



Apanui School would like to acknowledge the passing of Kingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII. We thank him for his service and his advocacy for Māori unity with a specific focus on wellbeing and rights.

We are starting to plan for 2025. This involves understanding the number of children that we will have so that we can arrange our classes / number of teachers etc. If your children will not be attending Apanui School in 2025 then we would appreciate a heads up. Class lists are a major undertaking. We put a lot of work into sorting the best class for each child. We do have parents who come to talk to us about what they believe is the best option for their child. We ask that you meet with Ruth or myself about this. We consider this input, but we do not guarantee that your request will happen. As professionals we have a clear understanding of your child’s social and academic needs. We begin the process next term.

Today we had staff from Kawerau South School visit to look at our structured literacy teaching. Apanui’s teachers are doing a brilliant job providing quality explicit instruction in every class for our children in spelling and reading. This approach allows us to be consistent across all classes with a clear progression throughout a child’s time at Apanui. In 2025 our focus will move to writing. Schools are currently reviewing the recently released Mathematics and English curriculum that begin being taught in 2025. We are also waiting to see the resources that have been said will support Maths teaching and to find out about the assessment processes.

During the first week of term four we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair at Apanui. This is a chance to purchase quality books for your children, possibly for Christmas. All children will visit the book fair and it will be open directly after school.

Nāku Noa - Simon Akroyd, Principal

Out of Zone & Ballot Process

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Apanui School for term one and two of the 2025 academic year (January - July, 2025). Enrolment at Apanui school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on the school website.

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also enrol by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school. The board has determined that fifteen (15) places are likely to be available for out of zone students for term one and two of 2025. The exact number of places will depend on the number of enrolments received from students who live within the school's home zone.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications and enrolments is 3.00pm on Friday October 18th, 2024.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Monday, October 21st, 2024. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot by email within three school days of the ballot being held.

Upcoming Events

- Fri Sept 6 Daffodil Day
- Weds Sept 11 Year 5&6 Winter Sports Day @ Rex Morpeth
- Thrs Sept 12 Winter Sports Postponement (Yr 5&6)
- Fri Sept 13 Year 3&4 Winter Sports Day @ Rex Morpeth
- Tues Sept 24 Gutterboard Sports Day
- Fri Sept 27 Final Day of Term 3. It's in the Bag Assembly
- Mon Oct 14 First Day of Term 4
- Oct 15 - 18 Scholastic Book Fair in Apanui Library
- Fri Oct 18 Book Dress Up day (mufti)

Daffodil Day

Tomorrow (Friday) we have our Daffodil Dress Up day. We encourage children to dress up in yellow / mufti to show their support for cancer research. Apanui School has supported Daffodil Day for many years. Please send along a gold coin with all money donated going directly to this worthy cause.

Apanui PTA Beerfest

As you will be aware, recent tragic events have rocked our school community. With this in mind, we believe it's not the right time to deliver the Beerfest event. Full refunds will be given to those who have already purchased tickets.