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Kia ora e te whānau,

Term 4 is well underway, and it's fantastic to see 14 teams participating in touch rugby this term at Victoria Park. We are proud of the enthusiasm and commitment shown by our students and encourage good sportsmanship on and off the field. We kindly remind all parents and whānau to support our players, coaches, and referees in a positive and respectful manner, helping to create an encouraging environment for everyone involved.

Looking ahead, we are currently planning classes for 2026. On a personal note, I am pleased to share that I have been awarded a study grant for next year. After 35 years in education, I am looking forward to the opportunity to refresh my practice and extend my knowledge in the areas of contemporary pedagogy, educational leadership, and Taha Māori. During my absence, Pa Paora will step into the role of Acting Principal from Week 5, Term 1 of 2026. We are also in the process of appointing an Acting Deputy Principal for this period.

As announced last term we are excited to be planning another cultural exchange trip to China for our Year 7/8 students in 2026!

This is an incredible chance for our students to experience Chinese culture firsthand, build lasting international friendships, and significantly deepen their understanding of the world. The exchange earlier this year was genuinely life-changing for the participating tamariki, and they created memories that will last a lifetime.

An expression of interest letter will come home with all year 6 and 7 students, please return this to the office. Next Friday, 24 October we will be holding our first meeting for those that are interested in finding out more about this opportunity. Please meet in the staffroom at 9am. To make this exchange successful we will be looking to take a group of approximately 12 – 16 students.

Ngā mihi nui,
Jo Reiri-Tatana - Principal

The excerpt from correspondence received from Manchester House Feilding – well done North Street School

“Thank you all for being such a generous and thoughtful group of children. Your donations of canned food was so very much appreciated as we endeavour to take care of and assist those in need in our own community” Ann Williamson
Executive Manager Manchester House Social Services.



Whānau Circle Doughboys Christmas Cookie order forms will be coming home with tamariki today. All orders are due back by 13 November.

Wātaka o Te Wiki – Week 3

20 – 24 October 2025

Monday 20 October

- EPIC Music lessons

Wednesday 22 October

- Rippa World Cup – Bill Brown Park
- Epic Music
- RIZE – Dance/Pasifika Mentoring
- Mentoring Pa Jono

Thursday 23 October

- NZEI Te Riu Roa Full Day Strike

Friday 24 October

- Whole School Photos - Photolife

Term Dates 2025

Term 4

Monday 6 October to 17 December

Public holiday: Labour Day 27 October

Teachers only day – Tuesday 28 October

Year 7 and 8 Camp 2025 – Mi Camp Lake Taupo



Student Highlights Room 6

Joshua Churton Year 8

I have three camp highlights:

The first one was the lunch on Wednesday, which was some chicken thingy with rice and crispy noodles. My second one was completing the blindfold challenge on the high ropes activity. And my third is going down the waterslide for one of my activities. Oh, I also enjoyed swimming in the camp pool.

Leah Dodge Year 8

Some fun things about Year 7 & 8 camp were the waterslide, paintball and the slug guns. The waterslide was fun because-well, it's a waterslide! Pa Paora said that if I had gone down the waterslide again, I would have shot right off the ramp thingy. Paintball was fun because you could collect paintballs off the ground, meaning nearly infinite ammo. The slug guns were fun because I shot a purple bottle and knocked it off the target range.

Linda Acharya Year 8

The things I enjoyed the most at camp were the waterslide, food, high ropes, and the Top Team Challenge. The waterslide was really fun. The water was warm while I was on the slide, but once I got off, it was freezing cold. The food was really good, the best was the meal with the crispy noodles. I couldn't eat the steak, so I had fried chicken, and it was really good. I really enjoyed doing the High ropes. Once we finished the course, we had to get into groups of twos, and one person was blindfolded and the other had to guide the blindfolded person through the course. I was leading Leah, and I pranked her when we were close to the ground. I said we were really high up, and if she fell, she was gonna die. Her reaction was really funny.

Talita Braga, Year 7

My favourite part of camp was definitely going on the waterslide, trying out the high ropes and building a shelter in bushcraft. I loved the fast speed of the waterslide and how the water washed over us when we reached the end. I think bushcraft was great because we all had to work together as a team to build a sturdy shelter by only using nature and a tarpaulin. Overall, the camp was amazing, and I wish I could go again next year.

Misha Thomson Year 7

My highlights from camp were:

1. The food was amazing 2. The waterside was amazing. 3. The bushwalk was hard but still fun.

Shiyu Odaka Year 8

Three things that I enjoyed at camp were the challenge ropes, the food and playing games. The food I enjoyed the most was the roast beef and salad.

Chloe Elmey Year 7

At MiCamp, I had a lot of fun. I enjoyed the bush walk because when we were going up a hill, I didn't slip, and it was the most slippery part of the walk.

Adriel Dagdag Year 8

The three things I enjoyed at camp. I enjoyed the soy chicken because of how succulent it was and the amazing flavour bursting in your mouth, especially with rice. I've also enjoyed SLEEPING. It was the best night because I could just relax after a long, tiring day. The last one is the waterslide, because of how fast I went while almost going over...So THOSE were my highlights at camp, thank you.





Camp reflections Room 4

Paintball & Slug Guns: “The best part about camp was the sling paint- it was really fun and cool to shoot people without getting in trouble!” “The slug guns were so much fun! I even exploded a paintball and hit heaps of bottles.”

Waterslide Adventures: “My favourite thing was going on the waterslide and racing my friends.” “It was so fun reaching the end and sliding back up again!”

Sports & Games: “Playing forceback on the field was awesome because I scored two goals!” “I loved volleyball. It’s my favourite sport, and it was so much fun when everyone was yelling to hit the ball.” “I dominated table tennis- no one could beat me! People even gathered to watch.”

Food & Movie Night: “The food was delicious- especially the pasta and meatballs with garlic bread. I made a pasta sandwich, and it was amazing.” “Movie night was so cool. We watched Holes- even the teachers liked it!”

Friendship & Fun Moments: “Monday night we were hanging out until Miss Woodward knocked on the door- we all ran and fell like dominoes!” “It was great spending time with friends and laughing together.”

A few common challenges came up- but they were shared with plenty of humour.

“The mattresses were thin and really uncomfortable.” “It was freezing at night- I had to tuck myself in tight to stay warm.” “It rained, then it was sunny, then it rained again- like six times in one day!” “The rain made some of the activities hard to finish.” “I got stuck on the lullaby ride when everyone else jumped off- ended up with a big bruise!” “Doing dishes took forever. We finished the plates and then had to start on cups.”

It was fun. Playing table tennis was the best. My favourite thing about camp was my birthday!. I liked the waterslide and the FOOD. I liked the paint sling. It was fun playing ping pong. The slug guns were great. I liked hiking. The food was awesome, especially the dessert!

“Camp Taupō was amazing - even though it was cold, it was the best time ever!” “It was fun, exciting, and something I’ll never forget.” “We laughed so much, got a little muddy, and made memories that will last forever.”

“Despite a bit of rain, thin mattresses, and some late-night giggles, Mi Camp Taupō was an incredible experience full of adventure, teamwork, and laughter.



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