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Kia ora whanau

As we come to the end of another busy week here at NSS, it is inspiring to witness the dedication and hard work of our students, teachers, and staff. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, or in extracurricular activities, our school community continues to demonstrate resilience and excellence.

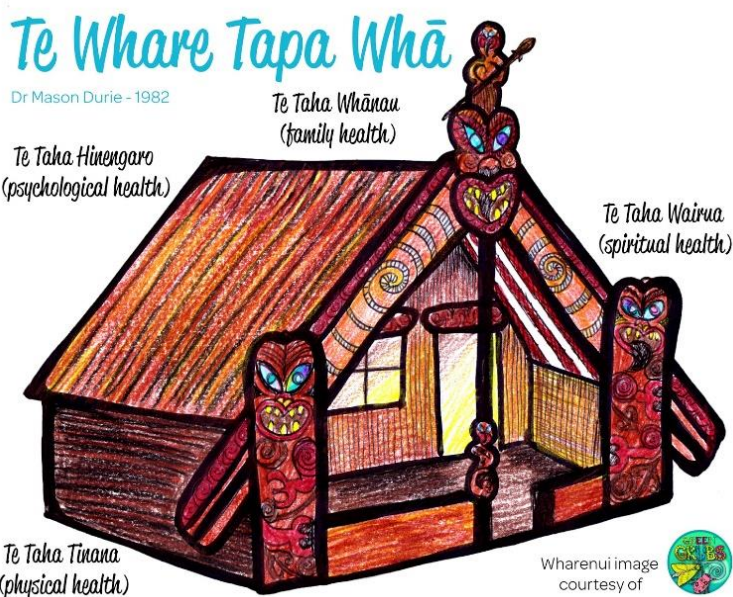
As we approach Easter next week, let's take this opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with our loved ones. Whether you celebrate Easter or simply enjoy the break, I encourage you to use this time to relax and rejuvenate.

Looking ahead, tomorrow we celebrate our Whole School Athletics. Whanau are welcome to attend and get behind your tamariki in their events. Events start at 9.30 at Timona Park.

As we transition into the colder months, it's essential to keep our community's health and safety at the forefront of our minds. With the onset of flu season and other seasonal illnesses, it's crucial that we all remain vigilant in preventing the spread of illness, particularly within our school environment.

One of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of illness is by staying home when feeling unwell. This simple action not only helps protect your health but also safeguards the health of others within our school.

Nga mihi
Jo Reiri-Tatana
Principal



2024 Term dates

Term 1

Friday 12th April – Term 1 ends

Easter – Good Friday 29th March,
Easter Monday 1st April, Easter Tuesday 2nd
April

Term 2

29th April – 5th July

King's Birthday - Monday 3rd June
Teachers only Day - Tuesday 4th June
Matariki – Friday 28th June

Term 3

22nd July – 27th September

Teachers only day – Monday 26th August

Term 4

14th October – 17th December

Labour day – 28th October
29th October – Teachers only day

Whole School Athletics Friday 22 March - TOMORROW

Whole School Athletics will run from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at Timona Park tomorrow, students will be transported down on buses. Tamariki can dress in and come to school in their house colours (not school uniform) including a hat and appropriate footwear. Please ensure your child has sunblock applied before coming to school and they bring a drink bottle. School lunches will be delivered to the park, no lunch orders from the Dairy please. Please come along and support your tamariki, it's always a fun day.

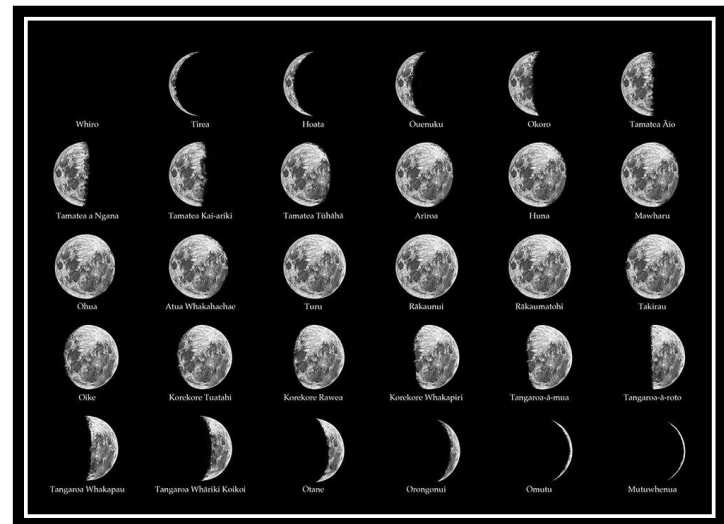
Maramataka

Over the last few weeks ākongā across the school have been learning about the 9th month of our Māori calendar system - Te Iwa o Rūhī. Kua tau ngā waewae o Rūhī ki te whenua - Te Iwa o Rūhī is a time in our maramataka when the fruits begin to ripen. Rūhīterangi is the wife of Rehua. She rises to meet him in the night sky around Feb/March. She has 9 names: Te Iwa, Iwaiti, Iwanui, Rūhīterangi, Pekehawani, Te Ihonui, Moro, Hue Tanguru, Huitanguru. It is also prevalent that the anuhe and other caterpillars and kūmara moths eat the kūmara leaves during this time. It is noted that traditionally seagulls were trained to eat the caterpillars or fires were started to smoke them out to prevent them from eating the crops. Information has been sourced from Rangī Mataamua.

