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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Kia ora e te whanau o te kura o Aorangi,

Welcome back to all our ākonga and whanau. What a fantastic start to the term we have had. During the first week of the holidays, all the teachers were back on deck learning about the curriculum changes that are going on, and looking at ways we can best support your tamariki in their learning. They got stuck in and carried out planning for our topic this term “Tūrangawaewae” - looking at the place we call home. We also looked at why we, as teachers, chose to work at Aorangi Primary School. By answering this question we were able to come up with our core purpose as educators:



We have lots going on this term. Lots of staff are out at different times for professional learning, we have Bike Safety Week in week 3 which will be busy, a disco, and school reports go home at the end of the term. So make sure you keep an eye on school apps for messages and the calendar.

We are farewelling Whaea Tracey and Whaea Jess at the end of week 3. Whaea Tracey has secured a position at Otonga Primary School while Whaea Jesse is taking some time out of being in a school. We thank them both for all the exceptional work they have done for Aorangi Primary School and wish them all the very best for their future endeavors. With this comes more changes. Mrs Anderson will be covering all classroom release for our teachers and carrying out her role in the office as Assistant Principal. We have a new teacher starting in Room 11 in the next couple of weeks - watch this space for introductions.

Uniforms!!

It's a good time to get in and order some new uniform for your child/ren. It is getting cold so please make sure your tamaiti has long black pants and a school jacket to keep them warm. If you require any items, come and see Anna.



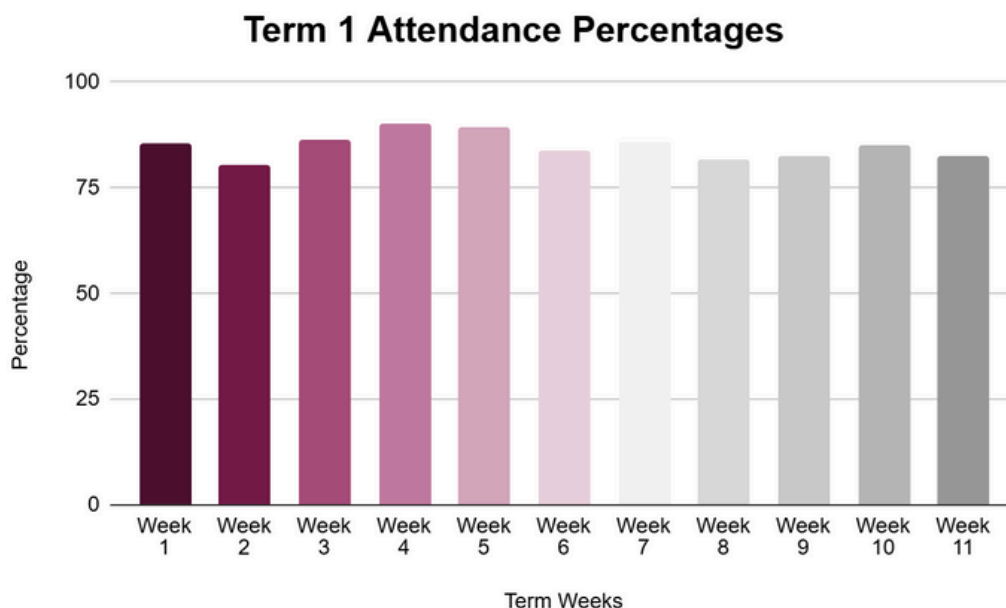
School Hours:

We have a number of students who are continuously late to school. It is important that each student begins the day on a positive note and with their peers. Each class begins with Karakia, Waiata, Daily Notices, and what's on for the day before moving into their learning. These are all important for your child to be part of. When they are late, they miss whanaungatanga - connecting with others, and often disturb other students when entering and joining in. Remember our school hours are 8.55am to 3.00pm.

Attendance:

The Ministry of Education has made it a priority to increase student attendance at school to 80% present for more than 90% of the term. The graph below shows our weekly percentage rates of students attending school. On average, we are meeting the government's target, however, our regular attendance at school is still very low - only 40% of students have regular attendance (less than 5 days absent for the term each).

It is really important that your child is at school every day. A day missed is never caught up. Staff members will begin contacting whanau if your child is away for 3 consecutive days or showing regular patterns of absence.



Let's work together to improve student attendance and their engagement in learning.

Whaea Billie

Classroom News



Kia ora Whānau from the Junior Team

The last couple of weeks, our Junior School students have been working hard on their letter-to-sound knowledge, and we are thrilled to see how much progress they have made!



