



Principal's Comment

Thanks everyone for a fantastic start to the new term - it is packed full and we are going to be busy. Thanks also to the positive nature of you all, the humour & obvious care of each other's well being is so heartening.

I am very happy to announce we have made a fixed term appointment for 2024 and welcome Lisa Patrick back to full time teaching. We will also be welcoming Jess Wilkinson back from maternity leave in a part time capacity. Can I ask that this information is kept confidential until the community is notified in next week's newsletter. School wide organisation and staffing for next year is still being reviewed and worked out. I hope to confirm how this will look in the next few weeks.

From next week onwards I will add, to this weekly update, our usual countdown for Term 4; 'Riding into the Sunset', so we're all on the same page about what is coming up and what needs doing . . . enjoy the weekend and I hope we get some sun!

Melinda :-D

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

Ali in Nireaha
 Carol in Hāmua
 Jenny in for Art Therapy
 Jenny D volunteering in Hāmua
 Hera volunteering for PTR
 1:35pm Whole School Break
 2pm Athletics (Rongomai, Nireaha, Pūtara)
 2pm Life Ed Bus Meeting - Melinda
 3:15pm SENCO Liaison - Melinda & Carol

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER

Kathryn / Dean WST Release
 Jenny D volunteering for PTR
 8:30am Teacher Aide Meeting (Paid)
 10am Pūtara Student Mtg - Dean & Melinda

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

Lisa / Holly PRT
 Emily volunteering for PTR
 12:30pm Astro Turf Meeting - Melinda
 3:15pm Staff Meeting

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER - SHAKE OUT DAY

Lisa / Marilyn ORS
 Dina in School (RTLb)
 Amanda volunteering PTR
 9am School Photos start - Staff photo TBC
 10am MOE/RTLb Meeting - Melinda
 2pm IEP Carol, Marilyn & Lisa (Jo to cover 2:15)
 1:35pm Whole School Break
 2pm Athletics (Rongomai, Nireaha, Pūtara)
 7pm BoT Meeting

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER

Ali in the library
 1:35pm Whole School Break
 2:15pm Celebration Assembly - Nireaha

STAFF UPDATES

Teacher Reminders

- PTC self observation and reflection sheets
- Melinda will email out specifics

Shake Out Day

- Hand bell at 11:55am to start EARTHQUAKE drill
- Stay 'covered' until the bell stops and then make your way to the Emergency Evacuation point

School Photos

- Will have a rough time frame from Belinda next few days & Staff Pic time tbc

Eke Big Day In

- Planning is underway for the end of year 'Big Day In' - over the page is details for a student competition on the day that all staff need to supply resources for . . .

Election night coming up

- Interesting reading on party thoughts around education from NZTA as handout



Fun! Eke Staff Competition Time...

Students will try to guess what each of us will be doing in the summer holidays...

YOUR TASK:

Create an A4, laminated piece of art that 'says' what you will be doing in the holidays.

It could be: a sketch. a photo. a collage. a painting.
pictures cut from a magazine
in fact... anything...be creative...have some fun

The only rules are:

- 1. A4**
- 2. Laminated**
- 3. named on the back**
- 4. Given to Barbara by Friday 27.10.23**

Please see Barb if you have any questions.