

Whāia Te Iti Kahurangi



Term One, Week 9
5 April, 2024

Te Karere o te Pou Whirinaki



Karanga mai, titiro mai, pānuitia tēnei!

We are nearly at the end of term one - it has certainly gone fast and we are proud of the learning that has taken place. Our kaimahi have been committed to ensuring all our tamariki enjoy being at kura each day.

Important: if your child is going to be absent from kura please let us know. We can be contacted through the channels listed right:

If no contact is made, your child will be marked as 'truant'. We appreciate there are times when tamariki can not be at kura due to sickness, tangihanga or whānau reasons but it is still important you contact kura.

I was recently at a hui and it was said that if a child has **one week off each term** for the duration of their schooling, they will miss a year of learning in total which is quite staggering to think about.

On Tuesday 9th April, we have the pleasure of holding Student-led Conferences - this is a time for tamariki to share and celebrate with whānau the learning they have taken part in during the term. If you have not yet made a booking there is still time. When you are at these conferences, kaiako will get you to fill out a form updating your contact details. All forms will be put into our draw for the grocery hampers and these will be drawn at our final assembly of the term.

Please follow the link (*to the right*) and use the booking code provided to book a time that suits you.

This is our last newsletter for term one - we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our kura.

Have a happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 29th April for our Pōwhiri for new students and whānau.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Whaea Deb Kingma
Pou Wharinaki / Assistant Principal
Bankwood School / Te Kura Tuatahi o Kūkūtāruhe

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STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

[HTTPS://WWW.PARENTINTERVIEW
S.CO.NZ/BOOK/WELCOME](https://www.parentinterviews.co.nz/book/welcome)

BOOKING CODE: 4ZCPA7M

Haere Mai,
We look forward
to seeing you!

SPORTS

Netball:

Teina netball is now full. We still have slots available for Pōtiki and Tuakana. Last day to join these teams is Wednesday 10 April.



Basketball:

We have slots available in all teams! If you don't have a permission slip, head to the office and grab one. Last day to join a team is Wednesday 10 April.

Both these sports will start in Term 2 - just a reminder, we will only have these teams entered if we have coaches and managers for the teams.



Duffy Books

with Whaea Maya

We are excited to be a part of the Duffy Books in Schools program this year. As part of this, each student will select six books of their choice throughout the year, with the first two coming home at the end of Term 1. Tamariki get another opportunity to pick a book to take home when their name is drawn from the 'Kāre Kākāriki' box for showing our school values. We look forward to providing our learners with another opportunity to enjoy reading.

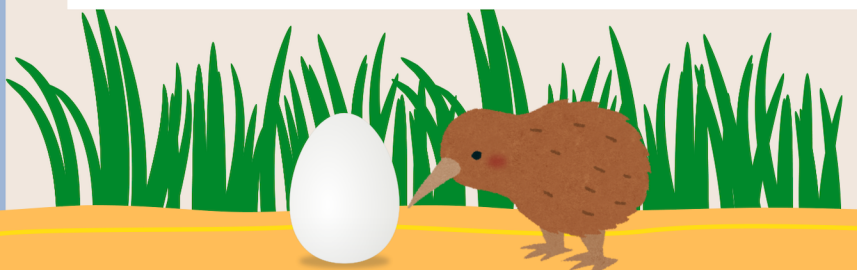


With the change in weather we have been excited to get outside and explore the tohu - signs of Autumn. Our māra kai have been prepared by the tamariki for our winter vegetables. In our Enviro Learning we make sure we connect with nature in every session, We have been following the maramataka to help us with our gardening, so look forward to watching our garden grow.



Ka rawe!

We have also been learning about the science of eggs, enjoying the Māori legend of the Kiwi, and exploring our treasured national bird.



ROAD SAFETY AROUND KURA



The majority of our school whānau make safe and sensible choices when collecting students at the end of the school day. We appreciate our whānau that have made a plan for their tamariki to walk a little further than the busy school gate to be collected, like down towards the dairy on Bankwood Road or down Belmont Avenue. Collecting students 5-10mins after the bell is another easy, safe option. It's fantastic to see our students who walk, scooter and bike to and from school - staying active is imperative.

