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Kia ora whānau

Welcome to this week’s newsletter. It is hard to believe how quickly the term is flying by, and we have a massive amount of activity, learning, and sport happening across the school. First, I want to extend a sincere apology to any parents, caregivers, or community members I was scheduled to meet with earlier this week. Unfortunately, I was away with an illness for the first few days of the week and unable to attend our planned catch-ups. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility, and I am looking forward to reconnecting with you soon.

There is an extra buzz around the school this week as we welcome Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education Trust team. Harold is currently working with all of our students across a range of important health and wellbeing topics. The mobile classroom is always a highlight for the kids, and it is wonderful to see them so engaged in learning about how to look after themselves and each other.

Weekly winter sports are in full swing, with our netball and basketball teams continuing to show great sportsmanship, skill, and determination every week. Thank you to all the coaches, managers, and parents who brave the cold to support our teams. We also want to wish a massive amount of good luck to our Elite Netball team, staff, and supporters who are heading to Masterton next Tuesday for the Elite Netball Tournament. We know you will represent our school with pride.

Speaking of the chilly weather, winter is finally here. While we want everyone to keep warm, please help us maintain our high uniform standards by ensuring your child is wearing the correct, official school winter uniform. Attendance remains a huge focus for our school, as we know that every day counts. Our staff will be making contact regarding all absences to ensure everyone is safe and accounted for. Some parents may have recently received letters that relate to their children's attendance. We fully understand that many of these absences are for genuine reasons, such as illness, but please note that it is a government requirement to inform you when a child’s attendance threshold has changed, even though we know the reasons. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our attendance high.

Matariki is coming up soon, which is a wonderful time for us to gather, reflect, and celebrate. As a special part of our Matariki celebrations, we will be putting down a hāngī so our students can experience the taste of our traditional Māori cuisine. This will be a fantastic cultural and learning experience for everyone, and we will share more details about this closer to the time.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our school, our staff, and most importantly, our students. Keep warm and have a wonderful weekend.

Ka kite anō Pā Pāora – Acting Principal

Life Ed is a charitable trust and receives no government funding. If you would like to support our worthy cause, we will have the following items for sale:
Harold pens @\$1, Harold lanyards @\$3, Harold jibbitz @\$5, Soft toy Harold keyrings @\$7
Harold drink bottles @\$13, Harold notebooks @\$15, Large Harold soft toys @\$24
See Tim and Harold with cash only please. Thanks for your support!



NIHO TANIWHA TEAM



ROIIMATA TOROA TEAM



TE ARA MANGOPARE TEAM



POUTAMA TEAM



PURAPURA WHETU TEAM



Akomanga 14 students have been developing their spatial reasoning skills by designing traditional geometric patterns. The challenge required them to create a seamless tessellation on a grid map, ensuring their chosen shapes met perfectly with no gaps or overlaps. To consolidate this learning, students transitioned their structural designs onto a physical medium, weaving their exact repeating patterns onto display boards. This project beautifully highlighted the curriculum's emphasis on mathematical communication, requiring students to translate 2D spatial concepts into 3D structural pieces.

"Our challenge was to design traditional geometric patterns that fit together perfectly—with absolutely zero gaps or overlaps. Believe me, that took some serious puzzle-solving skills! But we didn't just leave our designs on paper. To bring our ideas to life, we actually wove these exact repeating patterns onto display boards. It was a brilliant way to turn a 2D math drawing into an awesome 3D masterpiece." We are really proud of what we accomplished!"

Our Bank account details are: North Street School Board of Trustees - 03 0626 0643630 000

Sports Fees due: Feilding Sat Morning Netball \$35.00, Intermediate Netball \$90.00, Basketball \$70.00

Wātaka o Te Wiki – Week 9 15 June – 19 June 2026

Monday 15 June

- Life Ed Bus – all week
- Year 7/8 Netball

Tuesday 16 June

- EPIC Music
- Elite Netball Masterton
- BOT Meeting
- Star Lab – Year 3-8 – Tues, Wed, Thurs

Wednesday 17 June

- Pā Jon Mentoring

Thursday 18 June

- Dance with Sio
- Mentoring with Tommy
- Year 5/6 Basketball
- EPIC Music

Friday 19 June

- Wear Yellow for Harold – gold coin
- Mentoring Sio
- Year 7/8 Specialisation
- Year 7/8 Basketball