

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2023



**RANUI PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

Tālofa lava, Mālō e lelei,
Talofa, Noa'ia, Ni sa bula vinaka,
Mālo ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia
orāna, Tēnā koutou katoa

Ki a koe tētehi kīwai, ki a au tētehi kīwai"

Our focus for the beginning of the week is 'Mahitahi' or 'Harmonious'. Working together and sharing ideas and work loads are important for our tamariki to appreciate differences. At home discuss and practice ways of overcoming differences. How do you do it?



At the gate

Thank you for keeping our tamariki safe at the gate. Keep up the great work whānau.

Attendance at Rānui School

This term our overall attendance percentage for the past 2 weeks was 82%.

Thank you to all those whanau that have let us know that your tamariki are too unwell to attend school.

Remember, please keep bringing your tamariki to school. We will keep them warm inside the classroom if it is too wet to play outside.

If your child is away please let the office know. You can do this by...

- Replying to the school text
- Phoning the school on 833-6286
- Sending a note to school with another family member or when your child returns to school.

Training Teachers

Next week we are lucky enough to have a past member of our kura joining us for 5 weeks. We would like to welcome Vanessa Palmer to Rānui School. She will be joining Kererū 5 with Whaea Amanda.



Keeping Ourselves Safe

At present we have Constable Jude working with



our tamariki on 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. Constable Jude has been fantastic with our tamariki and she has established really positive relationships.

Keeping Ourselves Safe is a programme that helps to teach a range of safe practices that they can use and seek help from a 'Go To Person' that can help.

Whanau Conversations

It was lovely to see whanau, taura and kaiako all working together during whanau conversations. If you did not have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher please drop in and check with the classroom teacher after school to book a time.



Trips

This term our tamariki have some amazing trips lined up. They will explore our local area and nature, connecting places to the pūrakau of Te Kawerau a Maki. With the support of our teachers, staff, parents, and community, we aim to create a love for purposeful and connected learning.



Tūi 3 - Facts about Rākau

Rākau fact file - KĀNUKA

APPEARANCE



By Tsaraiah Grace



FACTS

Looks just like Mānuka. Tiny needle like leaves are softer to touch than Mānuka.

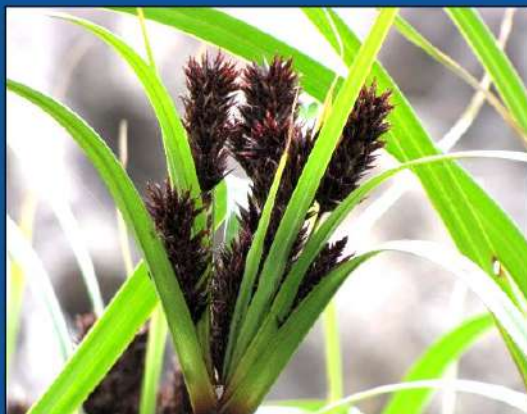
During summer small white flowers smother the tree giving an almost snow covering effect. It grows fast.

The kanuka is very attractive to bees. Larger growing tree than Mānuka. Seeds smaller than Mānuka.

Māori in the olden days used Kānuka to make weapons and digging sticks.

ŪPOKO TANGATA FACT FILE

Ūpoko tangata is spikey and has leaves that are 8-15cm wide. The leaves are curly and the veins are crossed together. The spikes are purple and shiny.



It was used for thatching whare, weaving mats and baskets, and also making children's kites. It could be boiled to help kidney troubles.

By Matiu Hawkins-Savage

Kawakawa Fact File

APPEARANCE



Kawakawa has leaves shaped like a heart.

By Legend Fifita

FRIENDS & ENEMIES

Kererū likes kawakawa.



OTHER INTERESTING FACTS

We found out that you can make perfume out of kawakawa.

APPEARANCE



By Keira Wilson-Segi



Mānuka fact file

Facts

Grows to 2-5m tall.

Mānuka honey is used for healing.

Mānuka and Kanuka get confused, but they are easy to tell apart. If you squeeze manuka it will be prickly and mean but Kānuka will be soft and Kind.

Puriri Fact File

APPEARANCE



The puriri has pink bell shaped flowers. It has large red berries.

By Laura Puru

FRIENDS & ENEMIES

This rākau attracts kererū.

The Puriri moth damages when it makes its tunnels in the puriri tree.

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS

Māori would boil the leaves infused with other leaves to heal ulcers and pains.

Rākau fact file - KANUKA

APPEARANCE



By Tsaraiah Grace



FACTS

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TE WHAKATIPU KĀKANO

MATARIKI PLANTING TRIP—25 JULY 2023

On Tuesday 25 July Te Whakatipu Kākano went on our annual Matariki Planting trip with Matua Riki Bennett and the Waitakere Rangers from Te Wao Nui a Tiriwa. We planted over 1000 trees at Waitakere Golf Course. Thank you to all of our parent helpers and to the rangers for putting a bbq on for the tamariki, as always we were well fed.







I Went
to the
ZOO!
Kēreru Whanau



KĀHU WHANAU MATUKU LINK TRIP

Kāhu whanau went on a school trip the first week of Term 3, to Matuku Link in Te Henga. This was a hands-on opportunity for our students to explore the sciences of conservation, preservation and protection, learning to be kaitiakitanga of our wetlands. We had an awesome times and learned so much!





Do you have any unwanted bikes or scooters?

Do you have any unwanted bikes or scooters that you would like to donate to the school?

Our caretaker Matua Dean is going to have a small group of tamariki fixing bikes and scooters to give away to families.

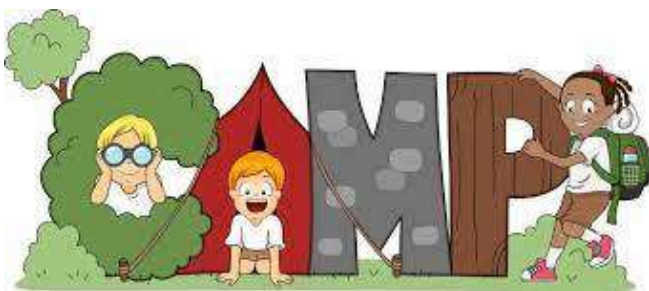
Thank you Whanau



PIHA CAMP

Senior students would have brought home a permission letter for Senior Year 6 camp in October. Could you please get these permission slips back as soon as possible.

We are looking for parent help on this camp, so please think it, you will have an awesome time.



Henderson Intermediate Enrolment Packs

It is time for year 6 parents to start filling in enrolment packs for their child to go to Intermediate. There are packs in the school office if you need one. Please read carefully as they require a birth certificate.

PLEASE GET IN EARLY SO YOU DO NOT MISS OUT!!

Best class attendance Week 1-3



3rd : Kāhu 5 - 83%

**2nd - Te Whakatipu Kākano 3
84%**

**1st: Te Whakatipu Kākano 4
89%**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
7-8 August	Keeping ourselves safe	9am	Classroom
11 August	Te Pou Theatre	11am	School Hall
22 August	Winter Sports Cluster	All day	All areas