TĀNEATUA SCHOOL

Tāneatua He Ariki, He Tohunga, He Tangata, He Urururu Whenua

Term 1: Panui 3 - 20 February 2025

Kia ora koutou,

I want to say a massive thank you to all our whānau who are working with us to ensure our tamariki are at school every day!! We are seeing an improvement in our attendance rates and in communication from whānau when tamariki are absent. We are aiming for 95% daily attendance - every day! Please think very carefully before taking your tamariki out of school for the day - there are very few justifiable reasons for our tamariki to be absent - so even if you have told us why they are away, the reason may not meet the criteria of a justifiable absence.

Earlier in the week, I advised of the resignation of Mr Ray McGuire as Presiding Member of our school board. Ray has been an important part of our kura for a number of years - as a teacher, on the board and as koro to some of our tamariki and we thank him for his years of service to the school. On a personal note, I would like to thank Ray for his support during my time here as Acting Principal - his insights into the school and community have been invaluable. All the best, Ray.

As a result of Ray's resignation, the School Board have had to elect an interim Presiding Member (the school cannot operate without a Presiding Member) and Whaea Kyllie Te Whetu has stepped up into the role. This year is an election year and we will soon be calling for nominations for the board, at which time we will also be looking to fill the vacant board member position.

<u>SWIMMING SPORTS - are TOMORROW!!!!</u>

This has crept up on us quickly as things do at this busy time of the year!

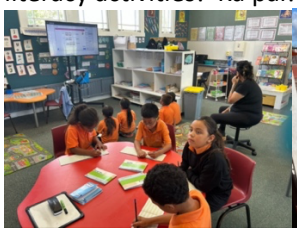
We will be starting at 9.30am, so if you have some time to spare in the morning, please come along and support our tamariki in the pool! Come and watch their races and cheer them on! Some of our tamariki will be selected to attend the Tūhoe Swimming Sports!

<u>TEACHER ONLY DAY - 21 March 2025</u>

The Ministry of Education has directed that all schools participate in professional development on the new Mathematics Curriculum during 2025. Our first professional learning day is Friday, March 21st, 2025. Tāneatua School will be closed for instruction on that day. Please make arrangements for the care of your tamariki on that day.

<u>LEARNING TODAY…..</u>

The juniors were working hard at their mahi this morning when I was out and about around the kura!! Matua Pop's class at PE learning ball-handling skills, Whaea Witi's learning about creatures that live in the sea (our topic this term is "TANGAROA") and Whaea Carly K's class were fully engaged in their structured literacy activities! Ka pai!!



Can you help???

We are wanting starting lunchtime "indoor" games sessions for our tamariki and we are after some board games to get the ball rolling. If you have any games at home that are no longer in use, would you consider donating them to the school? It would be great if they are nice and clean and have all the pieces needed to play. Game like Connect Four, Chess, Scrabble, Cluedo are particularly good! Please send in to Whaea Jane - We already have some tamariki who are dead keen to get playing!!

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou
Na, Whaea Terrianne