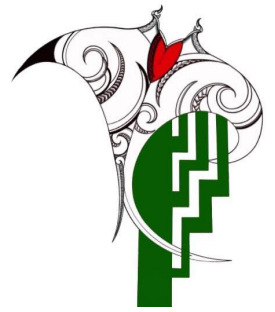


Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga

Thames South School



PĀNUI - NEWSLETTER

Rāhina 4 o Hakihea 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are officially racing to the end of our year! We have our Te Kauaeranga Whānau Day and Santa Parade next Saturday and we have groups of our people doing all of the mahi behind the scenes to get ready. If you have time to come and tautoko, please drop in to our front office and see how you can tautoko.

Last Friday we had Te Kura Taiao from the Hauraki Kāhui Ako come and learn about some of our awesome kaupapa we have going on. This will be the start of us working closer with Whaea Carrie, Matua Frank and some of the awesomely talented tamariki from Kerepeehi and Turua schools. We look forward to continuing this mahitahi in 2024.

Your tamaiti have taken home whānau survey, please complete these and return to kura. This will help determine our strategic plan moving into 2024 and beyond.

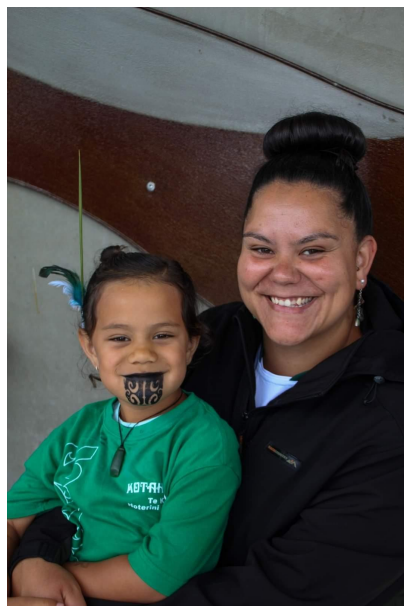
Last week we celebrated our very own Whaea Zhar who has won a scholarship and a place to study a Bachelor of Teaching. Whaea Zhar has all of our support in her pursuit of excellence! Your village here, has got you whaea!

Finally, we celebrate the return of Whaea Tineka into our whānau and teaching team. We look forward to having her as an integral part of our whānau moving into 2024. We continue to look for two more kaiako and we will be sorted for us all working towards fulfilling our collective potential!

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together!

Turou Hawaiki!

Whaea Barbara Hetaraka



ADMIN UPDATE

Important Dates:

09 December - Santa Parade & Whānau Day

10 December - Colour Run

11th December - Year 8 Leavers Dinner

12th December - Prize-Giving

13 December - Last day for tamariki

14 December - Last day for kaiako

30 January 2024 - Kura opens for 2024!

**During lunch time, Te Amorangi will be selling ice blocks!
Bring your gold coins!
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CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to the following local businesses that are supporting our kura by sponsoring uniforms for our 2 touch teams.

- Thames Pak'nSave
- Te Korowai Thames
- The Warehouse Thames
- WSE Screen Printing

We really appreciate the support you have given our kura.



The Skool Loop App is completely free for whānau - get the app to connect with kura. This is a great way to communicate when your tamaiti is away. There are no costs associated with any of the features used within the app.

The app is funded by local advertisers who use the platform to advertise their businesses.

