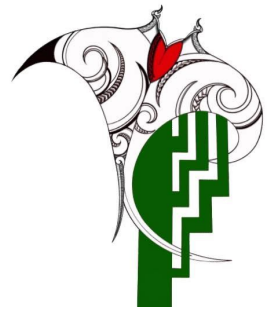


Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga

Thames South School



PĀNUI - NEWSLETTER

Rāmere 25 Hereturikōkā 2023

Kia ora e te whānau,

He mihi manahau o te wā. This week heralds the start of our local curriculum including our brand new bee hives. The mahi of the pī is vital to the pollination of our kai crops. For some of us the pī is a kaitiaki. For the pī we have the role of being their kaitiaki. Our intention is to broaden the walls of our akomanga so our tamariki can learn about the pī, their significance to te taiao and be their kaitiaki in what will be our Bee Club – Ngā Kaitiaki o ngā Pī.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a Matua Ravi mo to koha aroha ki a mātou. He mihi hoki ki a Matua Shaked! Matua Shaked has been integral in sharing his mātauranga about pruning our fruit trees and starting our kumara tupu for our next season of kai for our hapori. Ngā mihi nui ki a kōruatahi!

Next week our roopū is off to Te Puku o te ika a Maui on our haerenga ki te Hūkapunga – Hikoi to the Snow! Thank you to all of our whānau and friends of our kura for sponsoring our tamariki and enabling us to share this learning experience with our tamariki. Ngā mihi aroha.

Kia aiō ngā rā whakatā.

Turou Hawaiki!

Whaea Barbara Hetaraka



ADMIN UPDATE

School Wide Raffle - time to get the sold tickets and payment to the office asap - alternatively, return the sold tickets and enter the \$\$ into the school account, Thames South School, 06-0457-0147387-00 (enter your child's name and raffle as a reference).

School uniform - can you please check that you have the correct uniform items and your child hasn't picked up someone else's sweatshirt / shirt / jacket. If you find you do have someone else's uniform, please return it to your child's classroom teacher asap so they can be returned to the rightful owner.

Stationery - do you still owe for your tamaiti's stationery for 2023? \$15 is due for the stationery they received on day one of the school year. You can pay at the office or through the school bank account.

Details: Thames South School

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Please enter your tamaiti's name and reference as stationery

Pick up and drop off areas - Our Grey Street entry will be open daily between 8:00am - 9:00am, and after school from 3:00pm - 3:15pm. Please consider this school entry point a drop-off and pick-up space for your tamaiti/ tamariki.

Important Dates:

28th August to 8th September - We welcome Momotaka in Te Hāpai Ō

29th - 31st August - Snow Trip - Whakapapa

1st September - Thames Area Speech Competition - years 5 - 8

11th - 14th September - Te Whanaganui - Ā - Tara Trip

15th September - School-wide Flower Show, viewing available from 12 p.m. - more details to follow

22nd September - end of term 3

Outcome of Santa Parade / Float Hui, thank you to those who attended or put in their apologies for the hui to plan our 2023 float. We have booked the truck and the theme is set.

If you are able to assist in people power, donation of koha or materials please let Whaea Di or Whaea Lyn know in the office. The next hui is scheduled for Wednesday 6th September - 4.30 p.m.



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 Kawenga & Te Awatea



I tēnei rā i haere a Te Kawenga ki Te Tonga o Hōterini Te Kōhanga Reo. I whai wāhi rātou ki te tākaro me te tuhura i to rātou taiao ako. I whai paramanawa mātou i mua i te hokinga mai ki te Kura. Ka haere tonu a Te Kawenga ki Te Tonga o Hōterini, he timatanga hou tēnei mo te whakawhiti mai i te Kōhanga Reo ki roto i te akomanga rumaki reo Māori katoa.

Nau mai, haere mai, whānau
Whānau Hui: 30 o Akuhata
Te Wā: 3:30pm
Te Wāhi: Te Kawenga akomanga.



