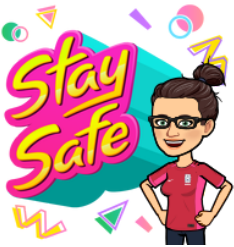


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Last week is one of those weeks where the line between school and home can become very blurred so I'd like to address a few things that have come up about social media.

First and foremost, Upokongaro School does not allow the use of social media platforms for students at all during school hours. Neither are mobile phones allowed at school. This rule has been in place well before the government made it law and it has also been well known to students that if they need their phones for after school use, they are to bring it to the office where it will stay until the end of the school day, which for some, ends once they get off the school van.

There seems to be some confusion about matters that happen at school and at home and how they are dealt with. If your child has a social media account (I'm not sure that there are many that legally allow children under 13) the school has not advised or given permission for your child to participate in such activity. Neither does the school advise or give permission for its name or logo to be used on social media platforms.

Upokongaro School does not condone bullying of any sort and provides education about this topic throughout your child's school journey. We do not suggest or provide photos or videos for students to share of each other for the purposes of embarrassing or demeaning others. If your child is participating in any of these behaviours passively or actively, Upokongaro School is not encouraging or providing the means or time to do this.

If there is a time where a teacher or other staff member lets your child use a digital device to participate in any of the above, please let me know immediately and I will make sure that this is dealt with seriously. Matters of this nature can really affect our children and adults that permit this behaviour is unacceptable to me.

If this is happening outside of school time I implore you to contact the adult that is letting this happen and get it sorted. If you aren't sure how you can help your child in this space please be on the lookout early next year for our digital device parental planning and tools seminars. We offered them twice this term with Constable Ben but no one turned up.

Please also use the Netsafe website to help inform your decisions around digital safety.

Mrs Browne

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## ***DINNER AND DANCE FOR OUR YEAR 7 AND 8'S***



The biggest night in the Year 7-8 calendar went down last Friday 6th December. Our students danced the night away to the Cha Cha, Waltz and the Swing. Congratulations to all our students who faced their fears and danced beautifully.

Exceptional dancing came from our place-getters:

Waltz: 3rd - Eli and Te Waikaremoana. 2nd - Otis and Zareah. 1st - Kaelyn-Lamar and Brylee

Cha Cha: 2nd- Laken-Honor and Riley

Swing: 3rd - Tane and Laura. 1st - Kia and Anahera  
Congratulations to you all.



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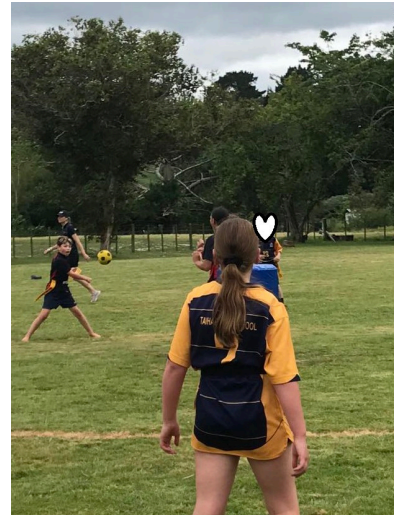
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## KI-O-RAHI FESTIVAL DAYS FOR OUR YEAR 5-6 AND 7-8 TEAMS

Thank you again to Whaea Jen and Sport Whanganui, who continue to support our Kura with Ngā Taonga Tākaro/Traditional Māori Games. Last Tuesday 3rd November, a team of Year 7-8s went with Mr Todd to Rutherford Junior High School. Here they enjoyed many action packed games against some tough competition, including WIS and Rutherford, who play competitively against Palmerston North schools. On Wednesday 4th November, our Year 5-6 team mixed with other schools to have fun, festival games. This increased communication, inclusion and respect of all players.



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### Friends & Family Christmas Deals

From 6 Dec - 20 Dec 2024



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## Free Matariki Star Workshop

Whanganui Potters studio, is celebrating Matariki during its annual exhibition. Part of this exhibition will involve children making stars for a special display by creating a pottery star at the Potters Studio 19 Taupo Quay.

Duration: 45 minutes  
When: 19th January 10-3.30pm  
Where: 19 Taupo Quay, Whanganui Potters Studio, (community clay club behind The Boring Gallery)

How to book: visit <https://www.whanganui-potters.com>  
Or email [mcleodpottery@gmail.com](mailto:mcleodpottery@gmail.com)

Enjoy this **free** 45 minute class by booking your time slot online or phone 0211378719

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER 2024

Monday 16th - Prizegiving at Upokongaro School, 10am.

Reports handed out.

Celebration Day

Wednesday 18th - Final day for 2024 - finish 1pm

### FEBRUARY 2025

Monday 3rd - School starts for 2025

Thursday 6th - Waitangi Day

### APRIL

Sunday 6th - Daylight savings ends

Friday 18th - Good Friday - No School

Monday 21st - Easter Monday - No School

Tuesday 22nd - Easter Tuesday - No School

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## JUICIES

Available through the Kindo app for \$2. Please ensure payment is made before 9am Friday.

Friday second lunch pickup from the Boardroom deck.

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