



Te Pākihi o Maru

Together growing hearts and minds

Friday 1st August 2025

Term 3 - Week 3

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Term 3. This term is certainly colder than the last! I have been reminding our tamariki to make sure that they are wearing a school jumper and keeping shoes on their feet during break times. Hopefully this will keep them warm and dry and with less chance of catching a bug.

Sickness

If your child has a cough, runny nose or any other cold or flu symptoms, please keep them at home. It is very easy for bugs to spread in the school environment and we want to keep everyone well. If your child comes to school and we think they are not well enough to be here, we will phone and ask that you come and collect them.

Term 3 Topic - Healthy Kai

This term we are learning about the types of food that fuel our bodies and brains. Every classroom will be investigating the benefits of different foods. **Packaged foods, particularly those high in processed sugars, fats, and salts, can negatively impact learning by affecting concentration, energy levels, and cognitive function.**

Please support your child's learning by packing healthy snacks in lunchboxes. We prefer fruit for morning tea and sandwiches for lunch with one sweet treat.

Senior Cross Country

Next Monday we are taking Kererū, Ruru and Toroa to Orana Park to run our senior cross country. This is different from our normal event at the Racecourse. We have a course mapped out that they will run and the first 3 home in each year group will be entered into the North Otago Cross Country on Monday 11th August at the Racecourse (further information will come home).

Whānau Group Clubs

This term on a Monday afternoon we have introduced Whānau group clubs. Our tamariki have selected the club they wish to be in and are all learning new skills. The clubs we have are: *Boomwhackers, Knitting, Zumba, Minecraft, Embroidery, Scrapbooking, Ukulele and Tech Music*

Sausage Sizzles

To raise money for our Year 6 camp we will start sausage sizzles again on Friday 15 August. \$2.00 per sausage and these can be paid for at the office on a Friday morning.

What's coming up!

Monday 4th August
Board Hui 5pm

Wednesday 6th August
Clued up Kids - Year 6

Monday 11th August
North Otago Cross Country

Wednesday 13th August
Mathletics - Waitaki Girls High School

Thursday 4th September
Polyfest - Dunedin

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th &
Friday 12th September
Year 6 - Water Safety

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th
September
Year 6 - Water Safety

Friday 19th September
End of Term 3

Monday 6th October
Start of Term 4

Board Elections



We will be holding our school board elections this September. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to play a vital role in shaping the future of our school and the education of our tamariki.

What does a school board do?

The school board is responsible for the governance of our school. This includes:

- Setting the strategic direction and targets for the school.
- Developing policies and procedures.
- Consulting with the community to make major decisions.
- Monitoring curriculum, finance, property, and health and safety.

Board members are active leaders who support strong professional leadership and ensure effective teaching for all tamariki. They bring diverse skills and experiences to the table and work collaboratively to ensure our school is the best it can be.

Nomination packs went home with tamariki on Monday and all nominations are due back to the school office by **12pm, Friday 15th August 2025**.

If you are interested or have any questions about the role on the board, please contact me at school.

*Ka mihi
Stacey
Tumuaki*