

Te Whai Hīringa



TERM 1

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH



Tumuaki
Korero

Tēna Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava Outou,
Malo e lelei, Tēna Koutou Katoatoa.

We have had a big start to the year, and I can barely believe we are already into March! With Whānau hour recently it was so lovely to see you all working along side your children in the learning space. We have had our first trip to visit Ngā Pou of Heretaunga and Te Waiaroha. With our Marae visit to Te Aranga giving teachers a way to make the learning about Te Pā Māori come alive.

It was disappointing last year to not be able to go on camp so the Board of Trustees have asked us to look into solutions for this. So this year to get us moving we have made sure to add in a lot of trips to places in our local area to ensure that we are once again able to explore 'our place'. We have trips planned each term that enhance our areas of study. Next term we will be focusing in on Matariki again but this time visiting the Atea-a-Rangi, having the star dome in at school and having expert Piripi Smith. We will also be holding our first school HAUTAPU - whāngai ngā whetu Māori New Year ceremony guided by Pereri King. Save the date! **This will be on 26th June 5am.**



We have recently had some Learning around trauma and how this affects people. We are working towards using this understanding to inform the way that we respond to tamariki and how we as adults respond. A change in our thinking is looking at behaviour as a response to stress. We have 500 students from 500+ whānau at our kura and we just expect them to all get on with one another. Imagine doing this with the same amount of adults, or even 10 adults - there would definitely be times where disagreements and conflict would happen.

At kura we have three main values. They are **Māramatanga, Manaakitanga** and **Whanaungatanga**. In our homes we also have a set of beliefs and values that may be similar to kura, or could be completely different.

Also in our communities our students often have another set of beliefs and values.

So in some ways, our students need to be three people! So at kura we are aware of this and we have created a safe space where our students can just be themselves and if they're going to make mistakes (and they will, that's part of growing up and also a part of learning) they make mistakes with safe, consistent, predictable, non-judgemental and compassionate adults there to support them through this process.

Later on in we will be offering whānau a space to learn about trauma with our facilitator Jase Williams. Please keep a watch out for these dates.

We also have another opportunity coming up with **Te Whare Aio** with **Ngarino Te Waati**. Please look them up on facebook. This is coming up in May and more information will follow. So keep an eye out for this one if it is something that looks like your cup of tea!

Our **Ohu Whakaihuwaka** are gearing up for their camp in Taupō.

We have 4 more busy weeks until the end of term but the timetables packed full of learning opportunities for our tamariki. Thank you for all of your support for us as a kura. Our staff work really hard to provide the best for your tamariki. I appreciate the love you all show them it keeps their heart space full as well.

Ngā mihi mahana

Tineka (Waitoa) Tuala-Fata
Tumuaki





WAIAROHA

We had a two part trip in Week 5 that started off with some of our ākonga (students) first rides on a bus! There was much excitement about the bus ride alone! One of our stop offs was at the amazing **Waiaroha - Water Discovery Centre**. What an ataahua place to learn about the water cycle and the way we can look after one of lives most precious things! Fresh clean drinking water! So many beautiful stories, pūrākau and fun to be had at Waiaroha. Whānau if you have not been there yet it is a great place to visit. Ngā mihi to Mrs Te Pou who got all the details sorted for us to visit.

We were lucky to see the beautiful architecture and clever way the buildings had been designed. Splashing and having fun in the sun was a wonderful outing for the tamariki. It was great to get out into our community and enjoy a change of scenery.

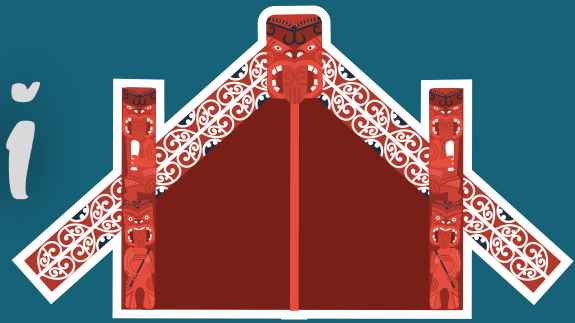


NGĀ POU O HERETAUNGA

In week 5 the whole kura went for a trip to some of our local amazing sites. Linked to with our **Te Pā Māori** Inquiry learning we were able to see the pou that represent the different pā in Heretaunga. We had many amazing discoveries about the way the pou were facing and what that represented. Were able to see and take photos with the pou that represented their whānau and to see amazing installation of beautiful whakairo (carvings). Hastings has some beautiful things to see and we pln to make sure we get out to see a lot of them this year.



