

After a few weeks away in hospital it has been great to get back to school and build up the hours again. It was wonderful to be able to join last week's Principal award winners for breakfast and to end the week with a full day at school. There has been a lot of fabulous stuff taking place while I was away and I had been following the news via our newsletter and kept in touch with Mrs Kelly, who kept things running while I was away. A massive thank you to her, and the staff for keeping things running smoothly while I was absent. I also wanted to acknowledge all of the wonderful doctors and nurses, which include a number of our school whanau, who were absolutely wonderful with the care that was provided during my time up there. I am looking forward to being back fully at school this week and enjoying the last few weeks of Term 1.



On Friday we had a bit of a special celebration for a couple of our students during our waiata. Monty from Room 2 and Taonga from Room 5 were acknowledged for World Down Syndrome day. They are pictured with their support staff, Whaea Zane and Whaea Annalea.

Along with a number of other students with different needs, they are an integral part of our school and bring their unique characteristics to school daily. Our school whanau have grown alongside them, are

very protective and supportive of them and love having them both with us. They provide the opportunity for our staff and tamariki to learn more about their different needs and what other students have to deal with daily, but most importantly, they have the opportunity to be with their friends, experience every opportunity available and grow within a caring and nurturing school environment, of which I am very proud to be part of.

I along with the rest of our staff are looking forward to a fantastic last few weeks of term with a number of exciting events taking place. Keep checking in on our upcoming dates for trips and school events over the coming weeks and I wish everyone a wonderful week ahead.

Nga mihi, Steve Jenkins
Principal/Tumuaki



SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

We have reviewed our school roll numbers and have opened up our school enrolments for a limited number of out of zone students. Numbers will be reviewed termly as we need to ensure that we allow adequate space for our students living in the Whau Valley School home zone. For those wishing to enrol any out of zone students, we have the following spaces available within the school.

Year 0/1 -15 spaces available

Year 2 - 6 spaces available including limited bilingual

Year 3 - 6 spaces available

Year 4 - 8 spaces available including limited bilingual

Year 5 - 8 spaces available including limited bilingual

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Should you have any questions please contact the school on 09 4370048. We are more than happy to answer any questions and take whanau for a walk around our beautiful school. Enrolment zone information is available at our school office and on the school website <https://www.whauvalley.school.nz/enrolment-scheme> and also on the Education Counts website <https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/fn.../school/profile...>

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance has continued to be steady with us consistently achieving above 85% attendance on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. Last Monday was the first time we started the week below 80%. Fridays continue to see ‘a dip’, maybe this week will see 80% or greater EVERYDAY!

<u>Week 8</u>	<u>Monday 17 Mar</u>	<u>Tuesday 18 Mar</u>	<u>Wednesday 19 Mar</u>	<u>Thursday 20 Mar</u>	<u>Friday 21 Mar</u>
Daily attendance rate	78%	87%	87%	87%	77%
Unexplained absences	22	10	15	22	38
Late students	43	47	38	54	31

ROOM 9

Great news whanau, we had ANOTHER class achieve 100%. Last Thursday, Room 9 had all their tamariki at school. An awesome achievement & as you can see in the photos, the tamariki enjoyed their treat on Friday.





Thursday 3 April

Last week you should have received the photo ordering form, if you need another copy please ask at the school office.

- ALL orders to be made online at www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz
- Online / Prepaid orders must be completed and paid for by 2 April.
- Only use the order form if you are paying by CASH at the school office.
- No Eftpos available

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 Easy online ordering at www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz
 Please order online if paying by credit card or direct credit.
 Use this order form if paying with cash and return it to school.

PLEASE USE ONE ORDER FORM PER FAMILY

Contact Phone No.	Please tick w/ appropriate boxes						
Email Address	Class Photos			Portrait Photos			
Child's Surname	First name	Class No.	Class	Combo	Indiv.	Sibling	Family

Browse the product range below and indicate quantities (number) of products required in the orange circles

Class Photo/ Funny Photo	Class Photo and INDIVIDUAL Portrait Combined (not available for sibling/family photos)	Combination Pack	Portrait Photos	Total \$
A4 size (21 x 29cm) Laminated & Handed \$20	A5 size (15 x 20cm) Handed \$17	1 x A4 named class photo with individual insert 2 x 12.5 x 18cm 4 x wallet 2 x postcards 1 x FREE Funny Photo	1 x A4 named class photo with individual insert 2 x 12.5 x 18cm 4 x wallet 2 x postcards 1 x FREE Funny Photo \$54	
BRONZE Package 4 x wallet photos 2 x postcards 1 x 12.5 x 18cm \$25				
SILVER Package 4 x wallet photos 2 x postcards 1 x A4 photo 1 x FREE Funny Photo \$30				
GOLD Package 8 x wallet photos 4 x postcards 2 x 12.5 x 18cm 1 x A4 photo 1 x FREE Funny Photo \$35				
Digital Image We will email a high resolution digital image suitable for printing at large sizes to the email address you specify below:				
Individual \$30				
Sibling \$35				
Family \$40				

Any enquiries to Liz's email: photos@lizdaviesphotography.co.nz or call her on 027 457 1151
 It's easy to re-order photos online or late orders at www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz

Order Total \$

WHAU VALLEY SCHOOL PTA RAFFLE

We have been so lucky to have received some fabulous donations to be able to put together a beautiful holiday hamper to be raffled off. We have vouchers from;

- Escape on Bank Street
- Bed, Bath and Beyond
- Lil Nana's cafe
- Aquatic Centre passes
- Coffee vouchers from Bean on the Scene
- Some amazing holiday activities
- A couple of Easter treats

Raffle sheets were sent home last week and some lucky person will be going home with an amazing basket of goodies for the school holidays.

