# **Tikipunga Primary School**

Kia taki manawa ai te aronga wawata, te ekenga hoki o pae tawhiti Respecting aspirations, walking together, achieving our goals

# PANUI 14th March 2024

# From Whaea Cherise:

Kia whānau

It has been a busy term so far, with lots of new students joining our kura. We have some exciting learning experiences happening for our Tamariki as well.

We have just finished our Swim Safe lessons for the year, and our swimming champions competed in the Whangarei Primary Schools competition on Wednesday.

Our Senior Kapa Haka Roopu will be preforming at the Otangarei Cultural festival on Friday. We are due to perform between 10am – 12pm, so if you can, pop along to support our roopu.

Please remember that we are <u>finishing early on Wednesday</u> 20th March for our union members to attend their Union Meeting. We will be finishing at 12.30pm, and Kidszone will be open from that time.

Last week, we attended a Powhiri to welcome the new CEO of I Have a Dream, Andrew Te Whaiti. The outgoing CEO, Chris Twiss, is still on board until later in the month. While we welcome Andrew, we also wish Chris all the best in his next adventure.

This year we will have several property jobs taking place to update and transform some of the more dated aspects of our kura. At the end of it, not only will we <u>be</u> the best Kura, we will look more like it too!

Nāku nā Whaea Cherise

# **IMPORTANT KURA DATES:**

Wednesday 20th March EARLY CLOSE @ 12.30pm

(Teachers Union Meeting)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Board Hui -4.30pm in the Staffroom
Good Friday – no school
Easter Monday – no school
Easter Tuesday – no school

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** End of Term 1 **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April** Start of Term 2



#### **OUR DETAILS:**

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# 2024 TERM DATES:

Term 1

2 February – 12 April Term 2 29 April – 5 July Term 3

22 July – 27 September **Term 4** 

14 October - TBC

#### **SCHOOL HOURS:**

School Begins 8.30am
Morning Tea
10.30am—11am
Lunch
1.00pm—1.30pm
School Finishes 2.30pm

#### **GATES**

Please remember that our gates are closed during the day.

#### **ABSENCES:**

<u>Please</u> let us know your child is absent before 9.30am.
After this time, you will receive a text from the school. It is important for us to have great communication regarding absence.

HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?

Please let Whaea Lena know so she can keep the records up to date. This really helps if we need to get in touch with you.

# **School Championship swimmers**

# Competed at the Whangarei Primary School's Swimming Championships on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 Girl 50m Freestyle Champion: Deija Vita-Mahanga

Year 5 Boy 50m Freestyle Champion: AJ Paul

Year 6 Girl 50m Freestyle Champion: Devantay Ututaonga-Prime

Year 6 Boy 50m Freestyle Champion: Ariki Hape

### Their thoughts:

AJ: "I was nervous when we arrived because there were so many people watching us."

Ariki: "It was fun, but very tiring."

Deija: "It was cool because my whanau came to watch me swim."

Devantay: "Before I went to race I said to Matua Wiremu that I was just going to do the best that I

could."

What an amazing group of students to take to the

Championship competition.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!!







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Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth.

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Te Whatu Ora