



NGAHERE NEWS

• Term 2, 2024 •

Dates

APRIL

29th - Mihi Whakatau & Ngahere Swimming starts

MAY

6th - Weetbix Triathlon

7th - Fire Poi 4:30pm - 6:30pm

15th - Inter-school Cross Country Y3-6

17th - Electives start

20th - Book Week starts

22nd - Tough Guy n Gal

24th - TOD (no school)

27th - Samoan Language Week

JUNE

3rd - King's birthday (no school)

4th - Mihi Whakatau

6th - School Photo Day

12th - Inter-school Netball Y4-6

17th - Pride Week

27th - Matariki Breakfast

28th - Matariki (no school)

JULY

1st - Reports on Seesaw

2nd - Regional Cross Country

3rd - Parent Interviews

4th - Parent Interviews (school closes 1pm)

5th July - Term 2 ends 3pm



Kia ora whānau, We have an action packed term 2 ready for our tamariki. Our term starts with swimming and a dive into Aotearoa Histories with a look at influential wāhine. We also have Electives, Book Week and Fire Poi. We finish our term with our first lot of reports coming out to whānau and the chance to celebrate all the awesome things tamariki have achieved during parent teacher meetings in Week 10.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM

Aotearoa Histories

This term our Inquiry focus will be on Aotearoa Histories. Our focus will be on 'Wāhine Toa - Strong women'. For the first half of the unit we will be learning about Mana Whenua, local women from Ngāti Toarangatira. This will include Rangī Topeora, Kahe Te Rau-o-te-rangi, Raiha Puaha and Wikitoria Kātene Whatu. Tamariki will then be encouraged to research and present information on an influential wāhine from their whānau or culture. We look forward to exploring this topic in classes with our tamariki. Be sure to look out for their key learning displayed on Seesaw!

Swimming

During week 1 and 2, all our Ngahere children will be participating in structured swimming lessons down at Te Rauparaha Arena.

It is essential that all children have their togs, towel and goggles (optional) to actively participate.

Ruma 8,9,10 and 11 will swim in week 1 and Room 7 in week 2.

There is no cost for whānau for this; however, we do expect that all children will be in the water as we know that learning how to swim and be safe within and around water is an important life skill to have.

Book Week

This year's Book Week is in Week 4 and is full of fun school wide activities:

Monday - Buddy class reading
Tuesday - House activity afternoon (tamariki wear their house colour t-shirt)
Wednesday - Book swap (Tamariki can swap up to 5 books)
Thursday - Book Week Dress up Parade and Assembly.

Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and be as creative as they can!

Homework

The expectations for homework are outlined below:

Maths-Whizz: Your child is expected to complete three 15-minute sessions per week in addition to their in-class activities. If completing this at home is not feasible, we can accommodate by providing access to computers before school.

Reading Daily: We strongly encourage your child to engage in daily reading at home with books of their personal choice. Consistent reading is key to developing excellent reading skills. The importance of this cannot be overstated. Signing up for a free membership at the Porirua Public Library provides you with access to a diverse range of books for your enjoyment.

Electives

Electives are this term from week 3-8. Every student will get the opportunity to immerse themselves in an activity of interest. Recreational, arts and crafts, sports, the list goes on.

Electives will run during the middle block each Friday and an elective celebration will take place in week 8 to show off their learning. We can't wait to see what everyone gets up to.

Fire Poi

We are excited to have Te Ahi Ora back in our KURA to do another year of Fire Poi with our tamariki. Fire performance showcases incredible skill and provides entertainment for both participants and spectators, leading to increased confidence, improved mental well-being, enhanced physical health, and stronger community connections. Ngahere students will get the chance to learn Fire Poi on Tuesday 7th May. There will be a chance to showcase their skills at school on the same day from 4.30pm-6.30pm.

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