


# UPOKONGARO SCHOOL

2024, Term 1, Week 10 Newsletter

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## PINE CONE FUNDRAISER FOR TE AO MĀRAMA CLASS

Last week, Te Ao Mārama class went on a Pine Cone Hunt at Julia Murray's place. We had fun filling bags, throwing pine cones (in a controlled environment!) and running hills. Ka pai, tamariki for your outstanding service to our kura. Thank you Julia, for your ongoing support of Upokongaro School.

These bags are available for sale for \$10 per bag. If you return the bag, you will get \$1 refund - we would love the bags back to continue fundraising for our end of year camp.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mrs Topia and the students of Te Ao Mārama



## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY ENFORCEMENT

Our school uniform policy states that:

*“A functional and attractive uniform has been selected to give our students an instant sense of belonging to Upokongaro School and a sense of pride in their appearance. The school has instant recognition within the community. An identity with the school is nurtured..”*

Our school uniform includes:

- An embroidered polo T-shirt
- An embroidered wide brimmed sun hat
- An embroidered full-zip polar fleece jacket
- A pair of navy shorts or skort
- A pairs of long navy pants




Please ensure your child is ready for Term Two in a full school uniform. Payment is available on myKindo and your child is given their uniform item when the payment is complete and the item is available.

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## VISIT FROM REVEREND LEE TO DISCUSS HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Friday 5th April, Reverend Lee from St Mary's Church, Upokongaro came to speak at assembly. She shared her insights on Harvest Festival, which we celebrate on Sunday 12th May. In New Zealand, we are privileged to be able to create our own gardens and grow many fruit trees. These are a beautiful sight, with many colours of the rainbow growing in our backyards. We give thanks for the fresh water and the sustenance for our bodies.

Rev. Lee has invited students, teachers and their families to celebrate God's Creation and the provision of the beauty and food around us; our love for God and our gratitude for the variety of living things he has made. For plants, creatures and people in all our diversity. The Church service is at 11am at St Mary's, Upokongaro, with a sausage sizzle to follow at Lanack Croft, Makirikiri Valley Road. Those students who are interested in singing waiata on this day will bring home a notice next week.



# Pita Pit

Thank you Pita Pit for adding more variety into our delicious meals. We appreciate the meals and snacks you provide, all made with love!

Mon 8th - Meatball Kebab

Tues 9th - Butter Chicken Roti

Wed 10th - Butter Chicken on Rice

Thurs 11th - Ham Wrap

Fri 12th - Lasagne

## LENOVO CHROMEBOOKS

Purchase a Chromebook from our office at a discounted price for students school use.

You may pay these off in 10 weeks and when payment is made in full, students can then take these home daily. Available on

myKindo.

\$330.00




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## ***IMPORTANT DATES***

### APRIL

**FRIDAY 12TH – SCHOOL ENDS FOR TERM 1, 2.50PM**  
**TWO WEEKS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**MONDAY 29TH – SCHOOL STARTS FOR TERM 2, 8.50AM**

### MAY

Monday 6th - Dental van arrives

Sun 12th - Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Upokongaro. 11am service

Fri 17th - Pink Shirt Day - eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

### JUNE

Monday 3rd - King's Birthday, No School

Friday 7th/14th - Upokongaro School hosts Y7-8 Ki-o-rahi and Tapuwae

Monday 10th - Upokongaro School Cross Country

Friday 21st - Cluster Cross Country

Friday 28th - Matariki Public Holiday - No School

### JULY

Friday 5th - School ends Term 2

