



Ake Runga : Our Best Always

Thursday September 14th, 2023

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Vision: Ake Runga

Mission Statement: We think, collaborate, communicate, contribute and create

This week is Te Wiki ō te Reo Māori. As a school we are committed to developing te reo me ona tikanga (the language and its cultural practices) for all of our children and staff. New Zealand has a unique opportunity to build our collective knowledge and skills to support this kaupapa. We are fortunate to have staff and community members with skills to guide and support our learning. Thank you to Whaea Herewini and Matua Pouroto Ngaropo for their leadership within our school. Whaea Herewini has provided a couple of Kahoots for our children to play this week. The children have loved it and it has shown how their skills are growing. This is not a one week, once a year opportunity. We are focusing on this development everyday.

Tomorrow is our official school opening. This is an opportunity for our community to join us as we celebrate the end of the rebuild. We invite all parents to come and support our children / school. We have a large number of people attending and we know that our children will do us proud. Please support us by ensuring that your child has the correct uniform.

There are still a few minor pieces to complete including the installation of the turf on the court, building two sheds between the pool and Tui classroom (PE shed and Storage) and completing some items of the snag list. This will occur in the school holidays. We are then done!

Our Board of Trustees are in the planning phase for 2024. We are really looking forward to being a 'real school', not a building site. We also look forward to building the knowledge of our staff, children and community around the artwork / information that we have within our school. This week we blessed and revealed our two pou which form the waharoa (entrance) to our school, visuals of the maunga (mountains) of Ngāti Awa, the four awa (rivers) of our area that have been etched into the concrete and the Toroa artwork which tells the history of the Mātaatua waka captain and it's arrival in Whakatāne. We will be providing signage to provide some information about each of these pieces. We are so fortunate to have our Board invest in these artworks by engaging with local artists to provide these taonga for our school. A massive thank you to our kaumatua Dr Pouroto Ngaropo for providing cultural guidance and direction to ensure that our information is accurate.

Welcome to Brimsy Marshall (a former Apanui student) who has joined our staff as a teacher aide in Team Three. We have also appointed Holly Benjamin to join our office staff. Holly is doing some transitions this term so she can hit the ground running in term four.

Nāku Noa - Simon Akroyd, Principal

<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events</p> <p>Fri Sept 15 Winter Sports - Year 3&4 @ Rex Morpeth</p> <p>Fri Sept 15 School Opening @ 10am</p> <p>Mon Sept 18 EBOP Maths Problem Solving Competition</p> <p>Fri Sept 22 Last day of Term 3</p> <p>Tue Oct 10 Out of Zone enrolments close</p> <p>Tue Oct 17 Intermediate Orientation Evening / Open Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2023 Gala</u></p> <p>Next term we will begin asking for donations of items for the quick fire raffles. These are always very popular and traditionally we have had about 40 raffles. We ask for a small donation each week, mostly grocery items (bottles once week, grocery another, etc). We then put items together to create the raffle prizes. If anyone has donations of vouchers, large prizes etc then please let us know : vanessa.wiley@apanui.school.nz</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">School Opening : Friday Sept 15 @ 10am</p> <p>The official school opening will be at 10am on Friday, Sept 15th. We invite our community to join us to celebrate the completion of the rebuild. It is an opportunity to come together and acknowledge those who have helped us work our way through this piece of history of our school.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Safe Parking</p> <p>Please be sure to have a clear photo of a car's number plate and showing where they are illegally parking (eg: yellow lines) so that the car can be identified by the parking wardens. We have noted an improvement overall. However, if you are doing the right thing then you have nothing to worry about!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Out of Zone enrolments for Term One and Two of 2024 close on Tuesday October 10th. Don't miss out!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Touch</p> <p>Touch permission forms to Miss Horne and touch money (paid to the office) asap to ensure that your child gets to play this season.</p>
<p>Year five children who are keen on being trained to be road patrollers for 2024 need to return their notices to Mrs McIntosh asap.</p>	