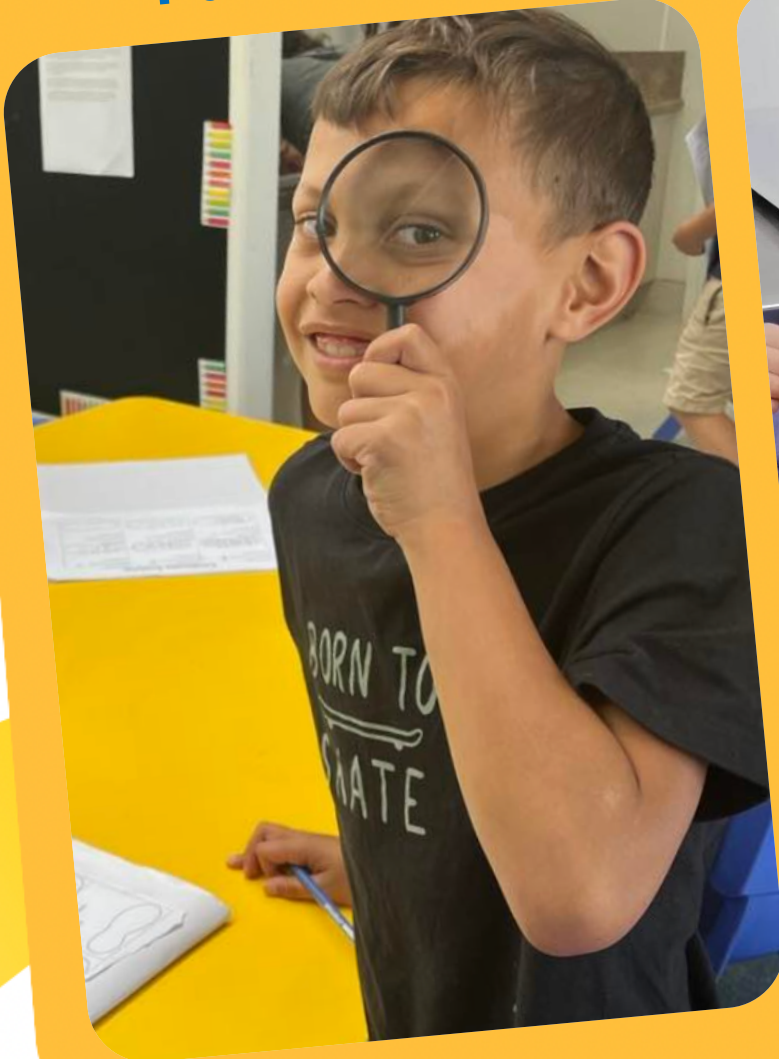


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Panui ~ Term 1 ~ Wiki Ono



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Kia orana, talofa lava, bula vinaka, malo e lelei, namaste
He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa
Warm greetings to you all

THE LATEST NEWS

LEARNING

We are now at the end of Week 6 and a lot of learning in reading, writing and maths has already happened. We are starting to focus on digital learning too. You will see a lot of examples of recent learning in the foyer. The Principal will be taking a group of YR5-6 students focusing on digital media.

ASSESSMENTS

Over the next 2 weeks, all tamariki will be tested in Maths. We use these results to see how much progress is being made.

ENVIROSCHOOLS

Mrs Olls is our new EnviroSchools representative and has already managed to score a worm farm. This will help us to recycle some of our food scraps, making our own fertiliser for the gardens.

COOK ISLANDS '24

We have had our first information hui for this incredible opportunity. Already, 48 people have expressed their interest in being a part of this. We look forward to getting into the fundraising, and will be in touch with our next hui details to develop the action plan and roster for fundraising events. Very exciting times ahead!

SPORTS - SWIMMING

Our tamariki have been very excited to get to the pools. This year is the first time we have taken the whole school. Thank you to the staff at the Tokoroa Pools for hosting us.

In Term 2, we will also be involved in the Tokoroa Interschool swimming event. We will let you know when this happening.

STUDENT LEADERS: KAIARAHĪ (Kai-a-ra-hi)

Our kaiarahi are well into the swing of things, helping to making important decisions, such as what lunchtime activities we could have. They are also involved in the day to day running of the school, helping with lunches, office duties, reading out notices over the PA system, running assemblies and even helping to organise our REAL tokens. This is very good learning for their leadership, communication and teamwork.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Hoppitt's Grotto: Our kaiarahi will also be developing a plan for a section at the Hoppitt's Grotto, down near the back entrance of Cougar Park. This is a cute little community 'village' that children in lots of organisations create small scenes of real and imagined life. We will let you know how we go, so you can go and check out Taramoa Strathmore's own 'village'. We may even have this as a House competition.

PROPERTY

The LSC Office space is now finished. Our LCS, Leila Lazar and SWiS (Social Worker in School), Kelli McCain, use this to meet with and support our tamariki. We also use it for our Quick60 reading programme. One wall is green so that our tamariki can use for filming using green screen technology.

Room 7-9 refurbishment is also underway with the project out for tender. We will keep you updated on how things progress.

The old sandpit is being demolished and used as an outdoor MakerSpace.

EASTER RAFFLE

Miss Andrews is setting up another mega Easter Raffle. Watch out for this coming out soon.

STAFF NEWS: STRIKE = SCHOOL CLOSURE: 16 Mar

As you may have heard, teachers across the country are going on strike next Thursday. This means that almost every school will be closed for the day. I am sorry for this notice, knowing this is likely to be inconvenient.

~ Matua Jason, Principal

Important Dates:

14-15 March:

IDP1. Get your forms back to us asap. We will let you know your timing on Monday 13 March and aim to give you your first choice.

16 March: Strike Day

Sorry, we are closed. Thank you for your support!

Key Term 1 Dates for Your Calendar

14-15 Mar	IDP 1 Days – Student – Teacher – Whānau conferencing. We will close at 12.30pm with conferences going from 1pm until 5.30pm. We will send out all information soon
16 Mar	Strike Day. School is closed to students.
6 Apr	Last day of Term 1
7 Apr	Good Friday
24 Apr	Extension to School Holidays
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
26 Apr	This is a Wednesday. Return to School. Attendance Van also starts on this day
5 May	Proposed Staff Only Day. We will confirm this soon
2 Jun	Teacher only Day – for the development of new curriculum knowledge and skills for all teachers in Tokoroa



A LITTLE SOMETHING FROM OUR **KAIAKO**

FROM TŪĪ

As part of our Aotearoa New Zealand History curriculum work, Tūi has been learning about the Waikato River and its significance to us.

We brainstormed about what the River is and has been used for. We shared that the river has many uses such as recreation (swimming, fishing, kayaking), for power and for trade routes.

We have started research projects about the river using our brainstorm as a starting point. We are using our Chromebooks to aid our learning. This project is a great way to build on our digital literacy.

We agreed as a class that students could present their findings using Google slides or CANVA and that as a minimum, they needed at least 5 slides which had to include a title page, a video with information about the river and pictures to support their findings.

I set an extra challenge for students that they could make a video of themselves talking about the river using an app called Screencastify or make a short animation using Scratch to support their findings. Our ākonga are working in small groups or by themselves and it has been great to see them collaborate and share their knowledge

~ Miss Nicole Andrews



We welcome you to come and see us in action