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Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau,

Welcome to a new week! With Whaea Jo currently away on study leave, it is my absolute privilege to be stepping into the role of Tumuaki Whakakapi (Acting Principal). It has already been an action-packed start to my time in the role. Here are a few updates, highlights, and reminders for our community:

### Elite Touch Tournament Success

One of my very first duties as Tumuaki was attending the Elite Touch Tournament in Te Papa-i-Oea (Palmerston North) on Tuesday, 24th February. Our tamariki put on an absolutely incredible performance, facing off against eight different schools to make it all the way to the top two! Ka rawe! It was a highly credible effort, and we were only narrowly defeated 2-0 by the eventual champions, Ashhurst School.

A huge shout-out to all the whānau who came along to tautoko (support) our students. You brought such fantastic energy and definitely made the day feel like a true celebration.

A special thank you goes to: Matua Mania Masters (Coach) and Matua Petera Wiparata (Assistant Coach) for all their hard mahi with our tamariki. Pā Crete Cribb for dedicating many hours after school and on weekends to help our coaches and run extra training sessions for the team. Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini. (My success is not mine alone, but the success of many.) It takes many people to form a successful team. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa.



### School Uniforms & Punctuality

Please remember to ensure our students are arriving on time and looking their best in their correct school uniform. Nothing beats seeing our tamariki arriving at the gates looking sharp, ready, and raring to learn.

### Breakfast Club

A massive special thanks to Whaea Nikki and her lovely offsider, Whaea Choppie, for running our school Breakfast Club. If your tamariki are ever running a bit late and miss breakfast at home, please remember that our Breakfast Club is here for them from 8:30 am to 8:55 am every morning. We want to make sure every student starts the day with a full puku and a ready mind.

Finally, please know that my door is always open. Whether you have concerns, issues, or just want to pop in and say kia ora, please feel free to come and have a kōrero.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Pā Pāora - Acting Principal

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Kia ora whānau

It was wonderful having Whaea Jo with us for the start of the term. As she begins her study leave, we wish her the very best and look forward to the leadership of Pā Pāora as Acting Principal.

I am thrilled to be back as Acting Deputy Principal this year. While I miss the classroom, I am enjoying the new challenges of coordinating teacher development and working closely with our wider school community and students 1:1.

We've had an action-packed start outside the classroom, too! Accompanied by Mrs Bennett, I took three students to the Niho Taniwha camp at El Rancho for the day. The go-karts and food were definite highlights! A huge thanks to Whaea Jodi, the Niho Taniwha teachers, and our wonderful parent helpers for making this possible.

Our sporting season is also off to a flying start - congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 Elite Touch team for placing second overall in their first competition of 2026. What a result! Finally, I wish Roimata Torua Tuakana the very best for their Rotorua camp next week.

Ngā mihi,  
Miss Lisa Woodward - Acting Deputy Principal

### REACH Value: Ka Ngāwaritia – Acceptance

For Week 5 and 6, our focus is Ka Ngāwaritia – Acceptance. In our kura, this means:

- Including others in our games and groups.
- Valuing and celebrating the different cultures and backgrounds in our school.
- Accepting that we all think, act, and learn differently; being kind regardless of our differences.
- Respecting personal space by keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.
- Accepting the challenges of learning, following expectations, and giving our best effort.
- Valuing ourselves and recognising that we are all unique and wonderful.

### Supporting this Value at Home

Whānau can help develop this value at home by having kōrero about what makes us different and special. You might talk about how your family celebrates your own heritage, or remind your tamariki that "fair" doesn't always mean "the same"—because we all learn and act differently.

### Wātaka o Te Wiki – Week 6 2 March – 6 March 2026

#### Monday 2 March

- Year 7/8 swimming – Makino Pools
- Epic Music
- Ki o Rahi – after school

#### Tuesday 3 March

- Mentoring Pa Jono

#### Wednesday 4 March

- Mentoring Pa Jono
- RT Tuakana Camp depart

#### Thursday 5 March

- Epic Music
- RIZE – Pasifika Mentoring
- Year 1-3 KOS parent meeting 2.30 pm

#### Friday 6 March

- RIZE – Pasifika Mentoring
- RT Tuakana Camp return

### Term Dates 2026

#### Term 1

January 28 to April 2  
Good Friday 3 April

#### Term 2

April 20 to July 3  
Teacher only days: 25 May and 19 June  
Kings Birthday 1 June

#### Term 3

July 20 to September 25  
Teacher only day: 17 August

#### Term 4

October 12 to December 14  
Teacher only day: 13 November  
Labour Day October 26



NIHO TANIWHA TEAM



ROIMATA TORUA TEAM



TE ARA MANGOPARE TEAM



POUTAMA TEAM



PURAPURA WHETU TEAM



**Student news.** Congratulations to Iritana Wiparata and his U13 Indoor Netball team on their outstanding success at the recent NZ Indoor Netball Nationals held in Auckland. The team brought home silver medals in both the 7-side and 6-side competitions — an incredible achievement at national level. To top off an already impressive tournament, Iritana was also awarded the MVP medal in the 7-side competition — a testament to his skill, leadership, and impact on the court.

This Term our students are exploring Light, Sound, Ocean Creatures, Materials and Fair Tests via Bubbles! Lots of hands on, fun experiences and experiments with a lot of science thinking to be explored and processed.

# SCIENCE



## Feilding/Ōroua Junior Badminton Club

Feilding/Ōroua Junior Badminton Club begins on Tuesday March 10 for ages 7 and up. Club nights are Tuesdays during school terms, 6pm - 7:15pm, at the Feilding Civic Centre, until the end of Term 3 in September. \$5.00 per night. First night free! Club racquets are available. Please wear non-marking footwear. For more information, please contact David Wasley on 0212491150, orouabadminton@gmail

Feilding Saturday Morning Rugby Club (FSMR) are getting ready for another great season of rugby for 2026!

Registrations are now open and as we love welcoming players from your school, we have attached a Flyer which outlines registration info and some key dates which might be useful for parents. If you would like to discuss further or if you would like any further information please don't hesitate to give me a call on 021687012.

## Feilding AFC Junior Football 2026

Registrations are now open, if you have any questions or need any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

# PLAY BADMINTON

Come have a go. The first night is FREE. Everyone is welcome to come give badminton a go, and all ages and abilities. Racquets available to use during the sessions.

## Juniors (7 years+)

- At Feilding Civic Centre
- Every Tuesday night from 6-7.15pm

📍 Feilding/Ōroua Junior Badminton Club  
☎ 021 249 1150 ✉ orouabadminton@gmail.com



## REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

- Junior Rugby, All grades Yr 0 - Yr 8.
- Scan QR code, or
- Head to [rugbyexplorer.com.au](http://rugbyexplorer.com.au) to register.
- First round 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026



REGISTRATION'S  
CLOSE

10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

FUN DAY!

3<sup>rd</sup> May, 10am  
Victoria Park



📍 FeildingSaturdayMorningRugby ✉ FSMRugby@gmail.com

## JOIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL 2026

**Registrations Now Open with Feilding AFC Juniors**

Fun • Friends • Fitness • Football

Open to boys & girls of all abilities  
From first kicks to confident players — everyone welcome!

**Why Join Us?**

- ✓ Community-focused club
- ✓ Supportive coaches
- ✓ Positive team environment

**Scan to Register**

📍 Feilding United AFC – Juniors (Private Facebook Page)

✉ feildingunitedjuniors@gmail.com

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Camps payments are due.