

UPOKONGARO SCHOOL

2024, Term 1, Week 11 Newsletter

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CLASS PRESIDENTS FOR 2024

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the title of Class President for 2024 at our final assembly for the term. These students uphold our school values of He Tangata/People, Angitu/Achievement and Ākongā/Learners and have been chosen by their classmates.

Te Rito Year 8: Dylan and Tiare-Amaani; Te Ao Mārama Year 7: Glenn and Alexis
Te Rau Mōhio Year 5-6: Rhylee and Michael; Puanga Year 2-4: Zahliyah, Haylee and Iyla
Te Whare Pukapuka Year 1: Fern and Ziggy



CREATIVE ART



This term, TRM has been using pastels to create artworks. Firstly we learnt about block colours, creating our own cubism portraits in the style of Picasso. Then we learnt about warm and cold colours, creating a landscape on which we could add our Pepeha to. Lastly we explored blending colours, ending up with poppies that linked to our ANZAC studies.

The young artists in TWP have explored different kinds of lines, including straight, curvy, bumpy, diagonal, etc. They then used these lines to create "Crazy Hair Art.". The students designed a wild hairstyle with various facial expressions. They then proudly presented their artwork creations in front of the assembly, showing their newfound creativity and confidence. We can't wait to see what they create next!

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SPORTS TEAMS AND PRESENTATIONS

We are eternally grateful to our superb coaches who continue to give their time to support our tamariki. Without you, our tamariki would not be able to participate in these opportunities. An extensive thank you to our students who continue to represent our school with pride. And a colossal thank you to our parents for transport, support and kind words.



Term 1 Rippa Team Thursday Competition

Erueti, Taatahi, Phalcon, Taylor, Floyd, Fenix, Raniera, Rhylee
A massive congratulations to this team who placed second in the Thursday competition, remaining unbeaten until the final!



Term 1 Year 1-2 Touch Team

Cypress, Mani, Mackenzie, Huia, Ahorangi, Valor, Kora, Benji
Congratulations to all of you for your consistency and energy!
Coach: Mrs Topia



Term 1 Year 3-4 Touch Team

Luxtyn, Laekyn-Brook, Te Amorangi, Llewly, Te Waikaranga, Kia
Puawai, Violet, River
Coach: Whaea Hannah



Term 1 Year 5-6 Touch Team

Taylor, Erueti, Phalcon, Fenix, Floyd, Taatahi, Maisey, Rawiri, Kylah
Coach: Matua Daniel



Term 1 Year 7-8 Touch Team

Tane, Otis, Te Waikaremoana, Kaelyn-Lamar, Laken-Honor, Paiton,
Harmony, Alexis, Jozion, Tylah, Tolkin, Rain
Coach: Whaea Cath



Term 1 2024 Touch Awards


Most Improved: Year 1-2: Benji S
Most Improved Year 3-4: River B
Most Improved Year 5-6: Taylor L and Rawiri W
Year 7-8: Tolkin C
Most Outstanding Junior Player: Llewly M
Most Outstanding Senior Player: Tane M

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SCHOOL UNIFORM AND VAN PAYMENTS

Please remember that we will be in full school uniform when we start back in Term 2. 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

These can be purchased on mykindo and picked up from the office when they become available.

Please ensure the van is paid for Term Two by 26th April or service won't be available for your child/ren.



PINE CONE FUNDRAISER FOR TE AO MĀRAMA CLASS

Please support Te Ao Mārama students in their fundraising efforts for our end of year camp. We are selling a bag of pinecones for \$10, with \$1 refund when you return the bag. You will be able to order on mykindo next week and we can arrange a time for pickup.

Ngā mihi, Liana Topia

FEIJOAS

Thank you to our neighbours, Mike Skelton and John Dalziel for donating the never-ending supply of feijoas. The staff and kids love them!





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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