According to kōrero from Te Tairāwhiti, the story the ākongā learnt about tells of the journey of the kūmara to Aotearoa on two birds (Tiungarangi and Harongarangi) and why the anuhe and other moths etc were sent to destroy the kūmara out of Pourangahua's neglect to care for the manu (birds) correctly who belonged to the chief, Ruakapanga. Ākongā across the kura have learnt about the above and have created artwork such as their own manu or kūmara leaves as a response.

Ākongā have also learnt about the lunar phases and the important role they play in not only our maramataka but our day to day energy levels and what is happening in our environment. Each class will create their own lunar phases to display in their classroom, in the hopes that it becomes a daily conversation in the classroom.

Over the next couple of weeks ākongā will be learning about the 10th month in our calendar system that we are currently in - Te Ngahuru o Poutūterangi - and will learn about how kūmara is grown and harvested.



Week 9
25 March – 29 March

MONDAY

Whole School Dance – Sio
PPW Swimming
Epic Music Drumming
Penhey Cup

TUESDAY

Elite Touch
Life Skills/Mentoring Matua Jon

WEDNESDAY

Epic Music Lessons
Year 7/8 Swimming – Makino

THURSDAY

Music with Matua Tommy

FRIDAY

Good Friday

Congratulations to our **REACH** award recipients from last Fridays assembly, who were awarded with the **CREATIVITY** award. **Homai te pakipaki, keep up the great work!**



Rm 19 are developing their confidence in the water and making the most of our school pool!



Today our year 1/2 tamariki went to a clown show hosted by Feilding High School drama students. We had a lot of fun, and a lot of laughs! Thanks you FAHS for inviting us!



Weetbix TRYathlon

On Thursday I did the Weetbix Tryathlon It was really challenging, and it was the toughest sport I've ever done. I was puffing a lot! I tried my hardest to get to the front. I had to swim 100m and I was really puffed! I was in 10th place when I jumped on my bike and raced to the next stage. I worked hard to overtake the others and moved to first place. I knew that to keep the lead I really had to push myself! All that hard work paid off, and I won by nearly 2 minutes. I felt like I was going to vomit, but I was also really proud to have finished in first place in my age group! Ryder



Hinemoana Room 7 and Temahue in Room 13 had a great day at the Weetbix TRYathlon in Palmy this week and TRYed their very best!

Ōroua Junior Badminton Club

Ōroua Junior Badminton Club now running for ages 7 and up. Club nights are Tuesdays during school terms, 6pm - 7:15pm, at the Feilding Civic Centre, until the end of Term 3 in September. \$5.00 per night. **First night free!** Club racquets are available. Please wear non-marking footwear. For more information, please contact David Wasley on 0212491150.

Netball Manawatu

Our Holiday Programme for April is now live!!! We would love to see lots of you down at the courts! Throughout these sessions we will be having lots of fun with different Netball Smart activities, developing skills, umpiring and Game- Play. This programme is for anyone aged 5- 14 years of age.

For more information, please head to our website or if you are interested, please click on the link below to register: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/288018> Can't wait to see you all for the second week of the holidays!

Feilding Hockey Club will be holding the following:

Term 2 being 6 weeks Skills and Drills for Year 0-6 5pm to 6pm starting Monday 6th May 2023 with an estimated end date being Monday 17th June (Monday 3rd is a public holiday)

SIGN UP: at www.feildingjuniorhockey.co.nz

If we have to cancel due to weather, we will hold an extra week.

Any cancellations will be announced on our Facebook Page by 4pm on the day, please tell parents to check this page on the day for cancelations: <https://www.facebook.com/FeildingJuniorHockey>

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ENJOY A GLOW NIGHT

DISCO PARTY

TIME TO PUT ON YOUR GLOW AND JOIN US
JUNIORS YR 0-4 - 5.30 - 6.45PM
SENIORS YR 5-8 - 7 - 8.30PM

DJ LISS & DJ BLAISE

SO PUT ON YOUR FLUORESCENT TOPS GREEN, YELLOW AND ORANGE OR EVEN PLAIN WHITE IS AWESOME

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024

ENTRY \$2

AVAILABLE TO BUY GLOW STICKS LOLLIES DRINKS

NSS STUDENTS ONLY - STUDENTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP FROM HALL

Our bank account details for online payments is as follows: **NSS BOT 03-0626-0643630-000**. If you are wishing to make a regular payment this will go into your account and can be used throughout the year for William Pike, sports and camp. Please use your child's name as a reference, or see Kim in the office.