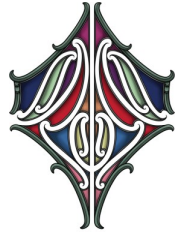




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Awards

Well done to Ivy, Edward, Cerys, Arekaanara, Delilah, Hayley, Arlo and Tevita for amazing work done throughout the last two weeks. Tumeke awards to Harley, Alice, Cirilla and Haamiora.



Dates for Your Diary

1 April	Science Fair– Senior Class (held at the TSB Hub. We will be leaving at 10:10am. We could do with one more adult)
2 April	Last day of Term 1
20 April	First day of Term 2

Reading at Mokoia

Amongst all the bugs this week, the bug we are inviting back is the **READING BUG!**

Well done to all those who have earned rewards this week for a full week of reading. Some of our pupils have even done double reads— one in the morning and one in the evening, so have moved even faster on their bookmarks.

Tumeke! To all those tamariki who are developing positive habits. As one of my children reminded me today, "Readers are leaders."



I wanted to share this photo of one of our year 3 children teaching a year 1 child how to read a book. She patiently taught her word by word. They were both loving the interaction and the activity. It was such a lovely moment.

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Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers.

Harry S. Truman

School Growth Committee

We warmly invite your support in helping our school continue to grow and thrive. Maintaining strong enrolment numbers is essential to sustaining the quality of education we provide. To retain two teachers, we require a minimum of 26 students, making every enrolment vitally important.

Beyond staffing, a growing roll brings significant benefits for our tamariki. A larger and more diverse group of students enriches learning experiences, as children gain from a wider range of perspectives and opportunities to learn from one another. It also fosters stronger social connections, giving students more opportunities to build friendships and engage in collaborative play.

In addition, school funding is directly linked to student numbers. Increased enrolment allows us to enhance the resources and opportunities we offer, including school trips, camps, digital devices such as iPads and Chrome-books, books, and other essential learning materials.

A growing school also strengthens our wider community. With more whānau involved, we build a richer, more supportive environment that benefits all learners.

Our Board of Trustees has set a goal of reaching 50 students. This number will help ensure the long-term sustainability of our school, while still preserving the close-knit, supportive atmosphere that makes our rural kura so special.

We truly appreciate your ongoing support in helping our school flourish.

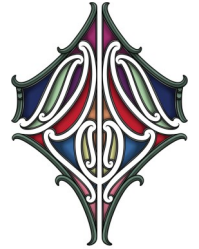
Coffee Morning Friday 24th April, 9am, staffroom. See you then!



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Spellings

Junior Class
Going
Went
Get
Looking
Has
It

Senior Class– Catherine/ Sharni's group
Adjust
Bridge
Energy
Gentle
Jacket
Judge
Magic

Senior Class– Mrs. Hodge's group
Electrician
Magician
Musician
Optician
Politician
Physician
technician

Senior Class– Level 6
Adorable
Considerable
Possibility
Responsible
understandably
Visibly
Available
Physician

Ukulele

Our first ukulele lesson with the year 5 and 6, went extremely well this week. They have learned how to hold the ukulele, which string is which and to play C chord. We were even able to sing, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" along to it!

Year 5 & 6, if you have a ukulele at home, please bring it along on Wednesday for our lessons.



Book Week!

The first week back will be Book Week. We are planning lots of exciting activities for the children, and wanted to keep you in the loop for upcoming events.

We will be holding a Dress-Up Day, where children can dress as favourite characters from their favourite books. You might want to get some ideas (and costumes) together, over the holidays.

We are planning a library visit, to the Hawera Library. If the tides are right, the Junior class will go on to the beach afterwards, to continue their work on land art.

The teachers will be setting up some story provocations— so watch this space (and the football field) where some pretty interesting installations will be appearing.



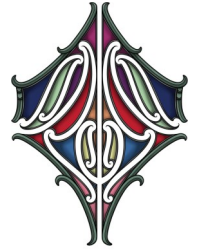
Each day we will be having a special read— if you would like to come and share a beloved story from your family (in any language) we would love to have you come in—just let your class teacher know.



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Seniors

We wrapped up our learning about plants this week by reading texts about how plants reproduce and which parts are necessary for reproduction. We learned about pollinators and the ways that flowers attract them in order to get the pollen needed for fertilization. We wrapped up our learning by dissecting flowers and it was amazing to see the parts of the flower close up! We realized that pollen comes from the anther (which is why some of our allergies act up!) and that seeds and fruit form after the flower has been pollinated.



We have been practicing converting fractions from mixed numbers to improper fractions this week! It's tricky stuff, but using models and pictures helps to visualize what's happening in a fraction problem.



We also learned how to use Typing Club this week so we can become more efficient typists on our Chromebooks. We're excited to learn this new skill!

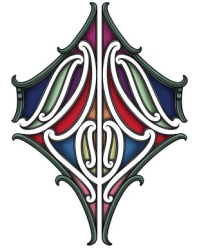




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Juniors



This week was only 4 days in the class as the whole school attended the athletics day at Patea Area School. Our children did really well, being the smallest school in attendance.

Many of our year threes chose to do the 200 metres and Tevita came second out of all the schools. We were so proud of our children because they all competed to their best of their ability. We definitely have some children with natural talents.

Maths: adding one more and adding 10 more. They have been learning their 10 x table and reading numbers in the hundreds,

Phonics: The diagraph oi and oy. They have been reading and spelling words with the oi sound.

Reading: This week we read *The Pig in the Pond*. We identified onomatopoeia in the book, which are words that make sounds (like "oink", "crash", "splash" and "moo"). We learnt that 3 dots at the end of a word mean there is more to come.

Writing: We have done some cooking this week to help the children learn about procedures, preparing them for next term when we will focus on procedural writing.

Topic: We finished our topic by learning about the day in the life of a child in a Maori village.



Registrations are now open for the 2026 netball season.

If you have a child at home that's keen to play in Hawera under the Patea Rugby & Sports Club this year, head along to the link below to register.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/patearugbysports/Netball-Registration/tab1>



Netball 2026 YEARS 1 - 8

If your child is interested in playing netball this season, please head along to the Sporty link listed above and complete a registration form for them by **Friday 6th March**

Games are played on the outdoor courts at The Hub in Hawera on Saturday mornings during Term 2

Fees for the season will be approx. \$20 per player. TBC.

If you have any questions please contact Yoana on 027 484 2488, or Kate on 027 336 3534



BUNNINGS



**EVERYDAY
LOW PRICES.**

EASTER

Family Night

Thursday 26th March



6pm – 8pm

**KIDS DIY
WORKSHOPS**

**ADULT DIY
WORKSHOP**

**GAMES &
CHALLENGE**

**EASTER
BUNNY
VISIT**

**REFRESHMENTS
&
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**GLITTOO
TATTOOS**

**Please register online
to go in the draw to win a prize**

