



# WHAKAREWAREWA SCHOOL



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Tēna kotou e te whanau -

As we approach term 3, I want to extend a warm welcome to each of you. Our dedicated staff is eager to continue fostering a supportive and stimulating environment for your children. This term we are excited to introduce new programs and opportunities that will enhance learning and growth.

We value the partnership between home and school and believe that your involvement is crucial to our success. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or suggestions as we work together to ensure a fulfilling and successful term for all our tamariki.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Nāku iti nei

Nā Whaea Jackie  
Tūmuaki

*"Kia ū ki te pai" - Hold fast to that which is good*



# TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS



## Student-led Conferences Term 2: Kia u ki te pai - Strive for Success

Our akonga have had a fantastic Term 2 filled with achievements and growth! Student-led Conferences mark a special time for them to reflect on their successes and share these milestones with their whānau.

During these conferences, our tamariki set goals for Term 3 alongside their kaiako. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents to see firsthand the accomplishments their children have achieved and to plan for the next steps.

He ahuatanga e whai wāhi atu ngā mātua ki te kite i ngā mahi i tutuki ai e ngā tamariki. He wa hoki ki te whakarite i ngā whāinga mō te wahanga 3. Nga mihi nunui to all our kura whānau who support their tamariki/mokopuna at the kura. Your involvement and encouragement are key to their success!



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## Manu Kōrero Whakarewarewa School

What an incredible day celebrating our tamariki and their powerful voices at Manu Kōrero! The kaupapa of "Protecting our taiao and our Lake Rotokakahi" under the theme "Toitu te Tiriti" resonated deeply, as our young ones honored the Treaty through Participation, Protection, and Partnership. Each akonga chose a Matariki star, symbolizing their connection to the present moment.

There were lively debates around these kaupapa, showcasing the diversity of thought and passion among our students. Judges were impressed by the high quality of content and the excellent presentations that unfolded throughout the day.

I tino kite te pitomata o nga tamariki i tu, i tu pakari, i tu maia. Congratulations to all the participants for their courage and hard work!

## RESULTS

### Auraki Division:

- Year 1-2: Tangaroa Little
- Year 3-4: Phenix Shaw
- Year 5-6: Anahera Duggan
- Year 7-8: Ailyas Taute

### Rumaki Division:

- Year 1-2: Ihaia Steenkamp
- Year 3-4: Inez-Raynz Conrad
- Year 5-8: Nedii Tuimauluga

Well done to all our winners and participants for contributing to a memorable Manu Kōrero. Your voices are the future of our community!



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## Hōtaka Whakaiihui

Some of our tamariki had an amazing week with Aotearoa Dive

This time around, we approached the kaupapa a little differently. For three days, they honed our skills and techniques while enjoying some fun free-diving and scuba diving at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre. Then, on the fourth day, we joined forces with Te Arawa Catfish Killas to help pull up their nets and learn about the invasive species in our lakes. We gained insights into how we can all contribute to prevention efforts and learned a lot about our taioa.

We also took a hikoi near Okere Falls by the trout pools, immersing ourselves in the beauty of nature. To cap off our adventurous week, we embarked on the Rotorua Duck Tours to explore our backyard and, true to form, got a bit wet in the process!

What a meke week it has been! Well done, tamariki, for your enthusiasm and commitment to learning and exploring our environment.



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## SCION - SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Our students had an incredible day at SCION - Science and Research, diving into the world of trees and disease prevention with the E Heke e Heka app!

We spent the day exploring the fascinating world of our native trees like Pohutukawa, Ramarama, Manuka, Kanuka, Rata, and Swamp Maire, alongside exotic trees such as feijoa, guava, and eucalyptus. We learned firsthand about the impact of Myrtle Rust and how it threatens these beautiful trees.

In the labs, we got hands-on with scientists who showed us insects, plants, and slides illustrating the effects of Myrtle Rust. Our students were thrilled to use the app to learn more about this disease and how they can contribute to protecting our forests.

A big thank you to Whaea Yvonne for sharing these awesome photos that capture our unforgettable experience! Feedback from our students says it all: "That was a fun way to learn!" Thank you, SCION, for an enlightening and enjoyable experience that will stay with us as we continue our journey to safeguard our environment.



# TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS

## WEARABLE ARTS



# TERM TWO HIGHLIGHTS

## TE TAKINGA NOHO MARAE



# WHATS HAPPENING

# TERM THREE

## WHOLE SCHOOL

For Term 3, we will be on enhancing our engagement with Te Reo/Language through a diverse range of activities. We will immerse ourselves in kapa haka practice as we prepare for Ahurei. Gymnastics will provide an opportunity for physical development, while the Spell-a-thon will encourage excellence in spelling. Our students will also engage in creative problem-solving with the 6 Bricks initiative. Additionally, we will explore local histories, delving into the heritage of Waikato and Te Arawa.

## TERM 3 PUREREHUA CLASS FOCUS

- Dance
- Cooking Classes
- Tongariro Hiko
- Olympics
- Art Projects: Acrylics, Canvas art, Collage, Weaving
- Field Trip: Visit to the Waikato Museum to explore local culture and history

## TERM 3 PAREKOHURU CLASS FOCUS

- STEM Projects: Hands-on experiments in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics.
- Literacy and Reading: Book Character Day: Students dress up as their favorite literary characters.
- Focus on improving writing skills through: Recounts, Haiku poetry, Expository writing
- Cook Island Māori Language Week, Tongan Language Week
- Art Activities: Exploring abstract pastel art techniques.





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## TERM 3 NGARARATUATARA CLASS FOCUS

- Journey through "Mai Maketu Tongariro - The Trails of Ngatoroirangi."
- Hotaka Whakaihihi - Activities include diving, fishing, weaving, and music.
- Manual Training - Food technology, Textiles, Information technology , Music
- Mathematics Focus: Decimals, Percentages, Ratios, Space and shape
- Spelling bee with code words
- Gymnastics
- Book Character Day
- Spend a day with Mayor Tania Tapsell
- Cook Island Language Week
- Māori Language Week

## TERM 3 KOROTIOTIO CLASS FOCUS

- STEAM Exploration - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics
- Mai Maketu ki Tongiriro
- Learning Waiata with Poi

## TERM 3 PŌHUTU CLASS FOCUS

- Pāngarau - Rūmaki
- Te Taumahekeheke o te Ao
- Takaporepore - ngā peikenga/kanikani
- Tūhourangitanga - Mai Maketu Ki Tongiriro
- Wānanga reo - Kōrero, e pukapuka/kiriata
- Tātaki reo Māori

## TERM 3 WAIKOROHIIHI CLASS FOCUS

- Te Taumahekeheke o te Ao
- Kei Hea? Ko Wai?
- Te Whenua o Pari
- Wīwī
- Takaporepore
- Maketu & Tongiriro Whakapapa
- Tātaki Kupu



# WHATS HAPPENING

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## TERM 3 TE HORU CLASS FOCUS

- Te Taumahekeheke o te Ao
  - Kei Hea? - Ko wai? - Ngā kemu - Wīwī
- Takaporepore
- Mai Maketu ki Tongiro/ Whakapapa
- Tātaki Kupu
- Wānanga reo

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM THREE

**Week 3** - 5th - 9th August - Manual Learning Week

**Week 7** - 2nd - 6th September - Hotaka Whakaihiihi

**Week 9** - 17th September - Spelling Bee

**Week 10** - 24th September - Student Led Conferences

**Week 10** - 25th September - Gymnastics Expo

**Week 10** - 27th September - Teacher Only Day

