



PARENT PĀNUI (Announcements)

28th February 2025 (Week 6 Term 1 2025)

Me titiro ki te wiki e heke mai nei (Looking towards the week ahead),

Wow, our Year 5 and 6 students seem to be having an amazing time at camp in Russell. I hope you have been following our Facebook page for updates and awesome photos.

Thanks to all the parents and staff that have attended to make this exciting opportunity happen!



NSSSA SHOWJUMPING

It was awesome to have Winnie and Georgia representing our school at the NSSSA Showjumping event. Both girls had a fun day with some success and some challenge! Well done to you both.



Dates to remember - Week 6, Term 1

Monday 3rd March:

- 1pm: School closes
- 1.30pm: Goal Setting Interviews begin

Tuesday 4th March:

- 3.30pm: Goal Setting Interviews begin

Wednesday 5th March:

- Piwakawaka visiting MGK Playcentre
- School lunch orders need to be placed by 5pm

Thursday 6th March:

- School lunch orders
- Ngahere Beach Trip

Friday 7th March:

- School newsletter

Notices/Reminders:

School Hats:

A reminder that this is a summer term. All students must wear their school hats (no other hats allowed). Students with no school hat must play on the Kākano deck or Monkey Tree.

Zone Swimming Event:

Recently students in Year 5-8 have been involved in time trials for Freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Students who are able to do the required lengths, without stopping and displaying the correct stroke have their times considered for participation in our Zone event. Our zone includes Maungakaramea, Tauraroa Area, Waiotira and Portland Schools.

If your child is selected to compete in our zone event, you will receive a permission slip home from Carlyn Condon, one of our Sports Coordinators.

What are the Zone and WPSSA Swimming events?

-These are events for the top competitive swimmers from schools to get together and test their skills. These are not designed to be a "have a go" day, like WPSSA events such as Winter Sports.

How were our students selected to go to the zone event at TAS?

-All year 5-8 students were timed at school in all events, freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

-Students were selected with the main criteria of their time to complete their race, and their skill level in the water.

-Skill level: In order to be selected to the zone or town event the students must perform the correct stroke perfectly. They are also not allowed to stop and stand up, as the minimum requirement for length is 25m (our pool is 15m, so does require a stand and turn) These rules must be adhered to very closely.

What does the NZ Curriculum expect from schools in terms of teaching children to swim?

- The NZ Curriculum has no expectation that children learn to swim at school, in fact, we are lucky to even have a school pool!

-The focus of an aquatics lesson is around safety in and around water, especially at the junior level. This is what is taught to teachers and students through water safety instructors from Sport Northland.

-As we are a Northland school and surrounded by water, we teach our senior students the basic strokes of freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. However if you as a parent are interested in your child competing competitively, we would recommend swimming lessons outside of school.

-In addition to what we do at school, we also do water related activities such as; surfing, beach trips/education and water based activities on camps.

Goal Setting Interviews- Term 1 2025

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March

Teachers will be conducting Goal Setting Interviews on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March. Here students, parents and staff will talk about:

- How students have settled in
- Friendships children have in class
- Set goals for the year

Times:

Monday 3rd March:

-1pm: School will close

-1.30pm: Goal Setting Interviews begin

-6pm: Goal Setting Interviews finish

Tuesday 4th March:

-3.30pm: Goal Setting Interviews begin

-6pm: Goal Setting Interviews finish

All confirmed interview times will be emailed to you on Friday 28th February.

Teachers will also send out a Goal Setting survey for parents and children to fill in prior to the meeting.

Ruru- Monday 3rd March

Ruru will be open from 1pm- 3pm for students who cannot get collected by 1pm on the day.

Cost- \$5

If your child is booked in from 3pm for Ruru, there will be no additional charge for the 1-3pm care.

Buses on Interview Days

Buses will run as per normal on both interview days.

Term dates:

Last Day of Term 1	Friday 11th April
First Day of Term 2	Monday 28th April
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 27th June
First Day of Term 3	Monday 14th July
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 19th September
First Day of Term 4	Monday 6th October
Last Day for 2025	Friday 12th December

Ka nui tēnā mō tēnei wā (That's enough for now)

Simon Schuster



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