



Te Kura o Ōmanaia



Friday 25 February 2022

Message from the Tumuaki

Tuia ki te rangi, tuia ki te whenua, tuia te ngakau o te tangata kia piri tātou ki te Atua, nāna tātou i arahina i a tātou e tōna ringa kaha. Mauri ora ki a tātou katoa.

Anei te pānui tuatahi e kawea atu nei ki a koutou katoa, he panui he whakamōhio atu ki a koutou mō ngā āhuatanga o te horapa haere o te Kōwhiri kei waenganui i wō tātou hāpu i tēnei wā tonu.

Our last few weeks at kura have been amazing, our tamariki are settling in well and our new ākonga in our school this year have made our kura super excited to meet new whānau and make new connections to our wider community. This year we welcomed back 56 returning students with an additional 12 new students. We currently have 68 students on our school roster this year, which is what our end of roll numbers were last year.

This year we have 12 Year 8 students who will be moving onto High school in 2023. This will be our biggest year 8 group we have had in over 10 years.

We also welcome back our awesome staff -

Whaea Linda	Tau 0-2
Matua Charlie	Tau 3-4
Whaea Tanya	Tau 5-6
Whaea Kelly / Sandra	Tau 7-8
Whaea Michaela	Kaihāpai _Teacher Aide
Whaea Carinza	Kaihāpai _Teacher Aide
Matua Teina	Kaihāpai _Teacher Aide
Whaea Carla	Hekeretari (Admin Office Secretary)
Matua Wayne	Caretaker
Whaea Andrea	Cleaner

On behalf of the School Board of Trustees we are pleased to have all our amazing staff on board and look forward to making this school year fun and exciting for our ākonga and whānau.

Some whānau have reached out to me over the past few weeks concerned about the vaccination roll-outs for students 5yrs and over in our school. I would like to clarify that we will not be holding any vaccination clinics in our kura at any time for students or adults. The decision to vaccinate your tamaiti is solely your choice as a care-giver and not our right as kaiako to have them vaccinated. If you wish to vaccinate them, this can be done at a location designated by Hauora o Ngāpuhi in our local regions.

Please keep in mind that if your child is not going to be vaccinated, they can still come to kura as normal however there may be some limitations or restrictions if any school or class outing requires that children/adults need vaccine passes may impact upon your tamaiti.

Under phase 3, we are still required to wear face masks in classes from Years 5–8. In our kura, we have made the decision to make our whole kura one bubble. Please ensure that your child has a face mask especially for the buses and when they arrive at kura everyday.

Parents please remember to wear a mask when coming up to the kura to visit. Under the current circumstances, whānau are not allowed to go into the classrooms and anyone coming into kura must scan and register at the school office before and after you leave.

As you know, we are well aware of the increase of Omicron cases in our communities and it seems to be aggressively spreading across our kura in Te Tai Tokerau. We are noticing that some of our tamariki are coming to school with runny noses etc... Please leave your child home if they have runny noses or showing other symptoms.

Lastly we have found difficulties in contacting many of our whānau by phone making it hard to communicate with you in times of emergency or need.

Please complete and return the form - updating any information for our records including email address, current and alternative contact numbers, home addresses and if you prefer facebook messenger via means of communication.

Attached to our newsletter are our Bullying, Complaint and Disclosure policies for you to understand the processes if your child is being bullied in school or if a disclosure or complaint needs to be made.

No reira e te whānau, kia kaha tātou ki te ata tiaki i koutou anō me o koutou tamariki mokopuna i roto i ēnei wā.

Jon Smith
Tumuaki

TIKANGA MARAE

This term our focus is on tikanga Marae and teaching our tamariki the importance of maintaining tikanga Māori on the Marae and in our kura. We are fortunate to have Te Piiti Marae as our base to teach our tamariki within the walls of our whareniui all the important aspects of kawa, mihimihi, waiata, pōwhiri, haka pōwhiri, whare whakapaipai etc...



We are also focusing on putting our collection of waiata together to create ngahau and performance brackets for future occasions sharing with our tamariki waiata and haka that have been composed for our kura and also some old school waiata anthems that they can sing along to.

AWA RESTORATION PROJECT

Whaea Kelly will be heading our Tiaki Awa restoration project again this year and extending the program to tamariki who have a passion for learning and working in our awa and ngahere. We have received a generous fund from WWF to support our kaupapa Taiao this year and thanks to Jessie McVeagh for all her support for our kura.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BACK TO KURA

If any whanau have changed their contact details, please let us know

Child's name:	
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Updated Primary Contact Information

Parent/Caregivers name:		
Current Address:		
Cell Phone Number:		
Home Number:		Work Number:
Email Address:		
Facebook Account Messenger Name:		

Secondary Contact Information (Updated)

Parent/Caregivers name:		
Current Address:		
Cell Phone Number:		
Home Number:		Work Number:
Email Address:		
Facebook Account Messenger Name:		