

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

TE AWAPOKA

Te Mahinga have been learning about our awa, Te Awapoka. They have visited the awa many times over the past few weeks to look at the quality of the water and what factors contribute to the quality of the water. Last week we had Whaea Joanne Murray talk to us about water testing, and this week we have started testing the Awapoka water. Our next steps are to find out how to increase the quality of the water.



Lyric gives the water a thumbs up.

20 Poutū-te-rangi 2019

Upcoming Events

**NGA KURA A IWI
LEADERSHIP HUI**
March 22 - 23

TIKANGA WANANGA
April 4 - 6

POOL CLOSED

Our swimming pool has now closed for this summer season. Could all key holders please return their pool keys to the school office. Thank you for supporting our kura.

BOT ELECTIONS

The triennial school Board of Elections are coming up in May. The Board will keep whanau updated of the election process in due time, but whanau are encouraged to visit www.trustee-election.co.nz for further information about becoming a trustee.

SCHOOL DOCS

A reminder to whanau, if you wish to access any of our school policies, you may do so through School Docs. Visit www.schooldocs.co.nz, and in the top right corner click on "Search for your school", then in the search bar type "Te Kao School". You will then be asked for a username and password, both entries are simply "tekao". If you have any trouble gaining access, please contact the office and we can help you.

TIKANGA WANANGA

Our annual wananga will take place in week 9 of this term with a 2 night stay at Potahi Marae from Thursday 4 April to Saturday 6 April. The wananga will begin on Thursday afternoon at 5.00pm. All whanau are encouraged to stay for the duration of the wananga, however we understand if you have work or other commitments, but we would like to see more whanau involvement with our kaupapa learning. Our tamariki enjoy learning alongside whanau, so please make a commitment to be there. There is no cost for this wananga but whanau are asked to bring certain items to contribute. More details about the wananga will be available next week.

KIA MARAMA

This week's Kia Marama value is Aumārietanga.

Aumārietanga

Kia aumārie ahau...

Kia tau tōku mauri kia tuwhera ai
tōku ngākau ki ngā akoranga o te ao.

Kia rongo ahau i te hotu manawa, i te ia
o te hau, o te wai, i te whitinga o te rā.

Kia kite ahau i ngā hononga me ngā tohu o te ao.

Kia ārahina aku takahanga e te wairua
kia āta haere ai, ā, kia kore ai e poka noa,
e takakino, e whara, i ngā tapu, i ngā mana.

Kia aumārie ahau.

**I am peaceful, humble
and spiritually connected.**

BREAKFAST CLUB

Last year we posted in one of our school newsletters that we would appreciate any donations for our school breakfast club. This newsletter was displayed in our Notices cabinet on the exterior wall of our classrooms for visitors to read. Then in the Christmas holidays, a family from the South Island visited the school because their Mother was a past teacher of our school. They then saw our newsletter in the cabinet and read our request for breakfast donations. We are very humbled to say we have received \$200 from this very kind family in honour of their late Mother, Elizabeth Morrison. We have now bought bread and spreads for tamariki to have toast with jam or peanut butter along with their weetbix in the mornings. The kids love it! We would like to send our humble thanks to this kind family for their wonderful generosity.



MAHI TOI

We are just blown away by the amazing progress our tamariki have made with Whaea Kim over the past 4 weeks. Whaea Kim is currently working with tamariki to create some mural pieces around the kura. Tamariki are excited to work with Whaea Kim and now have a new appreciation for colours and art concepts. Check out some of the amazing pieces they have been working on.



Damon, Tipene, Andre and Rangimaria



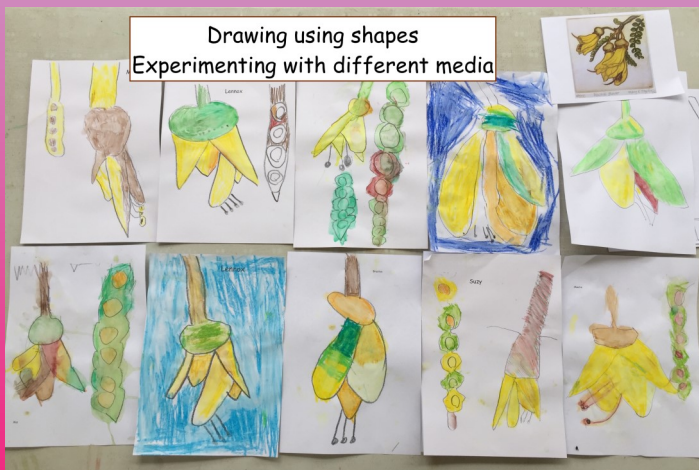
Jet, Vernon and Whare



Hawaiikitanga, Tiari and Maz-Delaye



Avah-Jade and Suzy



NGA MAHI O TE WIKI