Ngā Pā Māori



In week 8 this term the whole kura visited **Te Aranga Marae** in Flaxmere. This was to help us to see a **Pā Māori** up close and to experience learning on the marae for the day. We were treated to learning all about our local marae the names, its history and what each part of the wharenuī represents. A big mihi to **Matua Henare O'Keefe** for coming down o support us with his story of Te Aranga. A part of us learning to be the ahi kā for a marae is tidying up and help to keep our marae in good shape. So we all helped with those things at Te Aranga too! See the photos below of all of the amazing things we did at Te Aranga. **Ngā mihi** to Matua Rocky, Matua Paora for stepping up to be our kaikorero for our pōwhiri. We are grateful to Lee Kershaw-Karaitiana form Kauwaka for lending support for our two kaikōrero. **Ngā mihi** ano to Whaea Aroha, Ms Kire and Mrs Makea for being our kaikranga this week also. Waiata, Pōwhiri, giving of koha, how to clean up at the marae and be a good ringawera, keep our marae tidy, learning about the tikanga at a marae... so much learning!







Creatives in School

We have been very lucky to have been awarded a creative in school grant this year. Our project is called

Ka Mua, Ka Muri

Our creative in schools in school artist is Marina Toatoa and our guest creative Darryl Thompson aka DLT. Together they will be working with tamariki who love art to help us transform our blank walls and spaces with beautiful art that represents our community. We have recently sent out a form for any whanau that want to contribute to this process. Marina will be working with children each week to create beautiful artworks.

Whaea Becs and Whaea Jo will be working with our tamariki also to create beautiful art for all to enjoy. A notice came home earlier about this please contribute ideas if you feel you want to.



Ohu

Whakaihuwaka



The Ohu Whakaihuwaka have kicked the year off with a trip to Ceasar MMA to discover their possible leadership style. They have thought of many ways they would like to be of assistance across **Te Whai Hiringa**, watch this space! They are also off on a **Leadership Camp to Taupō** very soon. This trip is planned to challenge and extend our Ohu Whakaihuwaka. We will be sure to share our experience via our school Facebook page.





Showing your tamariki that you prioritise and value their learning is the one of the greatest markers for success in school. The partnerships between home and school life are pivotal in forming secure routines and relationships which make learning possible.



WHĀNAU HOUR

Our

Busy

SCHOOL



Sensory Garden Prep



Tuakana Teina



Reading



Waiaroha Trip



Henry Hill Sensory Garden Visit

ROAD PATROL

Constable Chrissy has been in recently to train up our Road Patrollers. We love having her to teach us how to keep everyone safe when crossing the road.

Please whānau can you support us by ensuring your road patroller is at school on time for patrol duty. If for any reason your tamaiti can not make it in for their duty let Mrs Morton know by emailing lmorton@tewhaihiringa.school.nz





Sports ACADEMY

We have been visiting our local sports park to enjoy time with coaches and other ākonga from Flaxmere to practice our skills and make some new friends. Thank you to Matua Manase for taking us down each week and caring for us.





UP & COMING

EVENTS

TERM 1 & 2

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Week 8/9 **Rākau and Taiohi Swimming**

29th **Good Friday**

1 - 2nd **Easter Monday and Tuesday**

4th & 5th April **Ohu Whakaihuwaka Camp in Taupō**

Friday 12th April **Last Day of Term**

TERM 2

3rd May In2it **Dodgeball Tournament**

14th May **Whānau Hour**

31st May - 1 June **Te Whare Aio Wānanga**

26th June **Hautapu Ceremony at school Celebrating the Māori New Year**

28th June **Matariki National Holiday**





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Creatives in School

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What is it?

Every year we are able to apply for funding from creatives in schools to help the children to gain experiences with a real-life artist! Our artist this year is Marina Toatoa along with legend Darryl Thomson aka DLT. Together they will be working with our children to create artworks in our space that represent who we are as a kura and the ethnicities that represent us.

How long will it take?

- The work will be completed from March - June

Where in the school?

- The concrete wall between the hall and Room 21
- The front and back entrance - fences
- The old Huawhenua wall
- The bike shed out on the field

How can you help?

We are after some ideas for the designs or some images that you would like to contribute or add to our designs. Some tamariki will be selected from school to then work with the artists to create murals to be put in all these different places.

Please send along to school any ideas, drawings images from the internet that you would like to add to our designs we will give these to our creative to work with the tamariki.

You can send these to Mrs Biggs at rbiggs@tewhaihiringa.school.nz or send drawings to the office.

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful ideas!





Our Kete awards are based around creating a *connection* with our Tamariki. We use this as an opportunity to spend time with a chose a trusted adult to go and share a hot chocolate with down at **Kapai Kuppa Waka**

This day Kyah and Reign were our two lucky draw recipients. In the beautiful sunshinethey enjoyed connection time with Mrs Te Pou.

