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Issue 8T2



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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Kia ora e te whanau o te kura o Aorangi,

What a great start to the term we have had. Thank you to everyone for your support during our Bike Safety and Road Safety week. The money raised will go toward classroom trips for this term.

A lot of safety talk has happened over the past week or 2 regarding roads. Our senior students have learnt about safety on their bikes, especially riding on roads. A key message here is to **wear a helmet at all times when riding**. And all our students have learnt about being safe in cars. The key message here is to **BUCKLE UP!** Please do not drive off without your child/ren buckled in. I see it too often at the front gate, tamariki not wearing seatbelts.

It is starting to get a lot colder in the mornings. Please make sure you are sending your tamariki to school warm and in the correct uniform. If you need support with uniforms, contact Anna in the office. Tamariki can wear warm jackets to and from school, but at school they must wear school uniform. Items that are not uniform will be asked to be taken off and letters will be sent home to individual whanau requesting correct uniform to be worn.



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.

Please refrain from collecting your tamariki before 3.00pm. The end of day is just as important as the beginning of the day. Notices are generally given out at the end of day and these often don't make it home due to early pick up.

For every 15 minutes your child misses of school per day, equates to 12.5 hours 2 days of learning.

School Office:

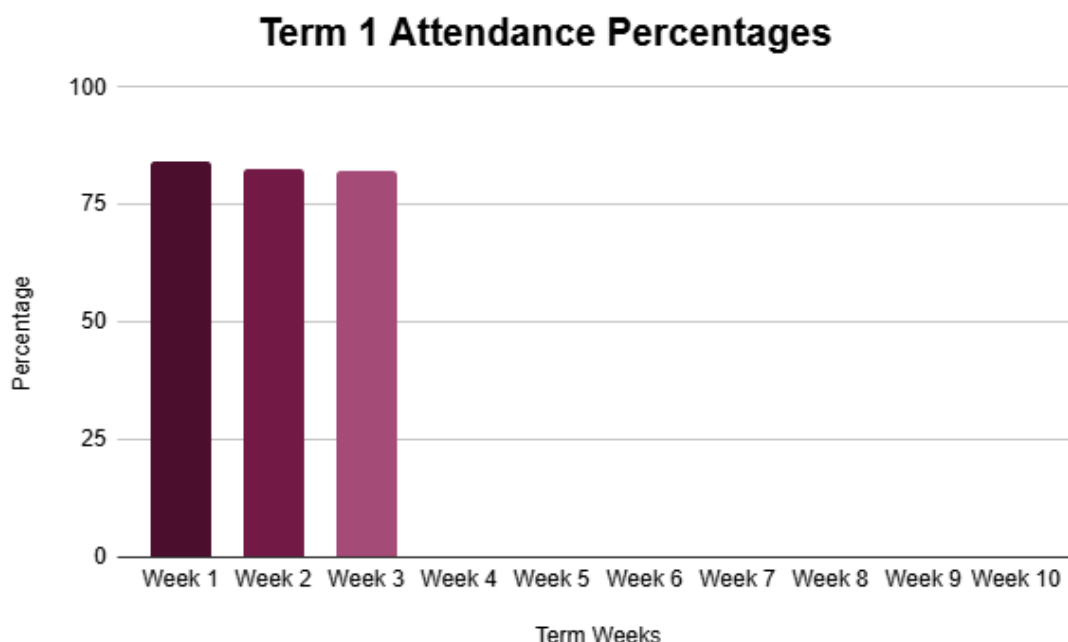
The school office is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm everyday. It is a very busy place before school and after school. Please **DO NOT** contact the school office between 2pm and 3pm to pass messages on to you child/ren. Anna is not the personal secretary of your whanau. She does not have the spare time to run around delivering messages at this time of the day.

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 for our current term.

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.

Letters will be sent out if we notice concerning patterns or regular absenteeism.



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

We have a couple of Teacher Only Days (TOD) this term. Please make sure you are aware of when these are. There are also a couple of long weekends, shortening an already short term.

Fundraiser for Plunket

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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WHAT A BUSY START TO TERM 2!!!!!!

Welcome back whanau to another term filled with fun learning, activities, and being back together as a senior whanau.

We have already had ANZAC Day, where both Rooms 10 & 11 learned about what it means and why we celebrate it. Both classes shared this learning in both our assemblies we have had this term.

Thanks to Whaea Tania, we learned how to bake ANZAC biscuits. This was an interesting exercise where 40 children

were split into groups of about 6/7. Each child had a part to play in the preparation, cooking and cleaning up and then the best part, eating them. Thanks Whaea Tania.



The senior school is on a mission for the rest of the term/year. We are hard out trying to fundraise, so that we can venture out of school and learn about our local area. If we are on to it, we may even go for a camp somewhere. So far, as you know, we have had a Bake Sale, and raised a nice amount, and we have had a sausage sizzle/Wacky Wheels event. Thank you whanau for your support. We will keep you posted as to our next fundraising event.



Last but not least, we have been lucky enough to have Aaron and Tipene from the Lakes Council, teaching our senior children safety on bikes. They have been learning about the bike itself, riding a bike safely and learning to ride on a public road. Room 10 looked like they had fun in and out of the school. Now for Room 11 to do the same thing. **HAVE FUN!!!!!!**



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.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

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
25th June DISCOE - PJ Party
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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