

## VISION STATEMENT

*Equip for Life  
Prepare for Eternity  
Whakarawe mā mataora  
Whakareri mā āke tonu atu*



Weeks: **2 - 4**

Term 2 2024:  
6 Haratua (May)

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## CAMP 2024 — WHAT A WEEK!

Whole school camp 2024 kicked off last week on Sunday, the last day of the school holidays, and with it came three very action packed days of fun, challenge, new achievements and proper exhaustion. Our children did so well and rose time and time again to face each new challenge. Operating out of our four house teams of Carmichael, Mueller, Tyndale and Wesley, our students faced nine different action packed events with juniors to seniors and lots of adults in each team. Everyone faced the activities of kayaking, animal survival island, the adventure trail and spa, go karts, shooting, archery and axe throwing, the climbing wall and high ropes, bush cooking and fire making, the water slide, flying fox and confidence course, and finally the Top Team Challenge where each team were pitted against each other. We played games at night and had worship with Mr Evans in the morning and learned about the Armour of God with three of our grown up former students—Thomas Anderton, Josiah Thoms and Nathan Lambert.



Congratulations goes to Team Mueller for winning the Top Team Challenge which was worth triple points at camp, and congratulations goes to Team Tyndale who won the overall points competition at camp. These points get added to the overall year tally and work toward the end of year trophy.



We had an awesome group of parents who took time off work to come and be part of camp, and serve all our children with faithfulness and enthusiasm. For each of these people we offer our greatest thanks and appreciation. Every one of them were sent home spent!

Very special thanks goes to Eric Hill who organised and prepared all the food basing himself in the kitchen for the entire camp, and Emma-Jayne Nicholls our camp nurse who found herself in a full-time role giving out prescribed medicines children brought to camp and patching up minor injuries. These two people in particular gave beyond what might normally have been expected of any helpers.

Thank you to everyone for sending your children. There are many eye opening stories that have gone untold here but they will get told by each of them to you anyway! They will have come home having experienced something new and pushed themselves in different areas, conquered new things, and will have grown more into our school culture and built upon their friendships.

*See more camp action on pages 4 and 5.*



## From the Desk of the Tumuaki

Welcome back to Term 2. It's started off with a bang with our bi-annual whole school camp last week and I personally want to thank all those that were involved. You helped make this an amazing and memorable event. Lots of our students are already talking about the next camp!

Term 2 promises to be another action packed term. We have a lot planned so please keep up with events through the newsletter and notices that come home. This gets updated each issue.

We want to welcome in another four students into the school this term. Jason Toor and Joseph Cross have joined us as new entrants with Joseph being the younger brother of Tiana in the upper school, and Liam and Miele Oelofse return to us after just over a year away and are both in Year 6. We welcome each of these students and their families into the school. For those keeping track of our numbers we are now at 111 students with 120 being our roll cap. More students are scheduled to start during this term.

### Attendance

I know you might be feeling that I am always going on about attendance, but I need to because it's important. You will have heard the government regularly talking about this through the media and you will know they are keeping school's strongly accountable for maintaining high rates of attendance.

As we head into the winter months we all know illnesses start to ramp up. I do need to keep impressing upon you that everyday at school counts, and everyday makes a difference. Learning happens every day and builds upon what students have previously learned in the years, months and even days before. Missing days here and there not just adds up but starts to create gaps in children's learning that is hard to catch up on.

Having now impressed this upon you it also needs to be said that if you have a genuinely sick child they need to stay home and recover. People who are sick cannot perform and will do much less learning. They will recover more quickly if allowed to stay home and get well. You know your child best and you know when they are genuinely unwell and need this. While we need to develop resilience and push through if we are a little off colour, please judge your child's needs. Send them if they can cope, keep them home if they are sick.

The government is wanting at least 90% attendance throughout the school year. On the Ministry of Education website they point out what is acceptable and unacceptable absences. While I can acknowledge when and why families do this, it is worth noting that term time holidays and overseas trips are not deemed as acceptable by the Ministry of Education. In our case this is probably what stops a number of our families from achieving 90% attendance.

