

He panui na Te Kura o Te Kao

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly; if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

WHANAU HUI

Thank you to those who attended our first whānau hui yesterday, and those who forwarded their apologies. We had a very informative and collaborative hui with whānau sharing their thoughts and ideas. We even had a great analogy about making fried bread, likening the same process to nurturing tamariki - we need the right amount of yeast and sugar to make a yummy bread, and our tamariki need the right amount of support from everyone to help them flourish. Kia ora uncle Whare!



Our next whānau hui is on Monday 11 March at 5pm.

UNIFORM

We would like to thank all whānau for ensuring tamariki have the correct uniform. We also have a large pile of unclaimed school jackets from last year. Whānau are welcome to have a look through.

YEAR 9 & 10 COMPOSITE CLASS

We discussed the possibility of opening a Year 9 & 10 composite class next year as an option for whānau to retain their tamariki here at Te Kura o Te Kao. There was a healthy discussion around this kaupapa and it is good to hear the aspirations and concerns of whānau. The Board will work on putting together a proposal of how this class will work in the coming weeks. The Ministry due date is 1 April. If you would like to hear more about this option, we encourage you to attend whānau hui and have your say.

JUNIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

This year's junior swimming sports will be held at Pukenui School next Friday 22 February. As we no longer have a school van, whānau will need to help with transportation. Please let us know if you are able to help.

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Upcoming Events

**YEAR 7 & 8
TECHNOLOGY
Wednesday 20 Feb**

**JNR SWIMMING
SPORTS
Friday 22 Feb**

**SNR SWIMMING
SPORTS
Tuesday 5 March**

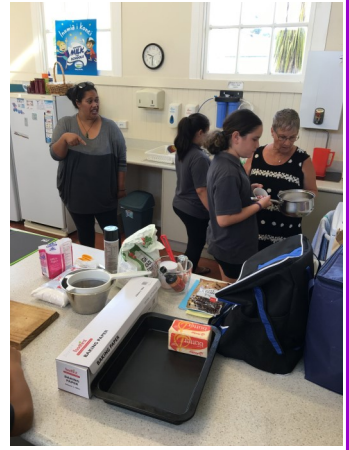
**WHANAU HUI
Monday 11 March**

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

This year Te Hapua and Ngatangi School will be hosting the senior swimming sports at our kura. This means that they will be organising the event and holding the kai stall. We will still need to support the event with time keepers, marshalls etc but whānau can now have time to enjoy the event too.

KAUPAPA AKO

This year we have introduced a small opportunity for staff to teach tamariki about a particular area of interest to them, or something that they are passionate about. We have called this our Kaupapa Ako or "Passion Project". We had our first passion project last Friday, where tamariki were split in to their roopu whanau and worked with their roopu leader. Nanny Denise and Aunty Renee's project is Hospitality, Uncle Matiu's project is Drama, Whaea Millie's project is Putaiao, and Matua Hemi and Whaea May Lee's project is Technology. We had a very enjoyable first Kaupapa Ako day, and invite whanau to come and join us every Friday.



KORI TINANA

Check out Lyric and Taimania taking kori tinana this morning. Karawhiua kōrua!



WELCOME

We would like to welcome Moana Norman who has joined our Year 4 boys in Te Tapapa. We also have Whaea Kim Subritzky, who is our new art teacher. Whaea Kim will be here every Tuesday working with small groups for the whole day. Also a warm welcome to Aunty Renee Ratu, who is our beautiful kaiawhina in Te Tapapa. Nau mai haere mai ki Te Kura o Te Kao.

ARFSC JUNIOR MUSTER

The ARFSC junior sports muster will be held on;

Saturday 2 March
Registrations 12pm- 2pm
Te Kura o Te Kao

BBQ and swimming pool will be available during registration hours. Proper swim wear only, no T-Shirts or denim.



SUNSMART

We are still experiencing high weather temperatures, and while it is good seeing some tamariki with water bottles and hats, there are still some without any. In these severe weather conditions, it is important for our tamariki to stay hydrated. Please make sure your child has a drink bottle and a hat. We are working on getting new kura hats but please encourage your child to bring their own.

DRINKS

MILK

Reduced/low fat milk is a great **EVERYDAY** choice. It contains calcium which helps our teeth and bones to grow healthy and strong. Flavoured milks contain calcium but have added sugar so are **NOT** everyday drinks.



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