



Ake Runga : Our Best Always

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Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa (warm greetings to you all).

This is the last newsletter from me for a few weeks as I'm on leave until mid June. In my absence Mrs Ruth McIntosh will be the school Principal and Mrs Kylie Whitehead the Deputy Principal. This is a wonderful opportunity for Ruth and Kylie with our Principal Mr Simon Akroyd just a phone call away if required. I know that they will do a fabulous job.

Attendance at school is a significant focus for our Ministry of Education. Attendance rates have plummeted across the country after covid. As a country it is essential that we put this right and get our kids to school. Fortunately, attendance at Apanui School is significantly better than most schools. Here are a few reminders so that we continue our successful school attendance.

Please notify the office by 9:15am in the following ways:

- Call - 07 308 7687
- Text - 027 366 7903 or 027 364 2234
- Website - www.apanui.school.nz

Please let us know why they are absent for administrative purposes under our school policy. Please also notify us if your child is going to be late - they will also need to sign into the office when they arrive at school.

The Ministry of Education has recently brought in three new measures

1. Correctly coding absences every day
2. Identification of learners who may be at risk of slipping into persistent patterns of unjustified absences
3. Schools have initiated timely intervention and support to keep learners engaged

How can we support each other?

We would love you to continue supporting us by notifying the office if your child/ren is absent and the reason why. We will continue to be open, positive and supportive regarding attendance and be there to listen and support whānau. We want our kids at school every day.

Rex Wilson

CAMP or SPORTS Payments to Apanui School

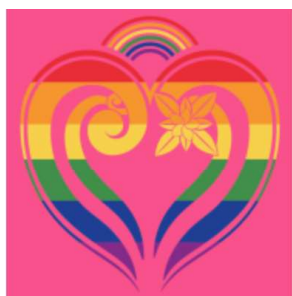
Payments can be made online. Apanui's bank account is **12-3253-0009007-00**. Add your child's name and the activity as the reference. Eg: Tom J Touch

Pink Shirt Day

Friday 17 May, Gold Coin Donation (pink is not compulsory).

By taking part in Pink Shirt Day 2024, you will be doing your part to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Upcoming Events

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| March 25-May 10 | Dental Truck @ Apanui |
| Fri May 10 | School Assembly Hosted by Kotuku |
| May 13-17 | Science Safety Week |
| Weds May 22 | Whole School Cross Country |
| Fri 24 May | School Assembly |
| Weds 29 May | Girls rugby tournament |
| Fri 31 May | Teacher Only Day |

Term 2 sports

- May 22nd: School Cross Country (PP May 23rd)
- May 29th: Girls Rugby Tournament
- June 4th: Cluster Cross Country; Ohope School
- June 5th: Rugby 5's Tournament
- June 13th: EBOP Cross Country (Opotiki)
- June 21st: Gymnastics Tournament
- June 25th: BOP Cross Country