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## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Kia ora i te whanau o te kura o Aorangi,

Well the countdown is on to the end of the term. It's already been a busy first half of term and the second half won't be any less busy.

Last week I had the privilege of attending a Principal's Conference in Otautahi - Christchurch. I met plenty of principals from other small schools who are having similar challenges as us. I attended many workshops that helped to guide my thinking and planning for Aorangi Primary School to move in a positive direction. While I was away, the rest of the staff attended some professional learning regarding PB4L in Te Puke. More examples of what other schools have accomplished to make their environments safe and enjoyable for their ākonga.

This past week has been another busy week for myself and two other staff members. Lots of sharing and learning has taken place in support of setting the schools strategic direction. Early next term, you will receive a short survey to help the School Board plan for what direction we all want Aorangi Primary School to head. The professional Learning that staff have participated in recently, will all help to plan this future direction.

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 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.

### 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.

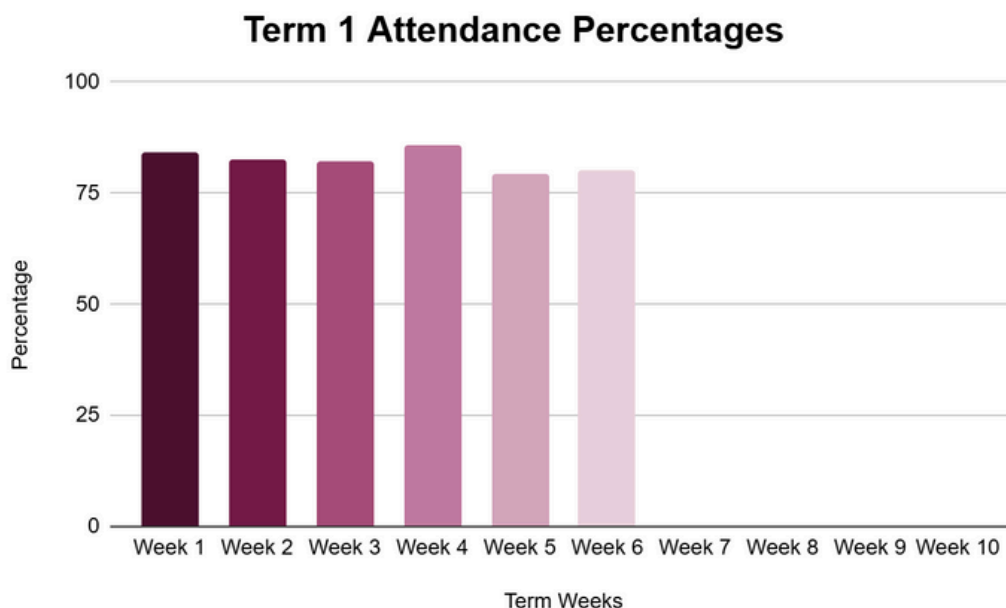
For every 15 minutes your child misses of school per day, equates to 12.5 hours 2 days of learning.

### 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 have begun 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.

*Whaea Billie*



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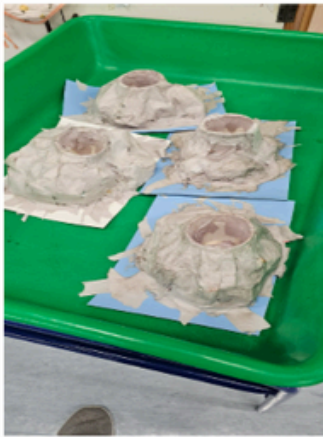
# Classroom News

## Junior Team Newsletter Update

Kia ora whānau,

The Junior Team has had a fantastic few weeks full of learning, creativity, and discovery!

We've been working hard on learning our sounds and exploring how syllables work. The students are learning to identify open and closed syllables and how an open syllable means the vowel can say its long sound. It's been exciting to see their progress!



Our inquiry this term has been all about the stories of our *rohe*. We've been exploring local legends and history, with a special focus on the *Battle of the Mountains*. Room 4 has created a small wall display to bring this story to life, and we're currently working on making our own paper mâché volcanoes.

Fridays are also a highlight for many, as we move into our weekly clubs after morning tea. Whaea Sue runs the ever-popular Lego Club, where last week's challenge was to build the tallest tower and then decorate it. The students showed amazing teamwork, problem-solving, and imagination — she was very impressed by their creations!



Ngā mihi, **The Junior Team**



# PC4L

## PC4L (Positive Culture for Learning), also known as PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

Teacher Only Day- 29th May.

Our staff ventured over to Te Puke to learn more about Positive Culture for Learning. We networked with other schools and learned about one another's journeys. Many schools are going through change, including ours, as we navigate the changing needs of our learners.

PC4L is about restorative practices as opposed to a punitive approach.

PB4L Restorative Practice gives school staff best practice tools and techniques to maintain and restore relationships if things go wrong, using four underlying principles.

- Positive interpersonal relationships are a major influence on behaviour
- A culture of care supports the mana of all individuals in the school community
- Cultural responsiveness is key to creating learning communities of mutual respect and inclusion.
- A restorative approach leads to individuals taking responsibility for their behaviour.

This information and more can be found on the PB4L website MOE



## IMPORTANT DATES

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

- 9<sup>th</sup> June Bike Ready Forest Visit - Room 10/11 only
- 12<sup>th</sup> June School Photos
- 13<sup>th</sup> June Duffy Theatre Road Show 1.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> June Room 10 & 11 Buried Village Trip  
School Board Hui
- 20<sup>th</sup> June Matariki - no school
- 24<sup>th</sup> June Fluoride Visit
- 25<sup>th</sup> June DISCOE - PJ Party
- 27<sup>th</sup> June End of Term 2 - School Reports go home



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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