

Principal Tumuaki comment

Kia ora parents and whānau,

This week sees Pip and Harold the Giraffe arrive with the Life Ed bus. We love have them visit us and learning about our physical and mental health.

Please make sure you read the attached page about how we are now using the Hero app to communicate with you, as well as adding learning snapshots to individual student profiles. You may have seen a post from your child or their teacher about Swimming lessons this week, as we learn to navigate about how it all works. We hope you like the updates!

Ngā mihi nui,
Lisa Bankshaw 😊




SWIMMING TOGS!

Last week we gave out a lot of pairs of school togs, goggles and towels. These need to be returned ASAP as we now have no spares. Please make sure your child/ren brings togs EVERYDAY.

Food


Due to swimming, the kids seem to be super hungry so please pack an extra snack or two in their lunchboxes please.



Stationary costs

Each child will have \$50 added to their families school account for Stationary for the 2025 year.

There are still some outstanding balances on school accounts from 2024 which we would appreciate paid ASAP. Please see Lisa if you would like to discuss.



Puketeraki Marae stay

Unfortunately due to a double booking by the Puketeraki Marae, we are unable to stay when we were scheduled for in March.

A new date will be booked and it may even be a day trip but this is all TBC. Thanks so very much to all those who volunteered to come along. More communication will come out once details are finalised.



Technology

Phoebe, Madi, Lucy, Annie S, Lexie, Ruby and Edward were super excited boarding the Tech bus on Friday (they picked up Archie on the way), for their first session at Taieri College for 2025. They had a great time with the Year 8's doing Food Tech, and the Year 7's tackling sewing for their first rotations.

IMPORTANT



Some of you may have noticed during the past week that we are utilising more of our school Hero app. **This means that we will no longer be using 'Class Dojo' to communicate with parents - everything will be able to be done on Hero so there will only be one app to use.** Yay!

★ **Under each child's profile, is a page called 'Contact the Teacher' where you can directly message your child's teacher if you need to contact them.**

We have enabled all children to be able to login and post their learning to their individual profiles as well as accessing the 'Student Feed' where Teachers can post tasks and activities for their class. Please interact and comment on posts as the kids love getting feedback! There is also a 'Time to Shine' page where parents and whanau can upload posts, photos, and videos about things the kids get up to out of school.

✓ **GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS** ✓

This year we are trialling a different approach to our beginning of the year Goal Setting interviews. Each teacher is going to have a 1:1 conference with every child in their class and together they will formulate 2-4 realistic goals for their learning. It is expected that the older the child is, the more student voice and ownership they will have in creating these goals.

Once the goals have been decided upon, each child will upload these to their Hero profile, and teachers and students will upload evidence onto Hero to show their progress towards completing their goals. We are hoping this will make the goal setting process a lot more meaningful and relevant for the students, and showing evidence and activities that kids complete towards achieving these goals will make the whole process more meaningful for everyone involved.

📱💻 **If you don't have the Hero app but would like to, then please contact your child's teacher or Lisa and they can help you login and gain access. All you need is an email address!**

TEAM RURU NEWS

FOCUS

What a brilliant start to 2025! Over the past two weeks, Team Ruru has focused on establishing relationships, routines, and expectations. We created a Class Treaty to ensure our class runs smoothly.

Our Class Treaty

We want our class to be a fair learning environment where people feel safe, respected, and they belong.

We want to think about our school's values



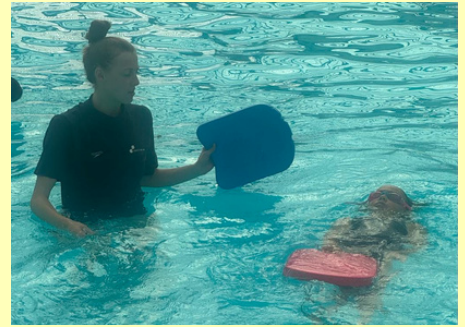
So we promise to...

- Treat each other with respect.
- Be honest.
- Respect property.
- Use kind words and a kind tone.
- Listen to learn.
- Act appropriately
- Try our best.



SWIMMING

The class has enjoyed swimming lessons with Meg and Hunter.



ART


Come in and check out our Big, Bright, Bold and Beautiful art. We learned about complimentary colours and used the mediums of pastel and water colour.



On Monday's we have been baking to learn about reading recipes, following instructions and using topic specific vocabulary.



Term 1 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1 Week 3	17	18 Board Meeting Swimming lessons 	19 Swimming lessons 	20 Swimming lessons 	 21 Life Ed. Bus 
Term 1 Week 4	24 Life Ed. Bus 	25	26	27	 28
Term 1 Week 5	3 MARCH	4	5	6 Teachers at a Maths course Y0-4= Mrs Russell Y5-8= Mrs Bankshaw 	 7
Term 1 Week 6	10	11 Swimming Sports 	12	13 Assembly: Room 5 2pm	 14 Year 5-8 Boys Multi Sport day 
Term 1 Week 7	 17 Year 5-8 Girls Multi Sport day 	18	19	20	 21

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1 Week 8	<p>24 OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY</p> 	25	26	<p>27 TEACHER ONLY DAY</p> <p>MOE Maths course</p> 	 <p>28</p>
Term 1 Week 9	31	1 APRIL	2	3	 <p>4</p> <p>Assembly: RI 2.15pm</p>
Term 1 Week 10	<p>7 Mrs Becker away. Mrs Glass R3 Year 8 GRIP Leadership in Queerstown</p> 	<p>8 Mrs Becker away. Mrs Glass R3</p>	<p>9 Mrs Becker away. Mrs Glass R3 Mrs Bankshaw away</p>	<p>10 Mrs Bankshaw away</p>	 <p>11 Mrs Bankshaw away</p>
Term 2 Week 1	<p>28 APRIL TERM TWO STARTS!</p> <p>Mrs Bankshaw away</p> 	<p>29 Mrs Bankshaw away</p>	<p>30 Mrs Bankshaw away</p>	1 MAY	2
Term 2 Week 2	5	6	7	8	9