



Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau

It has been an action-packed week here at North Street School. It is wonderful to see our tamariki engaging in so many opportunities outside the classroom. The energy across the kura is high as we head into the final stretch of the term.

## Welcome Home Te Ara Mangōpare

A huge "welcome back" to our Year 4, 5, and 6 students from Te Ara Mangōpare who returned from camp this week. It was an amazing adventure for them. Camp is a vital part of our curriculum for building independence and resilience, and we are so proud of how our students represented themselves. A big thank you to the kaiako and the many parent volunteers who made this trip possible.

## Tamariki Toa Success

We had over 70 students participating in Tamariki Toa today, showing incredible heart and sportsmanship. We want to send a huge shout-out to Lytton Street School for their fantastic organisation and for setting up such a smooth, successful event. Seeing so many of our tamariki active and involved was a real highlight of the week.



## Elite Sports: Kī-o-rahi Tournament

This coming Tuesday, our Year 7 and 8 students head away to the Elite Sports 'Kī o Rahi' Tournament. Matua Mania has been working hard getting our students ready for this, with the team playing on Monday afternoons against students from other schools in Feilding to sharpen their skills. We wish them all the very best as they take the field. We know they have a big target on their backs being the defending champions, but we have full confidence they will play with pride.

## Generosity from Feilding Manchester Lions Club

On Wednesday night, I attended a hui held by the Feilding Manchester Lions Club. They very generously presented six schools in the Feilding CBD with \$1,000 each to support the teaching of swimming for our tamariki. The club feels strongly that it is essential for our students to be able to swim, especially living in a country with such close proximity to pools, rivers, lakes, and beaches. On behalf of North Street School, I want to thank the Feilding Manchester Lions Club for their kind words and this wonderful koha.



## Athletics Day: One Week to Go

The countdown is officially on for our Athletics Day at Timona Park, happening next Friday, March 20th. Now is the time to make sure those house colours are ready to go. We want to see a sea of Whero, Kōwhai, Kahurangi, and Kākāriki on the field. It's always a highlight of the year, and we look forward to seeing whānau there to cheer the kids on. A separate notice will be coming home with requirements and the timetable for the day.

## Uniform Standards

Once again a reminder that we expect our students to look sharp in their correct school uniform. Specifically, please remember that our school colour for pants, shorts and skirts is navy blue. There seem to be a few students wearing black items lately, which is not part of our official uniform. As mentioned previously, I will be making direct contact with whānau if students arrive in the incorrect gear. If you are having any trouble sourcing the correct blue items, please pop in and chat with our office staff - they are experts at helping get things sorted.

## Attendance Focus: Hitting Our Targets

As we push forward with the government's 2026 attendance priorities, I am pleased to share that we are currently hitting our targets. Our attendance rates are at a good place right now, and that is a testament to the commitment of our whānau. Let's keep this momentum up. Every day at kura matters for your child's progress. Please continue to notify the school each day as early as possible if your child is away, this allows us to keep our records accurate.

## Staff Carpark

To ensure the safety of all students, we kindly ask that whānau refrain from using the staff carpark for pick-ups and drop-offs. This area serves as a primary pedestrian thoroughfare; reducing vehicle traffic here is vital to preventing accidents. Thank you for following these guidelines, we appreciate your support.

## Stay Informed

There is a lot to keep track of. Please continue to monitor our Facebook page, the Skool Loop app, and your specific classroom communication channels to ensure you don't miss any last-minute updates.

Ka nui te mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa, arā, ki te whānau whānui o te Kura Araraki i Kawakawa. Ko te whakataukī e hāngai ana ki tēnei mahi tahi a ngā kaiako, ngā kaiawhina, ngā tamariki, me ngā mātua hoki, koia nei:  
*'He waka eke noa.'*

A warm greeting to the wider North Street School family here in Feilding. A proverb that reflects the collaborative efforts of our teachers, assistants, children, and parents is: 'He waka eke noa' - We are all in this waka together, with no one left behind.

Ngā manaakitanga, Pā Pāora - Acting Principal

Our bank account details for online payments as follows:

North Street School Board of Trustees 03 0626 0643630 000

If you wish to make payments into an account contact the office.

