event will be held on **Friday 20 March at 6:30pm**. Our hāngi is always a highlight of the year, bringing families and friends together while raising funds to support **learning opportunities for our children beyond the classroom**.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from **Evon in the school office**. Tickets will be issued once payment has been received. Please feel free to invite **friends and extended family**—the more people who join us, the more successful the evening will be.

We would also greatly appreciate support from our school community in preparing for the event. You can help by:

- **Donating vegetables** such as **potatoes, kūmara, or pumpkin**
- **Donating meat** (chicken drumsticks would be especially appreciated)
- **Volunteering time** to help with hāngi preparation or with clean-up after the event

If possible, please have donations at school by **Wednesday 18 March**, as we will complete our final shopping on **Thursday 19 March**.

Friday 20 March will be preparation day, and we warmly welcome anyone who is able to come along and help **peel and chop vegetables or prepare the hāngi fire**.

Our **students will also be performing at 6:30pm**. Children will need to arrive at school by **6:15pm** to get ready and put on costumes.

Performance clothing requirements:

- **Girls:** Black t-shirt and black shorts or leggings (skirts will be provided).
- **Boys:** Black shorts and a black t-shirt. We have some boys' shirts with feathers already attached. If we do not have the correct size for your child, we will let you know. In this case, please send a **plain black t-shirt to school by Wednesday**, so that we can attach feathers.

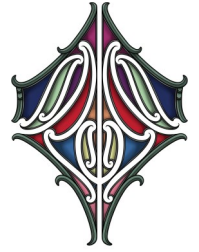
Thank you for your continued support. Events like this are made special by the involvement of our school community, and we look forward to sharing a **great evening of food, culture, and connection** with you all.



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Seniors



This week in maths we've extended our work with fractions and are getting quite skilled at writing an improper fraction and mixed number that corresponds to a fraction drawing. We'll continue working with fractions next week.

We've brought together literacy and science this week by reading texts about plants to learn about the parts and needs of the plants around us. Students headed outside to "interview" a plant,

and made great observations and scientific drawings in their plant journals about what they were seeing.

We have begun learning about artist Georgia O'Keeffe's work during Discovery time, and in topic time we have discussed what life in a Māori pā was like, especially in times of conflict. We will be continuing with both of these topics in the senior room next week.

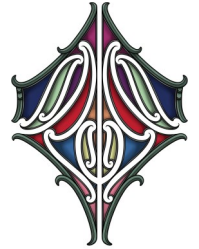




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Juniors



Maths: Subtracting to 20 and the 10 times table using numerals and numicon to practice what we have learnt.

Phonics: ai and ay digraphs and practicing our words of the week both recognising the words and writing the words.

Writing: We have been reading The Rattle-Trap Car and learning about onomatopoeia and focusing on key words in the text. We also made fruit kebabs and then wrote instructions on how to make them, in our books. The children write daily and we focus on sounding out words and writing the sounds we can hear.



mation and size of the letter t and h.

Topic: We have been putting some time into kapa haka, sharpening up for the upcoming performance, we made our own patu, out of cardboard and learning some moves with the long rakau (sticks).

P.E. we are learning to throwing and catching small balls accurately.

Special Mention:

Addie – who is enthusiastically singing some of our math songs this week.

Hayley – who is writing the letters she knows when writing her story.

