

Kia ora e te whānau

Today marks the end of Week 6. We have four more weeks of learning before the holidays.

Progress Reports

Your child's progress report for Term 1 will be issued on Wednesday 15 March during Extended River Time. It will provide you with a good indication how your child is tracking in all their subjects. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Teacher Strike next week Thursday 16 March

The PPTA (teachers union) are striking next week and school will be closed. There are a few teachers who are non-union members that will be onsite. If your child requires supervision, there will be a teacher here to watch over them. School is closed for instruction on this day, and open for supervision only.

Tairua/Pauanui/Whangamata students

A huge mihi and acknowledgement to the students and families impacted even further by the recent slip between Opoutere and Hikuai. I understand the minivan was turned around on Wednesday morning. We are doing a push on Google Classroom work and encouraging teachers to upload as much content as possible. Please email individual teachers if you haven't found any work online. We will spend some of our staff meeting Wednesday afterschool on uploading new mahi too.

Buses

The bus companies who run the ministry service have given us code of conduct forms to send home. Families will need to agree to expectations so their students can use the bus service. If there is evidence of students not following the code (e.g. vaping on the school bus), the bus company has the right to refuse to transport students. Here is a [paper copy](#) of the MOE Bus Code of Conduct. A link to complete the Code electronically has been emailed to all bus families today. The link to complete the Google Form is also available [here](#) (one form per student). This does not include private buses.

Celebrating Success

A huge congratulations to Amber Perry for the Manaakitanga and leadership she demonstrated at the TVSS Touch Tournament last Thursday 2 March. I received the following email from a parent about the Junior Girls team:

I popped over to Ngatea yesterday to watch a couple of the junior girls play touch as my daughter was in this team. I'm emailing as I just wanted to make you aware of a student Amber Perry who was a part of this team.

While the whole team had amazing attitudes and compliments for one other and massive amounts of encouragement for each other. It was Amber who stood out. On the side line she was cheering everyone on, shouting praise to her teammates and when mistakes were made giving reassurance that it was all good. I've been involved in a few different sporting codes with my eldest daughter and I must say that Amber and the whole junior girls team were some of the best, most positive girls I've



seen. It made such a choice environment and I have no doubt that her positivity was brushing off onto the other girls. They all seemed so happy!

Valley Education - Kopu

We currently have 2 students who have transitioned out of school and are experiencing success at courses through Valley Education. There are also learner licence opportunities coming up! A message from Sonia:

Our next learner licence course here at Kopu is Tuesday 21 March, Wednesday 22 March, Thursday 23 March. The course is from 9am - 1pm. The third day Thursday is revision and test day. Learners will need their original copy of NZ birth certificate or passport. If they have a birth certificate from outside NZ there is a criteria that needs to be followed.

The cost is \$120 inclusive of GST for the course, \$93.44 for the test. If they need to resit the cost is \$45.90.

We need names in advance of the course. We can be contacted by text or call on 0273141577. Landline 078687892, email admin@valleyeducation.co.nz. Our driving lessons are \$70 per lesson. If they require our car for their learners or restricted tests we can hire it at \$70 also.

TERM 1

10-12 Mar	NISS Rowing Champs
Mon 13 Mar	Waikato University Liaison Visit
Tue 14 Mar	TVSS Athletics
Tue 14 Mar	Waikato SS Tennis - Singles
Wed 15 Mar	Waikato SS Tennis - Doubles
Wed 15 Mar	Waikato SS XC MTB Champs
Thur 16 Mar	Auckland Metropolitan SS Clay Target Shoot

Thu 16 Mar School closed for instruction - PPTA industrial action (strike)

Mon 20 Mar	Canterbury University Liaison Visit
Tue 21 Mar	Massey University Liaison Visit
Tue 21 Mar	WBOPSS Athletics
Wed 22 Mar	TVSS 3x3 Basketball
Thur 23 Mar	TVSS Tennis
Thur 23/24 Mar	Health and Safety Course #3
Fri 24 Mar	TVSS Show Jumping
Fri 24 Mar	Waikato SS Fleet Sailing Contest

Advance notice of two Teacher Only Days scheduled for TERM TWO

Mon 24 April: 1st day of Term 2 - This is a Ministry approved Teacher Only day to focus on course design of new Yr11 standards for 2024.

Fri 30 June: Last day of Term 2. We are joining with Kāhui Ako local schools for a full day conference on understanding trauma, building resilience and improved wellbeing in schools.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā, have a great weekend.

Sharon Moller
Principal