Te Awatea have been learning about Kōwhaiwhai patterns. The tamariki were familiar with these intricate beautiful kōwhaiwhai, some remembered seeing them on the rafters and sides in the wharenuī at their Marae. We had a kōrero about what the kōwhaiwhai represent and what traditional colours were used: red for warmth, blood and life, white for purity, and black being the whenua. As each kōwhaiwhai has a different meaning, tamariki focused on drawing the Koru as this represents pitau the unfurled shoot of a fern. Koru symbolises new beginnings, birth and the unfolding of life.

Miharo to mahi tamariki mā Rawe!!!



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Te Haeata



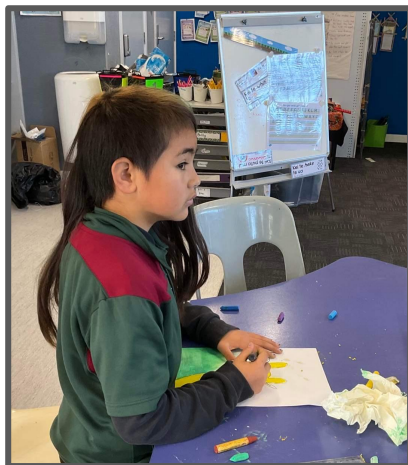
Nau Mai, Haere mai ki Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga e Megumi!

Megumi has joined Te Haeata for two weeks. He has travelled to Aotearoa from Japan. Te Haeata have welcomed him into our whānau, sharing their culture and identity and displaying Mīharo manaakitanga.



Art with Whaea Jeannie

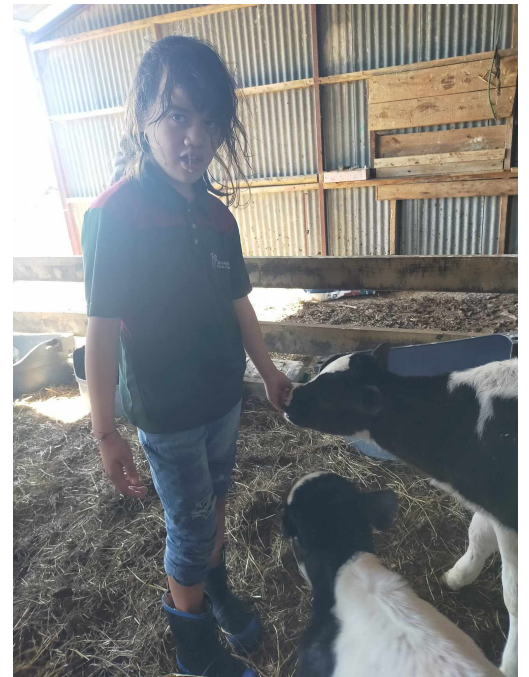
Last week Te Haeata used their hands to create animal art. They learnt how to blend with pastels and have created some ātaahua masterpieces!



Te Hāpai Ō Ngā kōtiro i te pāmu



Ngā kōtiro took our visiting Japanese student - Kono - to experience a NZ farm. It was very muddy, but they all enthusiastically got to work getting the cows in, milking, washing down the yard, feeding the calves and feeding the lambs. After all that work we enjoyed some fresh milk banana smoothies.



Stuck in the mud! It was a real team effort to get everyone out of the paddock, with lots of pulling, pushing and hysterical laughter. Anahera didn't quite make it without falling over.



Kura Updates

Te Amorangi

In Te Amorangi, we are looking at the wider picture of politics, and in detail, how choices can affect us and our whānau. We will be looking at who makes the decisions for our country, how they make them, and how we can help influence the choices made for our future.

Ma te whakawhānui i o tatau hinengaro, ka taea e tātou te whakawhānui ake i to tātou heke mai.

By widening our minds, we can widen our future.



Trees for Survival

He rōpū o a tātou tamariki i whakaatu manaaki ki a Papatūānuku.

On Thursday, a group of our tamariki and whānau showed how much we care for Papatūānuku by planting 750 native trees on a local riverside property. A huge mihi to all our tamariki; our whānau helpers: Whaea Marion, Matua Ravi and Whaea Suely; Whaea Lyn; Matua Tim from Trees For Survival and Whaea Keri and Matua Peter for letting us help out on the whenua they care for.



He kaitiaki mātou mo Papatūānuku!