Unfortunately we do see some dangerous, poor decisions (especially in the afternoons) that are causing concerns as it puts our students at major risk. Parking on yellow lines, in residents' driveways, doing U-turns right out the front of school or calling students across the road (not at the crossing), or to jump into cars in the live traffic lane are some of the behaviours we see every day and it's **NOT OKAY...**

Please make safe, smart decisions while collecting your child/ren. The parking wardens are out around schools at the moment and are looking for drivers who are creating unsafe environments outside schools. If you are making safe choices for our tamariki then you will have no issues - you might even be rewarded!!

Thanks in advance!!



Our Touch Superstars:

Kei Runga Noa Atu Koutou!!



Three of our wāhine toa/ staff members - Whaea Manaia, Whaea Ari and Whaea Arorangi - recently won the NZ Open Womens Touch Nationals in Rotorua. It has been many years since the Waikato Womens team featured in the finals - but in 2024 they dominated the 3-day tournament, unbeaten and winning the final 10-5. Amazing coaches, a relentless training attitude, team culture, friendships and simply having fun have added up to victory for these superstars.

Waikato co-captains Whaea Manaia and Whaea Ariona capped this tournament off with being named in the NZ Open Womens and NZ Open Mixed teams respectively who will now head to Nottingham in England to compete at the Touch World Cup in July - Karawhiua kōrua!!

We are very fortunate to have these three staff members who share their time and expertise with our students to help them develop their skills, game sense and passion for sport.

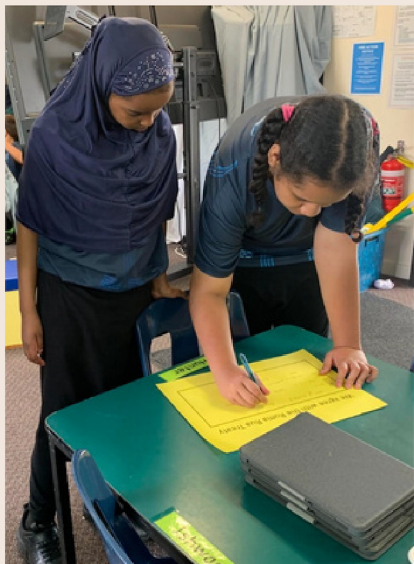
He tuku mihi ki a koutou!!



Karawhina!
Give it heaps!



Ākonga Tūtika
A Responsible Learner



Happening in the Community:

Join us for...

COMMUNITY DAY 2024

FREE EVENT



Discover, learn and connect with local services and organisations at this years Community Day! Demonstrations, valuable information, displays, free bike checks and much more

Thursday 18 April 2024 | 11am - 2.00pm

FREE sausage sizzle and ice blocks | Spot Prizes

JOIN THE FUN!

Settlement Centre Waikato
Claudelands Park

Featuring - Emergency Services, Plunket, Water Safety, Busit, local Council Services and many more.



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Join us for the Waikato Society of Potters

Big Day of Clay!

Saturday 13th of April 10AM to 2PM

Activities for all ages, fun for the whole family

Ward Park Arts Centre, 2 Seddon Rd, Hamilton

Slippery Dip * Paint a Pot * Lucky Dip * Raku Firings
Make a pot on a Pottery Wheel * Hand Building * Bake Sale
Squish, Squash, Mish, Mash * Raffles * Pottery Sales
Free to attend and all activities are \$2 to \$5

Waikato Society of Potters
Ward Park Art Centre, 2 Seddon Rd, Hamilton
(corner of Ward St & Seddon Rd)
Ph. 07 838 1950 or email info@waikatopotters.co.nz



Upcoming Events

- **Tues 9 April** - Student-led Conferences
- **Wed 10 April** - Last day for joining Netball and Basketball
- **Fri 12 April** - Term 1 ends
- **Mon 29 April** - Term 2 begins, Pōwhiri 9:15am
- **Term 2, week 2** - School photos (more info to come)

'Ka kite' at the end of Term one to our wonderful

Whaea Siobhan

as she begins her maternity leave.

All kaimahi and ākonga at Bankwood School wish you the very best and we look forward to meeting your new sweet baby ❤️