


UPOKONGARO SCHOOL

2024, Term 4, Week 2 Newsletter

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Kia ora whānau

Thank you for all creating a wonderful new memory for our school by attending the special whānau day where we opened the new swings and sandpit for the kids. It was a wonderful morning and I appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend this event. The swings and sandpit are in full use now and it is lovely to see so many students using this new and developing space. Our next step is to secure funding for sun protection over the sandpit, we have applied for some grants and will make sure to focus our next lots of fundraising on this important piece of equipment.

Lyana is getting ready to take off

The day of Lyana's take off is getting nearer and nearer and we only have four days left with her. Although I was supportive of her big move in the beginning, I must admit the last two weeks have seen me bitterly trying to hold onto her. Lyana has been with the kura for 13 years now and is a wealth of knowledge. She will not be replaced immediately, so I want to give you a heads up about how the office will work. The office space will be occupied by Mrs Vincent and between her and I, we will be managing this space and will work hard to make this transition as smooth as possible.



Online Safety

Unfortunately, online safety is something that we are constantly grappling with at school, often because the conversations happening in homes effect relationships and safety at school. Over the last five years I have been at Upokongaro School I have had to grapple with online incidents that range from online bullying to sextortion. It is very confronting and upsetting, but there is something that we can do about it.

I have invited Constable Ben in to the school on the 3rd and 4th of December to present to parents some of the concerns that he is faced with dealing with youth and online issues. After his presentation I will spend time with parents going through the parental control platforms on Google's Family Link (for android platforms) and Apple's Screen control options. If you have a child that has access to any device, I would encourage you to come to one of the following available sessions:

- Tuesday 3rd at 2pm in the Boardroom focusing on Family Link (google/android)
- Wednesday 4th at 2pm in the Boardroom focusing on Apple's Family platform
- Wednesday 4th at 5pm in the Boardroom (Extra session for those who couldn't make the daytime ones)

This is an important opportunity for parents to come together to share their concerns, get some good tips and hints from each other and find solutions for what can be a very delicate topic. I encourage you all to come.

Keep in touch whānau,
Mrs Browne

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WHĀNAU DAY FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER



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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Monday 28th - Labour Day - No School

Wednesday 30th - Cluster Athletics - 7 years and up at Cooks Gardens. Under 7 years old at Upokongaro School.

NOVEMBER

Friday 1st - Dance Practice, Year 7-8's at Kaitoke School. 9.30-10.30am

Friday 8th - Mitre 10 Tough Kid

Tuesday 12th - Bus Warden training with Constable Ben

Tuesday 12th - Ngā Taonga Tākaro for Year 7s at City College

Friday 15th - Dance Practice, Year 7-8's at Kaitoke School

Monday 18th - Life Education Van at Upokongaro School

Tuesday 19th - Ngā Taonga Tākaro for Year 7s at City College

Thursday 21st - Teacher's Only Day - NO SCHOOL

Friday 22nd - Dance Practice, Year 7-8's at Kaitoke School

Friday 22nd - Final game of Volleyball

Tuesday 26th - Ngā Taonga Tākaro for Year 7s at City College

Thursday 28th - Last day of Technology for Year 7-8's

Friday 29th - Dance Practice, Year 7-8's at Kaitoke School

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd - Parental Device Controls for Android Users 2-3pm

Tuesday 3rd - Ki-o-rahi at Rutherford, Year 7-8

Wednesday 4th - Parental Device Controls for Apple Users 2-3pm

Wednesday 4th - Parental Controls and Online Awareness 5-6pm

Wednesday 4th - Ki-o-rahi at Upokongaro, Year 5-6

Friday 6th - Dance Practice, Year 7-8's at Kaitoke School and Year 7-8 Dinner and Dance pm

Wed 11 - Fri 13 Dec - Year 7-8 Camp at "That Place"

Monday 16th - Prize-giving at Upokongaro School. Reports handed out.

Wednesday 18th - final day for 2024

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ATTENTION:
NO SCHOOL THURSDAY
21ST NOVEMBER -
TEACHER'S ONLY DAY
FOR THE NEW
CURRICULUM REFRESH

VANS



Uncle Al: 0279362056

Aunty Jaqui: 02102655518

Mr C (Roger): 027 4435771

Mr Wright (Ian): 027 5003660

Miss Gascoigne: 02108587622



JUICIES

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for \$2.

Friday second lunch delivery.