The children are becoming more confident experts at recognising both letter names and their corresponding sounds, which is a fantastic foundation for their reading and writing.

Our older students have been focusing on blending these sounds together to make words, and they are doing an amazing job.

In Maths, our students are starting to make strides with the Prime Maths program. Our younger learners have been practising recognising and writing numbers while the older students have been exploring number sentences and number stories. It's been wonderful to see their growth in this area.



One of the highlights of the term was our fun ice-cream making activity!

We put cream inside a bag, placed it into another bag with ice and salt, and then we had to shake it a lot until we had ice cream. This was quite difficult for some of us but then the next day we still got to enjoy the fruits of our labour with chocolate sauce and some yummy sprinkles.

It was so frozen that Whaea Mel had to cut it with a sharp knife and made a big mess. What a cool way to learn about the science of freezing and how things can turn from a liquid into a solid.



We are so incredibly proud of how well our tamariki have settled into their classes and are enjoying their daily learning.

Bring on term 2, we can't wait to see what our tamariki achieve.



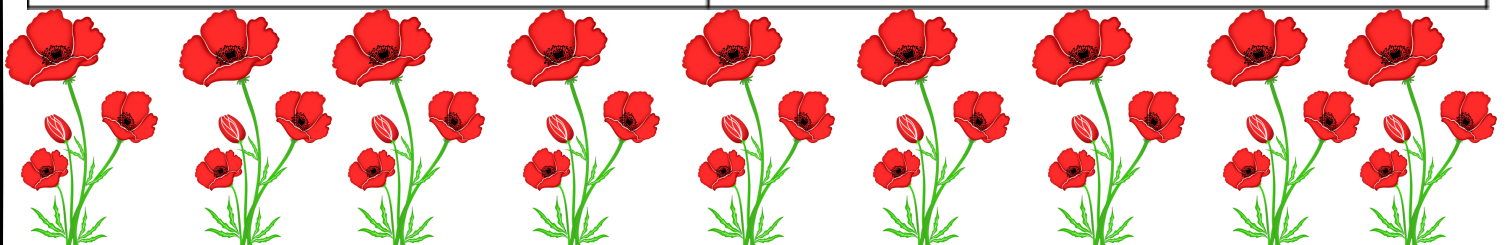
Classroom News

ANZACS - Social Studies

We Understand	why our ANZACS are remembered on the 25th of April every year.
We Know	that New Zealanders and Australians have a special relationship some of the timeline and history relating to the ANZACS how resourceful and clever the ANZACS were. how New Zealand was affected by WW1 and WW2 why poppies are a symbol relating to ANZACS that many of our ancestors, from Te Arawa, were in the Maori Battalion - Company B
Do	We: each made a poppy for our remembrance wall. demonstrated our understanding through actions spontaneously responded respectfully when the 'Last Post' was played listened and responded to, and asked questions from stories about ANZACS

Symmetry - Mathematics

We Understand	that symmetry is a mathematical concept
We Know	that symmetry is all around us; in nature, buildings and everyday items things can be symmetrical or asymmetrical there is horizontal, vertical and diagonal symmetry
Do	we: explored symmetry by gathering fallen leaves drew and coloured leaves and made them as close to symmetrical as possible drew lines of symmetry on shapes



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

This year is election year. We need parent representation.

The board is the group of people that make the big decisions and set the overall direction of the school. Every state, state-integrated school or kura has a board.

The school board is responsible for:

- policies and procedures
- planning for the future
- employing all school staff
- complying with the law
- managing budgets.

The board doesn't get involved in operational issues. The principal is responsible for the day-to-day running of the school.

If you would like to support Aorangi Primary School and help to set the direction for all our tamariki, then perhaps being a Board Member is for you.

Our elections are in September, but if you would like more information regarding School Boards or if you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Anna in the office for details.

Fundraiser for Plunket

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Kids Sale

Saturday 24th May
8:30-11:30AM

Otonga Primary School Hall
105 Otonga Road, Springfield

Bring your reusable bags!

Gold coin entry
(kids are free)

STALLS \$25 per table
Contact Amiria for details: 027 248 0312
Email: amiria.taylor@plunket.org.nz

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HORSING AROUND

We have a small group of students who are participating in EquiSucceed. EquiSucceed provides equine-assisted services that help to overcome barriers associated with anxiety, fear, lack of confidence and self esteem. It also helps to build patience, confidence and improve fear and trust. Our group will attend every week on a Monday for this term. It was such a privilege to see our students have a chance to take part in something that not many ever will. And it was a joy to see their fear and uncertainty wash away as they rode their horses and talked with their guides.



