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WHANAU UPDATE

Thursday 2 March 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Tena tatou katoa;

We are still experiencing issues with phones and the internet at school. We have the landline being diverted to a cell phone held in the office. Our staff and students are working around this by hot spotting from their phones for the time being.

Students not in class

Whanau please talk with your tamariki about the importance of staying in class and turning up on time.

Uniform

It is an **expectation** that students wear the school uniform. We require whanau to support this. Students need to be proud of who they are, be proud of their whanau and be proud of our school.

The board have authorised a review of a school polo shirt. We will work with students on a design and bring it back to the board and whanau for approval. This will be a process and changes will be transitioned at a much later date. Please ensure your tamariki are in the correct uniform and have no hooded jumpers.

Attendance

Concerns have been highlighted around prior attendance for 2022. The Ministry of Education are focusing on attendance and it is a school priority for 2023. The school is concerned if attendance is low, students' learning, progress, achievement and overall wellbeing are negatively affected. 90% is the minimum expectation by the Ministry of Education for 'regular attendance'. While 90% is 'regular' it still means a student misses an average of 1 in 10 days of school, which equates to almost 100 hours of lost learning time. "Every day counts" illustrates the loss of learning caused by absences.

Upcoming Events

Waka Ama Training days are
Wednesday & Thursday 3.00 pm - 4:30 pm

- **6 March** - Harbour Swim Pool Trial
- **9 March** - Primary Swimming Sports
- **10 March** - Harbour Swim Sea Trial
- **11 March** - School Working Bee, 9.00am
Bring a plate to share at the barbeque afterwards - we will send out a list of jobs and tools needed closer to the date
- **13 March** - Harbour Swim, 8.22am
- **14 March** - Primary/Intermediate Interschool Swimming Sports
- **15 March** - Board of Trustees Hui, 6pm, Boardroom
- **24 March** - Teacher Only Day
- **27 March** - Waka Ama Nationals - TBC
- **29-31 March** - ERO visit
- **6 April** - End of Term One
- **7 April** - Good Friday
- **Week 10** - Secondary Wananga

"Every Day Counts"

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

If your child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

The effect of absence on progress

A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80.00%
Very Good	Worrying		Serious Concern		

Best chance of progress and success.
More likely to be socially happy.

Harder to make progress or experience success.
Harder to make friend and more likely to be less happy at school.

This is **persistent absence** and Very hard to make progress and social outcomes are often poor. Referral to Attendance Services is likely.

The board have authorised 2 draws weekly of \$50 vouchers (one for juniors/ one for seniors) for term one, 2023. Students eligible for the draws are those who are marked present at school all week.

Darlene Rogers
Acting Principal



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Who reviews our policies and procedures?

- Reviews are open to the board, staff, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau).

Term 1 Reviews

Legislation and Administration Policy (Board)

Official Information Requests (Board)

Privacy (Board)