### Term Dates 2026

#### Term 1

January 28 to April 2

Good Friday 3 April

#### Term 2

April 20 to July 3

Teacher only days: 8 May and 25 May

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



## Wātaka o Te Wiki – Week 8 16 March – 20 March 2026

### Monday 16 March

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

### Tuesday 17 March

- Mentoring Pa Jono
- Ki-o-Rahi Tournament Ashhurst
- BOT Meeting
- Seaweek- Feilding Art Centre Poutama

### Wednesday 18 March

- Grip Leadership Course Leaders

### Thursday 19 March

- Epic Music
- Whole School Dance Sio
- School Assembly 2.15 pm

### Friday 20 March

- Whole School Athletics Timona Park

**REACH Value: Ka Hinengaro Auaha – Creativity**

For the next fortnight, our school-wide focus is Ka Hinengaro Auaha (Creativity). At NSS, we believe that being creative is about far more than just art; it is a vital way of thinking that helps our tamariki navigate the world and find their own voice.

In our kura, we are focusing on:

**Problem Solving:** Looking for new and different ways to tackle challenges and find solutions.

**Open Expression:** Expressing our own ideas openly and encouraging others to share theirs, too.

**Pride in our Mahi:** Using our imagination and the resources around us to create work we are truly proud of.

**Supporting Ka Hinengaro Auaha at Home**

Whānau, you can help nurture a creative mind at home by encouraging "outside the box" thinking in everyday life. Here are a few simple ways to develop this value:

**The "What Else?" Game:** If you are missing an ingredient for a recipe or a tool for a job, ask your child, "What else could we use instead?" This builds great lateral thinking and resourcefulness.

**Celebrate the Ideas:** Instead of just praising a finished drawing or project, ask them about the "why" behind it. Questions like, "How did you come up with that idea?" help them value their own thought process.

**Open-Ended Play:** Encourage the use of "loose parts"—cardboard boxes, string, or nature finds like sticks and stones. These simple resources are the best tools for a creative mind to build something extraordinary.

By encouraging our tamariki to be brave with their ideas, we help them become resilient, innovative learners who aren't afraid to try something new.



**CONGRATULATIONS to our REACH award recipients who were awarded for their ACCEPTANCE at our assembly last Friday.**



It's a beautiful day to be constructing our new long jump pit. Thanks to Mr Ellen, Pai and helpers for their mahi.



**Roimata Toroa Niho Taniwha**

We have recently returned from an epic 3-day, 2-night getaway at El Rancho in Waikanae, and what a trip it was! Our tamariki dived headfirst into a whirlwind of excitement—from the high-speed thrills of go-karts and the giant waterslide to the heights of rock climbing and crate stacking.

Between the bridge building and scavenger hunts, the real magic was seeing our team spirit soar. These challenges were the perfect way to strengthen our whakawhanaungatanga and manaakitanga, both within our classes and across the whole team.

When we weren't busy conquering the outdoors, we were fueling up! Every catered meal was devoured with "great gusto" to keep us going for the evening movie night and our legendary disco.

A massive shout-out to our incredible parent and whānau helpers—we couldn't have made these memories without your support!.





### Roimata Toroa Tuakana

Last week on Wednesday, the Roimata Toroa Tuakana went to camp in Rotorua. We travelled to Okere Falls, the 3D Art centre, the Buried Village, the Redwood Forest and Tree Top Walk, the Fat Dog restaurant, Maccas, the Luge, the pools, and the Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park. I am going to tell you about three highlights of the trip.

The Redwood Forest was one of the highlights. It is filled with huge trees that grow up to 90–106 metres, with some exceptional specimens exceeding 113–116 metres tall. Some of the trees can also be as wide as a car! We also went on the Tree Top Walk, which is located in the Redwood Forest. It takes you up to extremely high levels, so I recommend that anyone who is scared of heights should not do it alone.

Another highlight was going to McDonald's. We went there for our last dinner together before heading off to the Tree Top Walk. We ordered the dinner box with four burgers and some chicken nuggets to share, along with four drinks and four portions of chips. We had a great feed.

During the camp, we also went to the pools. Everyone was ready to do manus and tried to outdo one another. We all had a lot of fun and hope to visit again.

Overall, we had a great time at camp and it was a very fun experience. **By Indi Cashell-Elers**