Kura Updates

Te Awatea

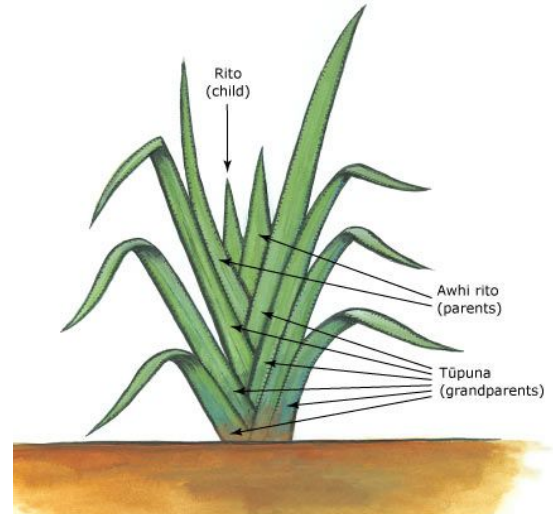


Te Awatea and Te Kawenga have enjoyed spending as much time as they could in the school pool as this term the focus was on water safety. The tamariki had the opportunity to learn the essentials of staying safe around water but also had the chance to try on life jackets, fostering a practical understanding of safety measures. These aquatic exercise complemented our weekly Yoga sessions with Whaea Angela, where the tamariki discovered their mind-body connection. The combination of water safety lessons and calming yoga practices aligned with our daily Hikatia te ha ritual, guiding the children to bring their wairua down to tau. This holistic approach not only promoted physical well-being but also instilled a sense of mindfulness and balance in the tamariki of Te Awatea and Te Kawenga.



Kura Updates

Te Kawenga



Whaea Zhar, with her wealth of knowledge, shared some of her experiences with our tamariki of Te Kawenga and Te Awatea, delving into the intricate world of Harakeke. Through her insightful teachings, the children learned the art of harvesting the flax plant, accompanied by a meaningful karakia. Whaea Zhar instilled a sense of responsibility as she shared essential practices on caring for and nurturing the Harakeke plant. The learning extended beyond theory as the tamariki engaged in hands-on activities, crafting putiputi (flowers) and kākahu (clothing) from the versatile material. Whaea Zhar also shed light on the plant's medicinal properties, providing a holistic understanding of the significance of Harakeke in Te Ao Māori. Our tamariki were so lucky to be able to acquire practical skills and a deep appreciation for the cultural and ecological importance of this revered native plant.



Kura Updates

Te Haeata



Te Haeata, Te Awatea, and Te Kawenga have beautifully embodied the spirit of tuakana/teina, fostering a strong bond through shared experiences in each others' learning spaces. Spending quality time together has allowed them to get to know each other, creating a foundation of friendship and mutual respect. Te Haeata, in particular, has emerged as a pillar of support, offering awahi to those in need with genuine kindness. In a collaborative effort, all akomanga engaged in a creative endeavor centered around the Huia bird, drawing and decorating feathers. Stepping outside the conventional classroom setting, we ventured into the sandpit, where imagination took flight. Together in groups they crafted their own island or sandcastle, representing the unique purākau they had collectively woven. This holistic approach to learning not only strengthened their connection but also demonstrated the essence of manaakitanga in their shared educational journey.



Kura Updates

Te Hāpai Ō



The four lambs lovingly raised by Te Hapai O whānau became cherished members of the kura hāpori through attentive care and dedication. From their early days, the whānau ensured the lambs received nurturing attention, feeding them at regular intervals and organising exercises to keep them healthy and active. Once calf club events had ended, the lambs continued to be under the watchful eye of Whaea Mel, who provided a nurturing home. When the time for shearing arrived, Whaea Mel enlisted the help of a knowledgeable friend, drawing upon years of experience to demonstrate the shearing process to the tamariki. This hands-on learning opportunity left the children fascinated, connecting them to the intricacies of farming practices and fostering a deeper appreciation for the animals they had cared for with such devotion.



Kura Updates

Te Amorangi



Aue e te whānau! It's nearly the end of the year! Te Amorangi have been feeding back to the community this term! We have been planting pumpkins, kumara and watermelons for our mara kai, and weeding our gardens ready for more planting. We have been creating tū meke displays for our whānau day too. This week, our kura has had the privilege of Swimsafe running a water safety programme with us to teach us how to be safe in our wai over Summer.



Is anyone missing a tent? We have a tent left over from our noho at Tapu Kura. If you think it might be yours, please come in and see us.



SANTA PARADE & TE KAUAERANGA WHĀNAU DAY

TE KURA O TE KAUAERANGA

THAMES SOUTH SCHOOL
12PM ONWARDS

FOOD & MARKET STALLS

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

SANTAS GROTTO

BOUNCY CASTLES

ROCK-CLIMBING WALL

FREE
ACTIVITIES



Te Whāriki Manawhine O Hauraki
Hauraki Women's Refuge



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