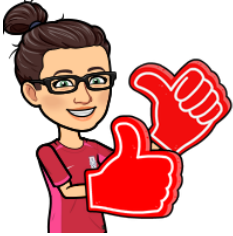



# UPOKONGARO SCHOOL

2024, Term 3, Week 4 Newsletter

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Kia ora e te whānau

I don't know if many of you remember back in the old days when you used to bring your marbles to bubblegum cards to school to trade, but I do. There were always those kids who were real good at negotiating, those kids who didn't have siblings so they had heaps more doubles than you, and those times when your valuables went 'missing.' All of those experiences contributed to skills I use today, they helped me learn to take care of precious cargo, how to deal with the loss of things, how to negotiate and how to trade. There were definitely tears and definitely those 'I want it back' moments, but adults back then stuck to the principles of trade and made me stronger for it. Nobody was going to question Mrs Betts at my school, she was the most understanding teacher we had, and she helped us understand what keeping your word was and how to be smart about getting what we wanted.

So, when the new Woolworths collectible cards came out I thought this was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. Historically, we have banned students from bringing small tradeable items to school in an attempt to prevent the tears, the arguments, and the injustices felt by students, however I believe that those experiences are imperative for the development of resilience that our students so badly need. It is for this reason I am introducing '**Friday Trade Day.**' Friday Trade Day is a day when students can bring in small collectibles to trade during break times only. The items can be no bigger than a collectible card. Marbles, BeyBlades, Pokemon Cards and other such types of collectibles are acceptable.

At assembly this Friday I explained (with the support of Mrs Calman's acting skills) how trades work. I advised that once a trade is agreed upon it cannot be reversed without the agreement of both parties, even if one of the people are crying. Trades are **only** to be made during break times on a Friday, if a student is caught trading in class their items will be confiscated for a week. Students need to take care of their own items, I will not be expecting teachers to launch full scale investigations for valuables that go missing.

Lessons I hope students learn:

1. Take care of valuables.
2. Understand what others value.
3. Negotiating skills.
4. Know how to hear the word 'no.'
5. The value of being patient to get an end goal.

Lots may not agree with the idea of trading at school, but I can't help but think that our children are continually missing out on great learning that doesn't happen without some experience. No one is losing their home, car, or income in this experience, so please help your children learn through these experiences. If you do not wish for your child to participate, then don't let them bring their items to school. I will be bringing my small collection of cards to trade with my friends, I hope I get my collection!

Happy Trading  
Mrs Browne

UPOKONGARO SCHOOL

# FRIDAY

# TRADE DAY

## WHAT CAN BE TRADED?

Any collectable item that is no bigger than a collectors card.



## CAN I REVERSE MY TRADE?

Only if the other trader agrees with it. If they don't then you cannot get your items back.

## WHAT IF MY ITEMS GO MISSING?


You are responsible to keep your items safe. Teachers are not policemen and will not be launching a full scale investigation.



## WHEN CAN I TRADE?

**Fridays** at break time. If you are caught trading during class time your items will be confiscated for a week.

let the trading begin

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## SCHOOL PĀNUI/NOTICES

### 2025 Enrolments

If you have a child turning five next year please watch out for the upcoming ballot. Online forms and physical forms will be available from the 15th of September. It is important that if you have a child turning five next year, that we know as soon as possible to ensure we open enough spaces for them. Please watch out for a small questionnaire that will be sent out later in the term to find out what your intentions are for next year.

### Year 5-6 Football Tournament

A group of talented Upokongaro School Footballers, along with the extremely talented Mrs Calman and Mr Todd attended the Cluster Year 5-6 Football tournament in Week 3. They were unbeaten, having a draw in the first game and winning the next three games. Congratulations to Taatahi, Phalcon, Mikaere, Alex, Fenix, Raniera, Etienne, Rawiri and Rhylee for an extremely successful day, on and off the field. Thank you Mrs Calman, Mr Todd and our wonderful supporters.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST

Thursday 8th - Dental Van arrives. Dentists start Monday 12th  
Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th - EPro8 Classroom Competitions Year 5-8  
Thursday 29th - Upokongaro School celebrates Daffodil Day  
Friday 30th - Upokongaro School Speeches

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 10th - Aranui Cross Country for selected Year 5-6 students  
Wednesday 11th - Cluster Speeches for selected Year 5-8 students  
Wednesday 11th - Thursday 12th - EPro8 Championships at Feilding Intermediate  
Friday 27th - TEACHER'S ONLY DAY - No School

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## CHROMEBOOKS FOR SALE

Chromebooks are for sale through our Mykindo app. They are \$400 and cases are \$45. It is beneficial for students to have their own Chromebook in class and we use this brand throughout the entire school.



Active Communities  
Newsletter



Check out the link to the Sport Whanganui Active Communities Newsletter. Keep informed of Sport opportunities for our students, Rangatahi/young people and parents alike.

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