Schools are required to have targets for rates of attendance. While ours was above the governments target last year they still require us to improve. In 2023 our average attendance rate was 93% but only 73.3% of students were attending 90% of the time or more (the government's target was 70% attending 90% of the time or more). In 2024 the Board has set our target at 80% of all students attending 90% of the time or more. This is a similar target to the government's in 2024.



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### Initiative Quote

*"Initiative is doing the right thing without being told."*

**- Victor Hugo**



This target will mean the school needs to follow up with families that are at risk of not meeting this. Obviously it is in the best interest of all students to achieve this and even higher attendance rates than this. If you are having trouble getting your children to school each day, other than because of genuine sickness, please come and talk with us about this. We will work with you to try to achieve this. Like you, we want to help every child achieve to their capacity.

God bless

Alistair Paterson

attendance  
**MATTERS**

### Prayer Requests...

We appreciate your prayers for the school. Here's what's big on our minds at the moment:

- Thanking God for an awesome camp with excellent weather, growth opportunities and safety. This was a fantastic event.
- Praising God for the 111 students we now have and praying for each to grow strongly academically, spiritually, physically and to be emotionally connected and well balanced.
- Please pray for wisdom for our school boards to be able to manage the roll growth we have well and to know what God wants us to do from here.
- And please pray for our staff that they will stay healthy, have unity together and continue to develop in their own expertise to benefit each student and family.



## News - Kawepūrongo

### TERM 1 AWARDS

At the end of last term we celebrated with our students the hard work they had put in over the weeks of Term 1 with our Rockstar and Memory Verse awards. Our Rockstar certificates are earned by earning a minimum number of points over the term gained through regular attendance, punctuality, homework completion and taking pride in wearing their correct school uniform.



We also had our hard to earn core value badges to give away. In Term 1 our core value was respect. Only two badges are given away to each class making them quite a challenge to earn, and usually two additional Principal Awards are given that can be earned in any area outside of the core values. This time we made the unusual decision to give away five badges. Last term the awards awarded for respect went to:

Room 5 (Y1/2) - Joy Lecky and Christopher Fouhy

Room 4 (Y2/3) - Maisie Ram and Caleb Lecky

Room 1 (Y4) - Cerine van Deventer and Hazel Smit

Room 2 (Y5/6) - Karo Potgieter and Alexander Godbey

Room 3 (Y7/8) - Henko Olivier and Tabitha Madanawa

This time our Principal's Awards were given out for achievements outside of school. All five are awarded for their selection to perform in the upcoming musical stage show 'The Little Mermaid'.

Congratulations goes to Ava Park, Addison Park, Sophia Lapan, Aria Uerata and Isla Uerata.

*Right: Term 1's badge recipients, and below: Term 1's Rockstar and Memory Verse recipients from each class.*



### TEACHER ONLY DAY

In 2023 the government provided schools with two teacher only days to work on understanding the new school curriculum the government is releasing. The same is happening in 2024.

Our school will once again be working with staff from Southcity and Waipa Christian Schools on this and has set a date of **Friday the 31st of May** for the teacher only day. Please note this will be the start of King's Birthday weekend which may provide families with the chance to take an extended weekend if it works for you.



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### OUR OP SHOP FUNDRAISER

Each year in May we are involved in running our local op shop for a week. This is a tremendous fundraiser for the school which allows us to take all the profits raised once the weekly rental is taken out. The school has traditionally done very well out of this.



Our turn for this is in a few weeks time and runs from **Monday the 20th to Friday the 24th of May.**

In order for this to be a success we really need your help with two things please:

1. If you are having a clean out at home and have items that you are not trying to sell yourself and are willing to donate, we would be very grateful to receive these please. These can be brought to school from now until the 20th of May, and after the 20th dropped straight off to the Op Shop at the Rawhiti end of Arawa Street.
2. We need lots of help through the week of Monday the 20th to Friday the 24th of May to run the shop. We need to have at least three people running the shop at a time. If you can please spare some time, even if only an hour or two, let Sarah in the school office know, or text Maria McGhie directly on 021 024 82307. Maria is in charge of this event for us this year.