Bike Safety Week

Next week is Bike Safety and Road Safety Week. Skates, Scooters, Skateboards and Bikes are welcome, but please have safety gear to go with them.

Tuesday we have a Cake Stall. Everything from 50cents to \$5.00. Funds will go toward room 10 & 11 trip.

Wednesday we have Wacky Wheels Wednesday & Mufti Day. Gold Coin donation. Best dressed wheels wins a prize. Best dressed matched rider and wheels wins a prize.

Friday is Pink Shirt Day and Sausage Sizzle Day. Sausage Sizzle \$2.50. Let's try and have everyone wearing pink!!

Aorangi Bike Safety Week
12th to 16th May 2025

Bake Sale Tuesday 13th May



Wacky Wheels Wednesday 14th May

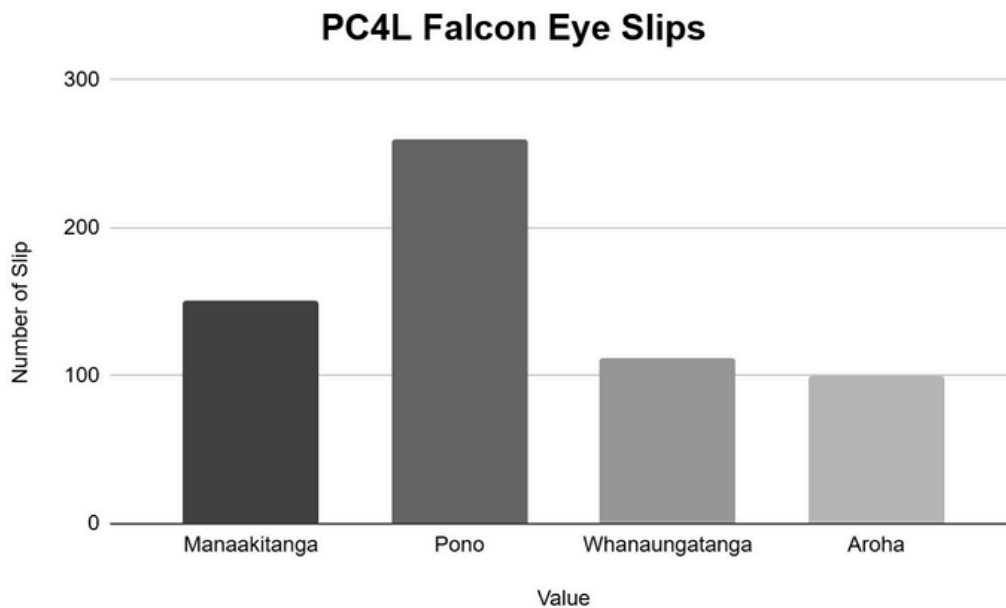
Sausage Sizzle Friday 16th May



PC4L - POSITIVE CULTURE 4 LEARNING

During term 1 we collected data based on the positive behaviour in Aorangi Primary School. Students are rewarded with a Falcon Eyes Slip when they are caught displaying our school values. We have had a great response from all students with this step in our initiative. We have even had our first 3 students receive a certificate for achieving 10 Falcon Eyes Slips in one particular value - Pono.

Below is a graph to show you what school values has received the most recognition from the students. We still have a way to go before our complete PC4L Initiative is completely up and running smoothly, but we have all noticed a difference with the small steps made so far.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SURVEY

This year the School Board will be developing a new 3 year Strategic Plan for the school. To help develop the focus for the school, the School Board is required to seek information and guidance from our school community. This will be carried out at the end of this term by way of survey. We ask that you start thinking about what is important to you regarding your tamariki, their education and their needs, therefore making the process simpler and the result relevant to our school community.

More information will follow later in the term.

IMPORTANT DATES

Keep an eye on our calendar for more events and any date changes.

- 12th - 16th Bike Safety and Road Safety Week
- 15th May School Board Hui
- 29th May Teacher Only Day - no school
- 2nd June King's Birthday - no school
- 6th June Teacher Only Day - no school
- 9th June Bike Ready Forest Visit - Room 10/11 only
- 19th June School Board Hui
- 20th June Matariki - no school
- 27th June End of Term 2



Assembly is every second week on Friday's at 2.20pm (week 3, 5, 7, 9)
Newsletters are every second (even) week (week 2, 4, 6, 8)



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