



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Kia ora e te whanau o te kura o Aorangi,

Well, just like that our first 2 weeks of school are completed. I hope you all managed a little bit of rest yesterday for Waitangi Day.

Over the past week, teachers have been getting to know your tamariki and setting routines in the classrooms and around the school grounds. Next week we are holding Whanau Goal Setting Hui. You would have received a notice about this already requesting a time to be made. The purpose for these hui is to allow both teacher and whanau to set a goal or two to support ākonga through their growth and development. These goals don't necessarily have to be academic but what ever is important to whanau for their tamaiti. A follow up session will happen later in the year to revisit these goals. Please make sure you have booked a time on Thursday or Friday.

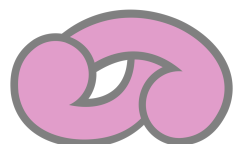
As whanau of Aorangi School, you play a vital role in our school and all ākonga learning. If you have any spare time to help us in class, around the school with the grounds, or Breakfast Club please let us know. The more hands the lighter the load.

Attendance Matters!!

Coming to school every day is important for ākonga to develop skills for lifelong learning. These skills are not just academic but social and emotional skills too. With regular attendance, students will have good routines and grown a good work ethic that will follow them through life. Attendance is a shared responsibility. It is important that whanau notify the school if your child is away or going to be late to school. Please let us know the reason for absence or lateness. The below Student Attendance Categories chart looks at each individual student and what their attendance rate was for a term (this is based on half days).

ATTENDANCE CATEGORY	STUDENT WITH	EQUIVALENT
Regular attendance*	Over 90% attendance	Absent for fewer than 5 days across a term
Irregular absence	More than 80% and up to 90% attendance	Absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
Moderate absence	More than 70% and up to 80% attendance	Absent for between 10 and 14 days across a term
Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	Absent for 15 days or more across a term

*Note: The Government has set a target of 80% of students to be present for more than 90% per cent of the term by 2030.



School Parking, Drop Offs and Pick Ups!!

The front of the school and carpark area is very busy before school and after school. It is really important that we are all following some simple rules in this area to keep our ākonga safe. I am sorry for all the negatives that follow but we must be sensible and considerate.

Please, absolutely **NO U-turns or 3-point-turns** directly in front of the school.

The main carpark is **NOT** a drop off zone. This area is for staff and visitors (including whanau) who are parked longer than 30 minutes.

The carparks are out of bounds for students at all times.

The carpark by the large bins is **NOT** for whanau or a drop off area, it is staff only.

Do not stop in the disabled drop off zone.

NO double parking or parking on yellow lines.



Reminders:

Just a couple of reminders so we are all starting the year on the same page.

- Hats: All students are to have hats for school during term 1 and term 4. Please make sure your child has a hat and it is named.
- Drink Bottles: it is hot in our classrooms. Please make sure your child has a drink bottle with water in it.
- Assembly will be on Friday 14th February at 2.20pm. Come along and join in.

Whaea Billie

IMPORTANT DATES

Keep an eye on our calendar for more events and any date changes.

13th and 14th February Whanau Goal Setting Hui
13th February School Board Hui
24th February Special 4Square Assembly
4th April Teacher Only Day **NO SCHOOL**
11th April Last Day of Term 1

Assembly is every week on Friday's at 2.20pm
Newsletters are every second (even) week (week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)



Classroom News

Kia ora Whānau from the Junior Team



What a wonderful start to the year we have had! It has been fantastic to welcome all our tamariki back to school, ready for an exciting year of learning and growing together.

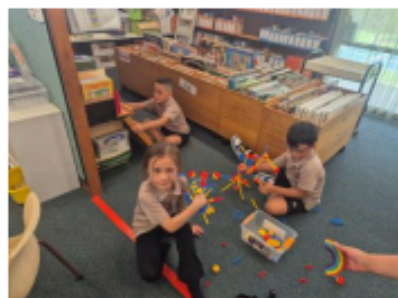
Over the past two weeks, we have been focusing on our school values through a range of fun and engaging activities. Our learners have been exploring what it means to show Aroha, Manaakitanga, Pono, and Whanaungatanga in different ways throughout the school day. These activities have helped us build strong classroom routines and a positive learning environment.



A big highlight has been joining the rest of the school for eating time beside the garden area. This has been a great opportunity for our younger students to feel connected to the wider school community and practice making positive choices during eating times.



In our outdoor learning, the sandpit has been a fantastic space for problem-solving and working together. Tamariki have been learning how to share, negotiate, and support one another in their play, developing important social skills that will serve them well throughout the year. Our play equipment has also been a wonderful tool for encouraging friendships and cooperation as we learn to take turns and include others in our games.



It's been such a joy to see our learners settling in so well and embracing all the new experiences that school life brings. We are looking forward to an amazing year ahead!



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