



Monday 29 July 24



EPUNI SCHOOL

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a great start to term 3 we have had. I always enjoy catching up with our tamariki and hearing about what they did over the holiday break.



On Friday we formally welcomed several new families and students to our kura with our whakamihi.

Learning focus for Term 3



Our learning focus for the term is around our Awa, which follows on from the learning tamariki did about the Maunga in our local area.

We have swimming in weeks 3 and 4. It is always wonderful to see the progress tamariki make during this time.

The school value classes will be unpacking further this term is Tūtika – Responsibility.

- Own our choices
- Be ready to learn
- Put things in their correct place
- Be safe, be in the right place

Attendance

School attendance has been in the news a lot lately. The current government aims to have 80 percent of students present for more than 90 percent of the school year by 2030.

Our attendance is analysed termly by Ministry of Education. We had 43% of our students at school 90% or more of the time, in the past two terms. This percentage does include tamariki being off school because they were sick. We do know there were many bugs going around at the end of last term, which contributed to this lower percentage. To put this in perspective, 90% attendance allows for a student to be away one day per fortnight, on average.

If your child is going to be away, please let the office know so we can record the reason why they are away. Being at school regularly does make a difference to the progress and achievement tamariki are able to make with their learning.

We really value our partnership with whānau, as we work together to support our tamariki with their learning.

He taonga te mokopuna, kia whāngaia, kia tipu, kia rea.

A child is a treasure, to be nurtured, to grow, to flourish.

Many thanks

Janet Evans

Principal

Dates to remember

5th - 9th August

Cook Island Language Week

Mon 5th August - Thurs 8th August

Mon 12th August - Thurs 15th August

School wide swimming at Huia Pools

(not Wednesday 7 August)

Wednesday 7 August

Hybrid Learning from Home - school will not be available for instruction due to a power outage planned by Mercury. Students will bring work home for this day's learning.

Friday 9 August - no Whānau Time

Due to Huttfest kapa haka group visit to Dyer St School

19th - 23rd August

Tongan Language Week

Friday 23 August

Nano Girl Science Show - Junior School only

Monday 2nd Sept and Tuesday 3rd Sept

3-Way Conferences - please book your time to meet the teacher

Friday 13th Sept

Onsie day, supporting Wellington Free Ambulance. Please see the link on our Facebook page for donations.



Over the holiday break our new caretaker's shed was built. The concrete pad at the front will be laid shortly.



Louie The Tūi - always a crowd favourite!