### SPORTS ACADEMY

Sports Academy for Term 2 starts up again this week. At this point it is on each Thursday after school from 3:15—4:30PM.

This may be subject to change once we learn when all the sports events are scheduled through the week. So far we know Netball will be played after school on Tuesdays and Hockey on Saturdays, but it may be that some Rugby clubs are playing on Thursdays.



All students Year 3 and up are very welcome, and encouraged to be part of our Sports Academy. There is no cost and we have awesome parents that run this. The aim is to have our students better prepared in fitness and sports skills to be able to engage in sports, regardless of what they may play, so they enjoy sports more and are equipped to compete at a higher level.

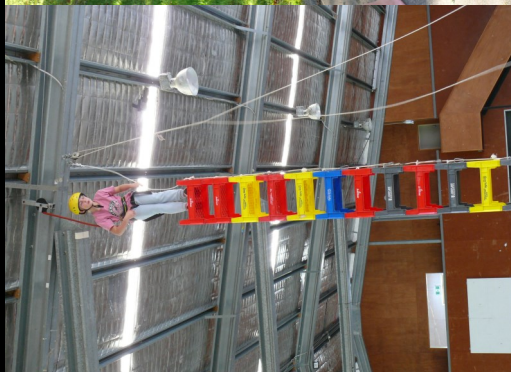
If you have a child that would like to be involved this term that wasn't last term please let us know in the school office. Additionally, if you are available and want to help us with the coaching and fun please let us know in the school office or contact Lindi van Deventer, Bridgit Hildreth or Emma-Jayne Nicholls.



# Whole School Camp — Finlay Park 2024









## More News—Kawepūrongo

### TERM 2 TOPICS

Every year we review and develop our teaching curriculum to meet the needs of our students. We have always been very proud of the curriculum we develop and the topics we teach. 2024 is no different. Each year our needs change along with student’s competencies and social needs. We believe over the years we have been developing an excellent curriculum that responds to this.



Important to us in the development of our students is not only academic achievement but developing resilience, empathy for others, and becoming well rounded citizens that can think for themselves, problem solve, participate physically, develop skills and an appreciation for the arts, develop a heart after God’s own heart and therefore be active in their church life, and engage in society responsibly with a Christian worldview.

This term is again a busy one and we develop a topic we all love, Astronomy. This will be explored from different perspectives across the school with all exploring from the wonders of God’s creation. We are also trying to explore what we may be able to do as a school trip to investigate the wonders of space further. We hope to have more details about this to you soon.

In the chart below you can see what else your children will be learning about this term. As always you are welcome to join in with us for any part too.

Bible	Y1-3: Bible Narratives (stories) Y4: ‘The Ology’. Developing detail about God’s ways Y5-6: God’s Story Y7-8: New Testament Survey
Core Value	Initiative
Memory Verses	From Ephesians 6:10—18 (The Armour of God) Initiative: 1 John 4:19
Theme	<b>Astronomy</b> Also Matariki
Health	Healthy Food Groups Sugar and Junk Foods Power of Advertising (Y5—8)
Māori	Colour and shapes
The Great Art Swap	Y1/2: 2D Visual Art with Mrs Atkins Y2/3: Robotics with Mrs Bloomfield Y4: Dance with Mrs Tomlinson Y5/6: 3D Art with Miss Thomasen Y7/8: Tech Arts
P.E.	Winter Ball Skills



### WANTED—EMPTY SOFT DRINK BOTTLES

This term in Permaculture our Juniors are doing bottle art so we are in search of a decent number of empty 1.5l or 2.25l soft drink bottles (not milk bottles). If you have any you need to throw out over the next few weeks we’d be really keen to have them please.



