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Kia ora whānau,

It has been an incredibly busy **Week 8** here at kura! From championship wins to leadership development and preparing for our upcoming events, there is a vibrant energy across the school as we hit the home stretch of the term.

Back-to-Back Champions!

What a fantastic way to start the year! Our Elite Ki-o-Rahi team has done it again, securing the banner at the very first Elite tournament of the season. This makes us back-to-back champions, a hard-earned result that reflects the sweat and dedication our students put into their training. They competed with immense pride on the day. A massive he mihi nui (a big thank you) to Matua Mania, your passion for the sport and our rangatahi is truly appreciated.



GRIP Leadership Conference

Yesterday, our core Student Leadership team travelled to the Palmy Conference and Events Centre for the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. This was our first time attending, and the day was a whirlwind of high-energy entertainment and powerful messages. Our leaders have come away with some great insights into how to be effective and positive role models within our school.

Attendance Update

Student attendance is one of the government's main focuses at the moment. Currently, we have **71%** of our students attending kura regularly. Please help us to keep improving this data! If your child is unable to be at school, please contact the office and let us know the reason for their absence. Every day in the classroom counts.

Athletics Day: House Colours & Spirit

Our Athletics Day is fast approaching! We can't wait to see the house spirit on display. To help the day run smoothly, please note:

House Colours: Students are encouraged to wear their House Colours to school to show their support.

- **Facepaint:** Any facepaint **must be applied at home** before arriving at school.
- **Food:** There will be **no school lunches** provided on the day, and **no lunch orders from the Andrew Street Dairy.**
- **Hydration:** Please ensure students have plenty of snacks and a large, **filled water bottle.** Remember, we are a **water-only school**, so please leave flavoured milks and energy drinks at home.

We warmly welcome whānau to come down to watch and encourage all our competitors positively. A huge thank you to the staff who have spent many hours organising and setting up—your **mahi** makes these days possible!

Poutama Team: Heading to the 'Big Smoke'

Finally, all the best to the Poutama team who are heading off to the "big smoke" of Wellington for their school camp! A reminder that if you haven't already paid your contribution to camp please do so. We hope you have an incredible time exploring the capital and making lifelong memories. Pai tō haere ki Pōneke (Go safely to Wellington).

Ngā mihi, Lisa Woodward – Acting Deputy Principal



Promoting Respectful Language at North Street School

At North Street School, we take great pride in our **REACH** values, with **Respect** serving as the foundation for how we treat one another. We want our school grounds to be a place where every child feels safe, included, and supported.

To ensure we maintain this positive environment, we are asking for your support in reinforcing the importance of respectful language. We have noticed some instances of inappropriate language and "put-downs" occurring in the playground, which can be upsetting for our younger students.

How You Can Help

We are working closely with our students at school to address this, and we would appreciate your support with the following:

- **Encourage Reporting:** If your child hears swearing or experiences name-calling, please encourage them to report it to a teacher on duty immediately. Dealing with these incidents at the moment allows us to "re-educate" and address the behaviour effectively. When these issues are only brought to light at home after the fact, it makes it much harder for us to resolve the situation.
- **Reinforce the Message:** Please have a kōrero with your children about the importance of being kind and using respectful language, especially when playing with others.
- **Senior Role Models:** We are talking with our senior students about their responsibility as leaders and the impact they have on our younger students. You might like to discuss with your children how older students can set a positive example in the playground.
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Our goal is to ensure that every student at North Street School feels empowered to speak up when they see or hear something that doesn't align with our values. By working together, we can ensure our school remains a safe and happy place for everyone.



NIHO TANIWHA TEAM



ROIMATA TOROA TEAM



TE ARA MANGOPARE TEAM



POUTAMA TEAM



PURAPURA WHETU TEAM

Grip Leadership Conference

Yesterday on the 18th of March 2026 12 student leaders (Iritana, Talita, Arama, Indi, Chloe, Siahn, Kwhalii, Nevaeh, Hazel, Kaelyn, Marley, and Meya-Rose) went to the 'Grip Leadership Conference' accompanied by Miss Woodward. There were approximately 470 students and 4 instructors there. We learnt how to show integrity: how we could help our fellow students, school grounds, and our community. They got us to share our ideas with students from other schools and to listen to their ideas as well. They also told us the correct/ best way to showcase our new ideas for the school and that we would need a written proposal and to clarify our ideas so that people understand them properly. Our favourite part was "Loud Noises" which was practically where we just yelled, had the opportunity to win badges and play silly games. It was actually more fun than we imagined! By Talita and Nevaeh R5



Feilding Art Centre – Sea Week

Poutama proactively engaged in Sea Week by visiting Alissa Jane Dyer's 'Embracing the Tides: Protecting Moana' art exhibition in Feilding. Every artwork had a story behind it around her experiences of being a Marine Biologist. We were encouraged to be eco-warriors and take action to ensure rubbish didn't end up in our beautiful oceans. Finally, we dabbled in a bit of artwork ourselves, reusing beach rubbish and shells as our inspiration. Alissa sent us a very clear message... "Our land, our sea, our responsibility"



Clown Show!

Our youngest learners in Phase One recently had a blast during an exciting visit to Feilding High School for a special clown show! The atmosphere was filled with pure joy as the kids were cracking up laughing from start to finish. They especially loved the opportunity to jump right into the action, eagerly participating in the hilarious skits and becoming the stars of the show themselves. It was a wonderful day of community and comedy that our students won't soon forget! Thanks to the students at Feilding High School for entertaining us. We can't wait to come again next year!



"He hauora te taonga" (Health is Wealth) reminds us that our wellbeing is our greatest asset, especially as the winter months bring shorter days and seasonal bugs. Keeping healthy as winter approaches means being proactive with "the basics": washing and drying your hands thoroughly and keeping your home warm and dry to stop viruses from thriving. It's also the perfect time to embrace seasonal nourishment—think hearty pumpkin soups with plenty of garlic, or local citrus like mandarins for a Vitamin C boost. Even when it's "grey" outside, a quick 10-minute brisk walk in the fresh air and maintaining social connections can do wonders for your immune system and your mood.

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.

Wātaka o Te Wiki – Week 9
23 March – 27 March 2026

Monday 23 March

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

Tuesday 24 March

- Mentoring Pa Jono
- Poutama Camp

Wednesday 25 March

- Pa Paoras Mystery Prize
- Poutama Camp

Thursday 26 March

- Epic Music
- Whole School Dance Sio
- Poutama Camp home

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

Anzac Day 27 April

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

