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Kia ora whānau

What a jam-packed week we had last week, especially for those up at the AIMS Games. Our netball girls and basketball boys, along with their coaches and whānau, had an amazing time. There were some outstanding athletes from around the country, and our North Street students performed incredibly well against them. I was lucky enough to be involved with the basketball boys, and it was fantastic to see their many months of hard work and training pay off. If you haven't already done so, head over to our Facebook Page and check out the updates.

Right after returning from AIMS, we jumped straight into the Elite Super Sports to defend the basketball title we claimed last year. Approximately 100 students came together on Tuesday to compete, and I am proud to announce that North Street came away with the victory. We won the banner after tough competition against eight other full primary schools, including Ashhurst, Lakeview, Whakarongo, Pahiatua, Roslyn, and Takaro.

Plans and preparations are ramping up for our Kapa Haka rōpū as they aim for Nationals next year. The Regional competition takes place in Term 4, Week 6, where we will compete against the best schools in the Manawatū. A massive thank you to the tutors, staff, parents, and whānau who have put in countless hours to get our students ready. If you would like tickets to the event you will need to access the link that will be posted on our Facebook Page.

Meanwhile, as I sit in my office, I can feel the music thudding through the hallway from the hall. Classes are currently dancing their hearts and souls out preparing for the school production. Hearing the exact same song eight or nine times in a row is '*AWESOME*' as I can practise my new found love of contemporary and modern music.

While the country has been celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, here at North Street School, we don't just limit our focus to one week. We celebrate and integrate te reo Māori every single day as part of our continuous commitment to becoming a truly bicultural school.

We saw a very good increase in attendance in Term 2, but the data for Term 3 has dipped as the "sick season" has fallen upon us. While we absolutely want sick students to stay home and recover, however, please inform the office immediately if your child will be absent so we don't have to chase families up. Every day matters, and attendance remains a major focus for the government nationwide. We are also seeing a number of students arriving late. Please ensure your children are getting out the door in a timely fashion so they are ready for the morning bell at 9 am.

Coming out today is the link for our School Strategic Plan consultation survey via Skool Loop as well a papercopy coming home with your child. Please take the time to answer these questions. Your feedback is crucial for our Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team as we guide the pathway for

North Street School over the next 3 to 5 years. All returned surveys if named, will go into the draw for a \$100 grocery voucher to be drawn next Friday, 25 September 2026.

As always, my door is open. If you have any concerns, issues, or just want to catch up, please contact the office to set aside a time for us to meet.

Ka kite anō  
Pā Pāora – Acting Principal



Plant to Plate

Akomanga 14 tauira loved their recent sessions with the Plant 2 Plate team! After harvesting fresh ingredients in the garden, students followed recipes to cook up tasty meals like Vegetable Pasta, Fried Rice, Magical Smoothies, Carrot Cake, and Cornbread. A big thank you to the kaiako and volunteers who helped make it happen!



NIHO TANIWhA TEAM



ROI MAT A TOROA TEAM



TE AR A MANGOPARE TEAM



POUTAMA TEAM



PURAPURA WHETU TEAM

## William Pike Challenge: Conquering the Slopes at Whakapapa

Yesterday's William Pike ski trip to Whakapapa was a massive success, even with Tāwhirimātea (the atua of weather and storms) throwing everything he had at us. With an average temperature of just 3°C, rain, sleet, and low cloud often reduced visibility, making conditions incredibly tough for everyone. However, despite the wet, freezing weather, our students demonstrated exactly what the William Pike Challenge is all about. They showed outstanding manawanui (determination and perseverance) and manawaroa (resilience) to overcome the day's challenges.

We started off with record speed, clocking our fastest time ever getting all our kit through the hire shop, though a few ākonga (students) quickly discovered the unique challenge of walking in highly inflexible ski boots! For some, it was their very first time seeing hukarere (snow), and for many, it was their first time strapping on a pair of skis. Before getting down to business, the group made the most of the snow with an impromptu snowball fight and building tangata hukarere (snow people).

When it came time for their instructor-led lessons, the students were fantastic. For over an hour and a half, they listened closely, worked hard, and practised their new skills. Ka rawe! Afterwards, they enjoyed some well-deserved freedom to navigate the Happy Valley slopes themselves, successfully tackling the travelator and the chairlift.

We capped off an epic day with our traditional stop on the way home for yummy treats from The Chocolate Eclair Shop in Ohakune, followed by some great playtime at the Carrotland Adventure Park.

He mihi nui (a massive thank you) to our wonderful whānau helpers and to Matua Layton for your outstanding tautoko (support) in assisting on the day. We couldn't have done it without you. I am incredibly proud of how our students handled the challenging conditions; they truly stepped up to the mark! Ka mau te wehi! (Absolutely awesome!)

Miss Woodward



Wātaka o Te Wiki – Week 10  
21 September – 25 September 2026

Monday 21 September

- EPIC Music
- Interschool Cross Country

Tuesday 22 September

- EPIC Music

Wednesday 23 September

- Pā Jon Mentoring
- EPIC Music

Thursday 24 September

- Mentoring with Tommy
- EPIC Music
- PB4L Whole School Celebration Day

Friday 25 September

- Last day term 4 – assembly 2 pm

Term Dates 2026

Term 3

July 20 to September 25

Term 4

October 12 to December 15

Teacher only day: 13 November

Labour Day: October 26

Important Dates coming up

Whole School Production - 28/29 October

Ko Whiri Tika Mai - Regional Kapa Haka 17/18 Nov

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

Fees due: Feilding Sat Morning Netball \$35.00,  
Intermediate Netball \$90.00, Basketball \$70.00,  
William Pike Ski Trip \$130.00



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\*\*\*Excitement is building for our Whole School Production next term\*\*\*  
Tickets will go on sale from Day One Term 4 - Monday 12 October - \$5 a ticket/seat