### SENIOR EPRO8 CHALLENGE



Report by Marcus Mactal (Y8)

The Epro8 Challenge is an engineering competition where a group of students from different schools compete against each other.

On the 3rd of April, 2024, The Little Einsteins— Raphael, Jonathan, Tabitha and Marcus— went to Morrinsville Intermediate school to compete in Epro8. When we went in the hall, we had five minutes to look at all of the resources. Once the five minutes were over, Andrew (the judge and organiser), called us over to sit down and he gave us options of what we could build. The Little Einsteins decided to build a scooter. We got metal rods and red joiners to connect the starter base. We got our first few points and were first on the board, but then got stuck on the second step and started to stress. 30 minutes had passed and Morrinsville Intermediate School overtook us. In the end, we managed to earn enough points to not only get into the semi-finals, but come first!

The team will be participating in the semi-final challenge coming up in a few weeks on the 23rd of May.



### CONGRATULATIONS MRS ATKINS

During the last school holidays Mrs Atkins got to celebrate her graduation from Waikato University. At the end of last year upon finishing her teacher training, Mrs Atkins was awarded her Bachelor of Teaching degree celebrating three years of hard work.

Well done Mrs Atkins, we’re all very pleased to have you as part of our team here.



Above Right: Mrs Atkins in her graduation gear with husband Eden.

## Even More News—Kawepūrongo

### FRIENDS AND FOUNDERS DAY

Our annual Friends and Founders Day celebrations are coming up on Tuesday the 11th of June.

This is an important day in our calendar as it celebrates God's faithfulness in the school and celebrates those who have gone before us to make this school what it is in its 36 year history.



We celebrate with two key events in the day. We start with a pastor's breakfast where church leaders from all our local churches are invited to a special cooked breakfast. We share what is happening in the school and ask them to pray for us before they head off for work. Invitations will be sent soon so please encourage your churches leadership team to come.

The second key event happens at night and is for our whole school community. We put on a free burger dinner for all our school community before having a quick AGM highlighting what is happening in the school and what we are focusing on, and then have an amazing guest speaker while our children watch a movie and enjoy treats.

This is always a great night and we are thrilled to have always had nearly every family at this. This year's speaker is Jonathan Arthur. Jonathan works for N4L the service that provides internet safety and protection for school's across the country. Jonathan is going to talk about how to keep ourselves and our families safe online. This is an important message for everyone to hear.



### FRIENDS AND FOUNDERS DAY HELP

To help us continue to make each Friends and Founders Day a memorable one we are looking for some help please. We would be really keen for anyone who may be able to help us please oversee the day, another one or two to help cook food for the pastor's breakfast, and a few who would be willing to help us bar-be-que some burger patties and help prepare burgers at night.

If you are in a position to help us on **Tuesday the 11th of June** please let Sarah in the school office know.

### PCE BOARD NOMINATIONS

Recently eligible families will have received by email nomination forms for the upcoming election for the Peria Christian Education (PCE) Board.



PCE are the Board who own the school and are responsible for the buildings, property developments and for protecting the school's special Christian character. This year there are five board positions available and nominations for these positions are being sought. **Nominations close at 3PM on Tuesday the 21st of May.**

### SCHOOL BOARD HELP WANTED

Our School Board is appealing for help with its monthly meetings. We are looking for someone who would be willing to take meeting minutes for us. If this is you we'd love to hear from you. The role description is below:



#### School Board (SB) Minute Secretary Responsibilities

The role of School Board Minute secretary is voluntary. Some expenses may be reimbursed subject to prior approval by the SB.

The Minute Secretary shall:

- be responsible to the Presiding Member
- collate incoming correspondence for the next meeting, if any
- attend and accurately record the minutes of each School Board meeting using the School Board minutes template
- within three days of each School Board meeting ensure that the completed minutes are uploaded into the relevant meeting folder and advise each member of the School Board.
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## Even More News - Kawepūrongo

### WINTER UNIFORM

It is now time for everyone to be in winter uniform please. This simply means changing footwear from sandals to black shoes and adding in their school polar fleece.