\$2.00 per raffle ticket. Raffle drawn on Thursday 10th April



Thursday, 27 March

Overnight school sleepover (Rms 9 & 10)

Friday, 28 March

Trip to Otiria Marae (Rms 5, 9 & 10)

Thursday, 3 April

School Photo Day

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SCHOOL DISCO!! 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Friday, 11 April

Last day of term 1 - 2:45pm finish

Monday, 28 April

Start of Term 2 - 8:45am start



A friendly reminder that school starts at **8:45am** and finishes at **2:45pm**. Please have your children at school prior to this start time. Children arriving late is a disruption to the teacher, class and the student themselves, as they have missed out on the instructions and timetable for the day. Collecting children early is also a huge disruption and should only be done if they have an appointment or it's an emergency. Please wait for your tamariki until the bell rings at the end of the day. Thank you!



**LEARN TO SURF
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

- Easter Holidays
- 09:30- 12:00pm WEEK DAYS
- 14th- 18th and 21st- 25th April
- \$40 per Child per Day
- \$150 if you book for 5 days

Please Contact:
Tutukaka Surf, Marina Road, Tutukaka
Phone: 094344135
Email: Surf@tutukakasurf.co.nz

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Our Focus:

-Teaching our students how to ride a wave.

We explain and practice the ideal posture on the board, paddling technique, standing up, and the ideal surfing stance.

- Ocean knowledge and safety.

We explain how to identify and manage rips and currents from the beach, safety hand signals are practiced together as a group. Respecting and understanding the ocean is invaluable knowledge!

- Surf etiquette.

Scenarios like, 'Who has the right of way is it?', or 'Where should I paddle out' are explained to students as they progress with their surf journey after attending our program.

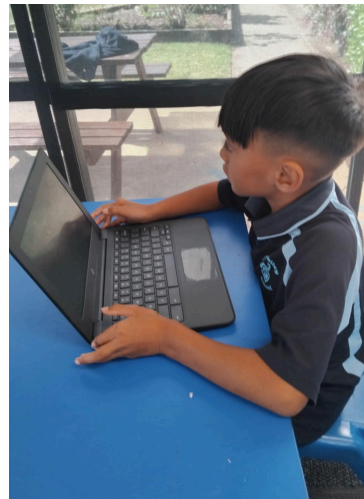
-Having fun outside!

There is nothing better than making friends out in the fresh air and riding the ocean's waves, we're here to share the best feeling in the world!

NGA KERERU

This term has flown by and our students have been working hard on establishing their daily routines, and we are proud of the progress that they have been making. We have enjoyed making use of the pool while the weather is still warm. We are becoming more confident in the water and will miss it as part of our daily routine in terms 2 and 3.

We have enjoyed the visitors that have come into school. Particularly the visit from St Johns which gave us an opportunity to practise our emerging first aid skills. There are still a few events remaining. Looking forward to our school photos and disco on Thursday week 10.



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When: Thursday 3 April, 5:30 - 7:00pm

Where: Junior Canopy Area

Who: All Whau Valley School students. Siblings of our students are welcome but will need to be supervised by an adult member of their whanau.

Please note; tamariki will need to be dropped off and picked up by an adult.

Gold coin entry - \$\$

Tamariki are invited to come in FANCY DRESS!

We will have a sausage sizzle, mussel fritters, bottled water, Juicies, Moosies, home baking, steamed pudding and custard, hot Milo and marshmallows and glow sticks for sale so please bring gold coins! Parents please note we will be asking for donations of home baking closer to the time. More information to follow!

We look forward to seeing lots of tamariki and whanau there to enjoy music, dancing and fun for all!

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NGA KIWI

Ruma Rima has been very busy working on a few recipes. Over the past fortnight they have made banana cake, ice-cream and pancakes. Tamariki have learnt so much about cooking measurements, ingredients and following step by step instructions. It has been great sharing kai.



NGA KIWI (continued)

Tamariki love sharing and celebrating their achievements. We have been developing our emotional skills with The Zones of Regulation and the children are trying to lift up their peers. He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai. Plant compassion & love, love & compassion will grow.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

This week we have the following lunches from our school lunch providers:

Monday - Subway	Tuesday - Food For Life	Wednesday - Subway	Thursday - Food For Life	Friday - Subway
Beef lasagne	Nachos, roast vegies, fruit	Ham subs, yoghurt	Filled bread rolls, celery & carrot with hummus, banana cake	Three pepper chicken deli rolls, cassava chips

THINK AND BE ME

This morning we had Whangarei Rotary in as part of the Think and Be ME wellbeing programme. Our tamariki participated in a variety of games with a focus on social skills, team work , and giving things a go. Supported by People Potential students, our tamariki loved being involved and taking part in the many challenges provided.

