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Kia ora e te whānau,

## Hosting Nanmen Primary – A Week of Connection and Cultural Exchange

This week we had the privilege of hosting 26 students from our sister school, Nanmen Primary in Hefei, China. It has been a week full of whakawhanaungatanga, manaakitanga, and shared learning.

A huge thank you to all the families who opened their homes and hearts to our visitors. Your hospitality has been a vital part of making this experience so special. The funds the school receives from hosting go directly back into resourcing for all students. Once our STEAM Hub is complete, some of this funding will help resource this exciting new space.

Earlier this year, Nanmen showed us A1 hospitality, so we were keen to reciprocate. This week, our guests enjoyed a range of activities designed to showcase both our local culture and the beauty of Aotearoa. Highlights included a trip to Wellington, where we explored the Island Bay Marine Education Centre, Te Papa, and the Weta shop. At Kauwhata Marae, our visitors were warmly welcomed and treated to a beautiful morning tea. They learned how to weave putiputi (flax flowers) and gained an understanding of the tikanga around harvesting harakeke.

Back at school, our guests took part in a range of rich learning experiences—art with Pa Paora, classroom literacy and numeracy, cooking with Mrs Green and Whaea Alana, and robotics with Matua Layton. Miss Woodward did a stellar job organising their timetable and providing a welcome booklet with helpful information about our school and community.

We began the week with a pōwhiri, where we were honoured to have the Mayor join us in welcoming our visitors. This has truly been a team effort, and we are proud of the warmth, care, and connection shown by our whole school whānau.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who contributed—you've made this a memorable exchange for our Nanmen friends and a rewarding experience for our own students.



A reminder that school will finish early at **12:30 pm on Monday 4 August** to allow time for **student-led conferences**, which will run from **1:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Conferences will continue on **Tuesday 5 August** from **3:15pm to 5:30pm**. These conferences are a valuable opportunity for students to share their learning, celebrate their progress, and take pride in the work they've done in class. It's also a great chance to discuss future goals with your child's teacher, share what's currently on top, and talk about ways you can support learning at home.

If you are unable to attend during these times, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative appointment. Bookings can be made via **School Loop** – we encourage you to secure a time that works best for your whānau. Please contact the office if you require help booking an interview.

Ngā manaakitanga - *Whaea Jo – Principal*



NIHO TANIWA TEAM



ROIMATA TOROA TEAM



TE ARA MANGOPARE TEAM



POUTAMA TEAM



PURAPURA WHETU TEAM









## Celebrating Sporting Success

Huge congratulations to the NSS Kotiro Year 5/6 team for winning their Manawātū basketball final! They beat the TES All Stars 10-8 in a very exciting game.

The girls have been awesome all season, playing their hearts out to make it to the semis and then straight into the big final. Both teams really brought their A-game last night – what a fantastic match to watch!

Boys year 5/6 NSS Kakariki had a narrow loss in the finals against TMMW for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This was an intense game that literally came down to the last few seconds.

Congratulations to all our teams this season and thank you to our coaches and parents for their support, we couldn't do what we do without you!



## Student News

On Tuesday, the 22nd of July, 11 students from NSS went to the Books Alive event, which was held in Palmerston North. We listened to three New Zealand authors whose books have won awards at the 2025 NZ Book Awards.

The first author we listened to was David Riley. He wrote a book called 'Black Magic'. This book explains the story of why New Zealand's sports teams wear black and a silver fern for their uniform instead of red, white and blue (the colours of our flag) like the other countries do. In his book, it also talks about the first New Zealand national rugby team to do a tour - 'The New Zealand Natives'.

The next author we listened to was Ruth Paul. Ruth Paul is an author who writes & draws picture books for kids. The first ever book she wrote was 'The Animal Undie Ball'. She also did a play for us about this book. The play was really funny, partly because some of the actors were wearing underwear and silly costumes.

The third and last author we listened to was Claire Mabey. Claire talked about different books from different times, such as the Bible, Alice in Wonderland and a few more. She then spoke about the first book she has had published, "The Raven's Eye Runaways". She even gave us some tips: read lots, write lots. She also gave us two rules if we would like to become a writer: 1. Finish what you started writing, 2. Your story's characters need to have a problem.

Overall, it was a fun day out of the classroom. By Talita and Linda



North Street School  
Intermediate Years



# OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 27 August 2025  
5.30pm - 7pm, North Street School Hall



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Wātaka o Te Wiki - Week 4  
4 August – 8 August 2025

Monday 4 August

- Parent/Teacher Interviews – 12.30 pm finish

Tuesday 5 August

- Elite Football
- Mentoring Pa Jono
- Parent Teacher Interviews after 3 pm

Wednesday 6 August

- EPIC Music
- RIZE – Dance/Pasifika Mentoring
- Mentoring Pa Jono

Thursday 7 August

- Music Therapy with Tommy

Friday 8 August

- Rize – Dance/Pasifika Mentoring
- Manawatu Mathex
- Whole School Assembly – 2.15 pm

## Term Dates 2025

### Term 3

Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September  
Teachers only day – Friday 22 August

### Term 4

Monday 6 October to 17 December  
Teachers only day – Tuesday 28 October  
Public holiday: Labour Day – Monday 27 October

# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Reader/Writers  
Feilding High School

ALL YEAR ROUND



- Are you great with kids?
- Do you have strong literacy skills?
- Are you willing to be police vetted?
- Can you spare 2 hours of your time?