Shoes should be black leather or leather look lace up shoes. We will also accept black leather slip on shoes and velcro shoes instead of lace ups for younger students. Shoes must not be sports or fashion shoes please.

Boys wear long navy socks with jade stripes which are available from the uniform room. Girls can wear either navy or black socks that are knee high or ankle length, or navy or black tights. For girls these are available from shops such as Postie +, The Warehouse and Farmers.

Please note track pants are not part of our school uniform. Our classrooms will be nice and warm through the winter though.

Uniform polar fleece tops are available from the school uniform shop and also help keep everyone warm.

Students can wear singlets etc under their school uniform as long as these can't be seen.



### Dates for your Calendar

#### May

7th	Netball
9th	Sports Academy
9th	PCE Meeting
11th	Hockey
13th	Seniors World Vision Ambassador Visit
14th	Parent Connect Group
14th	Netball
14th	School Board Meeting
16th	Cotter Cup Y5/6 Soccer Team
16th	Sports Academy
18th	Hockey
20th—24th	Op Shop Week Fundraiser
21st	Netball
23rd	Epro8 Y7/8 Semi Finals
23rd	Sports Academy
25th	Hockey
28th	Netball
29th	Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
30th	Sports Academy
31st	Teacher Only Day

#### June

1st	Hockey
3rd	King's Birthday Weekend
4th	Parent Connect Group
4th	Netball
11th	Friends and Founders Day



## Church Community Notices

This column has been set up to support local church and Christian community events. If your church has an exciting event coming up they can advertise it here for free by sending details or advertising to [office@matamata.school.nz](mailto:office@matamata.school.nz)

**Nurturing for life**  
Alpha Parenting Children Course  
for parents of children aged 0-10 years

**Sunday Evenings**

**Tuesday Term 2**

**10-11:30 am**

St. Andrews Church Hall  
20 Meura Street

For more details or to register email Rochelle  
[yfw@standrewsmatamata.org.nz](mailto:yfw@standrewsmatamata.org.nz)  
OR Scan Here

Some of our parents have got together and created a parents connect group which this year intends to meet every third week in the school library. This is an opportunity for parents to get together and enjoy a time of community together. The next get together is **Rātū 14th Haratua / Tuesday 14th of May between 9—10:30AM**. Come and enjoy tea and coffee together and meet other school families. Pre-schoolers are very welcome.



**PLAYBOOK**

**THE SUBWAY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME**

**Available Fridays**





Each year the Yummy Fruit Company give away free sports equipment to schools whose families have bought their products and collected their stickers. We are keen to get back involved.

What we need to do is to collect the stickers off the products, if you happen to be buying them, and place them on the sheet below which can be kept on the fridge at home. Once the sheet is filled in send it back to school where some of our parents and students will be keeping a tally as to how many the school has. We will collect all sheets back in early in October.

If you buy the boxes of fruit send in the barcodes as they are worth 10 stickers.

We'd love it If you are able to get friends and family to collect the stickers for us too if they're not collecting them for someone else.



**NEW WORLD**

1 	2	3	4	5	6 You're on your way to some cool sports gear.	7	8	9	10
11	12 Ask friends and family to help you collect stickers.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Apples are high in Vitamin C and Vitamin A.	29	30
31	32	33	34 Apples keep better in the fridge.	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50 newworld.co.nz to find your nearest store.
51 The largest apple ever picked weighed 1.36kg.	52	53	54	55	56 yummyfruit.co.nz for more Sticker Collection Sheets.	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73 Apple skin has five times more vitamins than the flesh.	74	75	76	77	78 Yummy apples can help you play more sport.	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95 paksave.co.nz to find your nearest store.	96	97	98	99	100 Wow! What a great apple muncher.