

Whāia Te Iti Kahurangi

Term one, Week 3

23 February, 2024

Te Karere o te Tumuaki

Tēnā piki mai, Tēnā hoki mai e te iwi e!!

Welcome to our new whānau, new students and our new kaiako along with our existing students and whole staff. It was a pleasure to welcome everyone through our pōwhiri process in week one and also whānau who came in to connect with staff for our meet the kaiako afternoon.

You would have seen our new logo/signage/house characters & values that have been completed along with the inclusion of our new school uniform. Our tamariki look amazing!!

Our bucket hats are still on their way and we are currently working on our pullover top for the cooler months - some great news with regards to the cost of these. Our Board of Trustees have decided to subsidise these by 50%, which means these will only cost \$30!!! I would like to thank the BoT again for their support as we move into a new era for our kura. If you have already paid, you will be either reimbursed or you could purchase another item - see our friendly team in the tari/ office.

We were lucky enough to have Geoff Popham (our artist) with us at our pōwhiri, who I've had the pleasure of working with in 2023 to bring to life the vision of our kura. Utilising student, staff, whānau and hau kāinga voices we were able to piece together our new logo, values refresh, character development and our amazing mural based on our local history, values, culture and language. It is an amazing piece of art that enables our ākonga to delve into all parts of the curriculum.

Our Vision;

Whāia Te Iti Kahurangi - Strive To Be Your Best

Our Values;

Ākonga Tūtika/ A Responsible Learner

Ākonga Kauuananu/ A Respectful Learner

Ākonga Manawaroa/ A Resilient Learner

Ākonga Whaiwhakaaro/ A Reflective Learner

We continue to work with staff and outside providers to strive for our best in all facets of our kura, all staff are involved in literacy, maths and te reo Māori professional development and our middle and senior are still on their Apple journey.

Exciting things are happening and we are grateful for your support.

Mauri ora e te iwi,

Matua Hone

Tumuaki

Bankwood School

House Leaders 2024



Following on from the introduction of 'houses' at kura last year we have selected our new house leaders for 2024. Congratulations to the following tamariki. We look forward to an exciting year ahead having our four houses being supported and guided by these leaders.

Pekapeka: Nafisa & Jonah **Tūi:** Maddy & Ilyass
Kōkopu: Layla & George **Pīrairaka:** McKenna & Takiari

Our Artist - Geoff Popham



Matua Hone and Geoff Popham with our amazing new mural

Cultural News with Whaea Hannah

Kia ora, kia orana, talofa, bula, nî hâo - some of our many cultures at our kura, which we absolutely love celebrating. We have started the year off with Chinese New Year and celebrating Te Tiriti o Waitangi - with many more cultural weeks which will soon take place at kura. We are excited to be welcoming TOPA back in Term 2!

We would love for our whānau to come and celebrate their cultures and expertise with us - if this is something you would be interested in, please reach out to Whaea Hannah.

ICT with Whaea Zoe

Over the last 3 weeks, students have been working towards earning their Digital Licences. Earning their licence shows they understand and respect the expectations around using these devices in our kura. These expectations cover how we look after the equipment e.g. holding it with two hands, not leaving a device on the floor. As well as expectations on using them e.g. using the apps appropriately, not taking photos and videos of others without their permission to name a few. Earning their licence means they agree to respect and follow these school ICT expectations. Another exciting year in the digital fluency space.

Sports news

What an exciting start we have had with 4 touch teams representing our kura! Keep an eye out for pānui, we have volleyball, basketball and netball coming up soon. Also, don't forget to wear your house colours at the Swimming Carnival - March 6th.

Our kura have new pōro for each akomanga. The colourful, bouncy pōro are used at break times. We love using them to play with our friends. (Gemini, Ishwaq & Donny: Ruma Rua) They are helping us learn new skills and learn how to play with others (Milos & Luka)

Moments from Term 1 Pōwhiri







Upcoming Events

- Wed 6 Mar - Swimming Carnival
- Fri 1 Mar, 8 Mar - Yr 6 Art project (attendees to be advised)
- Week 7 - Aratiatia Marae Trip (more info to come)
- Fri 29 Mar - Tue 2 Apr - Easter Weekend/School closed
- Fri 12 Apr - Term 1 ends