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Kia ora Whānau

Sports

Touch Rugby: Year 1-8 touch rugby games are ongoing, with great enthusiasm from all participants. Please do not allow your child to hang around at Touch causing disruption. I have had to speak to our year 7/8 boys this week to remind them that when they are in a NSS sports uniform they need to think about how they are behaving.

Basketball & Netball: Year 3/4 basketball and netball seasons continue, showcasing the skills and teamwork of our young athletes.

Cultural

Huia Kaimanawa Kapa Haka Performance: Our senior kapa haka group, Huia Kaimanawa, performed today at 11 a.m. This performance was the culmination of weeks of dedication from students, parents, staff, and tutors. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this amazing showcase of talent and culture. We were very proud of your performance today.

Academic

School Camps:

Te Ara Mangopare: This group returned yesterday after a successful and enriching camp experience at El Rancho.

Year 7/8 Camps: All Year 7/8 students will head off on camp next week for an exciting week of learning and adventure. Poutama are travelling to Wellington and Roimata Toroa to Rotorua.

Year 7/8 Specialisation Classes: Students are engaged in cooking, woodwork, robotics, sewing, graphics, and media. With just two sessions remaining, they are wrapping up some impressive projects.

Cultural Exchange

Last Friday our year 7 students should have come home with a letter regarding an exciting opportunity for them to join us on a Cultural Exchange to China. This exchange will take place in April 2025, where we will visit our two sister schools, Nanmen and Xiyuan Xincun School which we have hosted the previous 2 years.

Expressions of interest are required to be returned by next Friday, 29 November. This exchange will be an unforgettable experience for our students and we are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity.

Nga mihi - Paora Pomare and Jo Reiri-Tatana

Term 4 Dates to Remember

- 10 Dec - Whole School Prize Giving
- 11 Dec - Whole School Celebration Day
- 16 Dec - Year 8 Graduation
- 17 Dec - Last day Term 4-12.30 pm finish

2025 Start Date

Friday 31 January - Meet and Greet

Monday 3 February - Powhiri to welcome new students, their whānau and staff – classroom instruction begins.

Wātaka o Te Wiki

Week 7 – 25 November – 29 November

Monday 25 November

- Poutama Camp Wellington
- Room 11 and 12 Swimming – Makino Pool
- Epic Music Drumming

Tuesday 26 November

- Poutama Camp Wellington
- Purapura Whetu Swimming
- Life Skills/Mentoring Matua Jon

Wednesday 27 November

- Poutama Camp Wellington
- Roimata Toroa Year 7/8 camp Rotorua
- EPIC Music
- Pacifica Mentoring with Sio

Thursday 28 November

- Poutama Camp Wellington - home
- Roimata Toroa Year 7/8 camp Rotorua
- Music with Matua Tommy
- Life Skills/Mentoring Jon
- Room 13/14 Noho
- Touch Rugby

Friday 29 November

- Roimata Toroa Year 7/8 camp Rotorua - home

Te Ara Mangopare's – Room 10's recap of camp El Rancho

When we were at camp, I did rock climbing. I used the first level as a warm up and other people did too. For some people like one of my friends it was a real challenge, but they didn't give up. I respect that. I tried some of the harder levels and I failed, so I tried again and I also failed again. It was the first time I tried and I'm proud of myself for giving it a go!- Wyatt

El Rancho Camp was amazing, and I had so much fun with my friends! I loved sharing a dorm with them too. We did so many different activities and I had a wonderful experience. My favourite activity was horse riding. The horse that I rode was named Scooby. I also really liked the Slingshot paintball because at first I had no idea what I was doing, but when we were playing the actual game I really got the hang of it and hit a couple of people!!! - Nevaeh

Camp was fun! My favourite activities were rock climbing, horse riding, slingshot paintball and glow in the dark dodgeball! It was great experiencing things I have never done before!- Amber

Camp at El Rancho ROCKS!!! That's because the staff were VERY friendly, the activities were set up amazingly, and the food? It was a lovely tasting foody sensation on your tongue, I thought I was in foodie heaven!! The waterslide was quite big, and was very fast. If you went down, there was no going back! I screamed my head off all the way to the bottom of the slide! - Georgia

One of my favourite activities would just have to be slingshot paintball!! This activity was an amazing fun challenge full of action, excitement and different skills!! Everyone was running and jumping everywhere as they were trying to capture the other team's flag!!! But they were also being very careful 'cause they didn't want to get hit with a paintball because it can hurt when you do!- Talita



NIHO TANIWHA TEAM



ROIMATA TOROA TEAM



TE ARA MANGOPARE TEAM



POUTAMA TEAM



PURAPURA WHETU TEAM



William Pike Surfing Trip

On the 13th of November 2024, the William Pike tamariki took a long bus ride to Lyall Bay in Wellington for a surfing lesson. It was a beautiful day and the waves were gnarly, we all had heaps of fun.

When we got there, we met some Wellington professional surfers. They laid out surfboards for us so they could show us on land first. They also showed the group how to stand up on the surfboard. We then headed into the sea to give it a go.

Everyone had an awesome time. While one group was surfing, the others enjoyed playing in the sand. Once the first group finished, there was a sand castle challenge. We didn't find out who the winner was, but it was fun! Overall, it was a fantastic experience for us all. Thank you to the wonderful parents who helped us that day and to the Wellington Surf Lesson company for hosting us.

