

Kia ora whānau

Yesterday the Feilding Kāhui Ako welcomed The Minister of Education, Erica Stanford, to address the Government's educational priorities.

Our Government's six education priorities:

**Clearer curriculum:** Establishing a knowledge-rich curriculum grounded in the science of learning.

**Better approach to literacy and numeracy:** Implementing evidence-based instruction in early literacy and mathematics.

**Smarter assessment and reporting:** Implementing consistent modes of monitoring student progress and achievement.

**Improved teacher training:** Developing the workforce of the future, including leadership development pathways.

**Stronger learning support:** Targeting effective learning support interventions for students with additional needs.

**Greater use of data:** Using data and evidence to drive consistent improvement in achievement

Our Kāhui Ako appreciated the time to engage with the Minister, to challenge our thinking, answer our questions and listen to our feedback. The aim of the day was to gather feedback from the sector and also get a real understanding of the initiatives and focuses that are currently underway within the Kāhui Ako space.

We came together as a collective of educators, leaders, mana whenua and community with a common goal: to enhance the learning experiences and outcomes for our students.

Moe mai rā i roto i te rangimarie, Kingi Tuheitia. Your legacy as a leader and your contributions to Māori and Indigenous cultures of the world will not be forgotten. Kotahitanga (Unity) will live on. Students and staff gathered today to honour you with the Tino Rangatira flag and a moment of silence, reflecting the deep respect and admiration held for you. May you rest in peace.

*Nga mihi, Jo Reiri-Tatana - Principal*



# NSS Production Information 'Stars in their Eyes'

Dear Whānau,

Our whole school production, 'Stars in their Eyes' will be performed on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September at the Salt Auditorium, **27 Matipo Street, Palmerston North.**

Both performances start at 6.00pm, and we will need the students there by **5.15pm**. We are expecting the production will run for approximately 1 ½ hours. All children need to be picked up by 7.45 pm.

Year 1-4 students will have finished their performance by 7.00 pm. If you wish to pick them up earlier, you can pick them up from the building opposite the Auditorium.

**All students need to be there both of these nights as they are performing with their class. They all play a very important part and we're sure they won't want to let their classmates down by not turning up.**

**If for some reason you are unable to get your children to Palmerston North on either night, please make contact with your teacher by Friday 13th September.**

Tickets are available from the school office for a koha.

There will be drinks and food available to purchase on both nights.

On Monday 16 September we will have a full dress rehearsal. Students will travel to Palmerston North by bus but will be back by 3pm. Students **MUST** bring their own morning tea, lunch and a water bottle on this day.

Tamariki and staff have been working hard on their performances and are excited to bring this to stage.

We thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all on the 18th and 19th September.

Nga mihi,  
Jo Reiri-Tatana



## William Pike Skiing Trip 2024

On the 30th of August 2024, all of the William Pike students woke up nice and early, at 5 am, so they could be at school by 5:50 am. After the roll call, Miss Woodward got a sheet of paper that had the van assignments. Luckily, Miss Woodward was kind enough to put friends together in the vans since it was a three hour drive to the Whakapapa Ski Field on Mount Ruapehu. Sarah's mum, Holly, was kind enough to volunteer to drive my group to the mountain.

After that, we put on the rental gear, including helmets, pants, boots, jackets and skis. We headed out into the blistering cold, where we got put into groups according to our skiing skills. Each group had a ski instructor who taught us the different skills so we could ski. We carried our skis up the ski slope and when we reached our spot we were already puffed! When everyone was ready, our instructor told us how to put on our ski's. Multiple people fell over, but that was just part of the experience. When everybody had their skis on, we started to learn the pizza shape. We had to ensure our front skis did not overlap and the back skis were wide enough.

When we got confident, we got in a horizontal line, and one by one, we leaned slightly forward and got in our pizza shape-wedge, and slowly skied towards our instructor. He caught us, and then we had to wait for everyone else to have a go. After everybody finished, we lined up again and tried again. Once we aced it, we walked higher up. Our instructor, David, skied about 60 metres away, which was a bit scary. We all had a go at going down and most of us did it brilliantly. David thought we were doing very well, and we all skied down to some ropes. They had three lines on the ground, and we shuffled towards an escalator, it brought us to the peak of the mountain.

While everyone in our group was having a turn going down the mountain, some of us were putting snowballs on each other's heads and making a mini snowman. After we all had a turn going down the mountain, we went to a machine that took us back to the top of the mountain so we could do it all over again. We all prepared ourselves to go down the mountain. We went down the mountain a few more times.

We walked back to the reception, returned all the gear we hired, and then started the journey back to school. Being around the snow was blistering and chilly but so much fun.

We would like to thank Miss Woodward for making this happen. This was a wonderful experience for everybody, and without Miss Woodward or the William Pike Challenge, this would have never happened. We also want to say a HUGE thank you to all the wonderful, amazing parents who helped us on the day. Without your help, the trip would not be possible.

Now, we wonder what our next adventure will be.

Ngā mihi Sarah, Zalee, Jade, and Ella on behalf of the 2024 William Pike Challenge Group



NIHO TANIWHA TEAM



ROIMATA TOROA TEAM



TE ARA MANGOPARE TEAM



POUTAMA TEAM



PURAPURA WHETU TEAM



# REACH

Our core values are **Respect, Excellence, Acceptance, Creativity and Honesty**

**Congratulations to Chloe, Precious, Tyler, Mona, Divine, Famotu and Yvonne who were all awarded for their ACCEPTANCE at last Fridays assembly.**

**Homai te pakipaki**

**Bank Account Details** Our bank account details for online payments is - **NSS BOT 03-0626-0643630-000.**

Current Fees: Basketball \$80 – Intermediate Netball \$90 - FSMN \$30 – Hockey \$10 - AIMS Games \$200 – Intermediate and Senior Camp \$200 – Touch Rugby \$15.00. Please see the office if you have any questions or would like to discuss a regular payment into an account.

**DETAILS**

Sunday 15 September  
11am - 1pm  
Everyone welcome  
No experience necessary

**Takaro Park**  
Botanical Road, Palmerston North

**TEAMS**

Tee Ball  
U5's  
U7's  
U9's  
Adults Softball  
Mens Senior  
Mens Reserves  
Womens Premier  
Womens Reserves

Junior Softball  
U11's  
U13's  
U15's

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## Wātaka o Te Wiki Week 8 – 9 – 13 September

### Monday

- AIMS Games – Tauranga all week
- Footsteps continues
- EPIC Music
- Dance with Sio

### Tuesday

- Footsteps
- Mentoring Matua Jon

### Wednesday

- Footsteps
- EPIC Music
- Pacifica Mentoring with Sio

### Thursday

- Music with Matua Tommy

### Friday

- Whole School Assembly- Creativity

### Important Dates

- Production – 18/19 September
- School Photos – 24 September
- Term 3 Celebration Day – 25 September
- Term 3 end – 27 September
- Term 4 commences – 14 October
- Teachers only day – 29 October
- Term 4 ends – 17 December