

# TE KURA O Ngongotaha KIDZONE

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Craig's Korero

Kia ora everyone. Welcome to 2024! After a wonderful Christmas holiday we are straight back into it. You'll notice that the Kidzone has had a bit of a refresh, I hope you like it. The organisation of the new uniforms was a massive undertaking and I would like to thank Sophie Brake, Deb Hamblyn, Whaea Julie, Whaea Joss and Whaea Shanell for their support in getting them out to everyone. I would also like to thank you all for being patient and popping in during your holiday break to collect them. I think the kids looks GREAT.

Our roll has never been higher at this time of year. For this reason, we will have to really limit the number of out of zone enrollments that we can take. To avoid confusion, all 'in zone' enrolments will need to provide proof of address and I will now be visiting homes to check that children are living at the address supplied. I urge you, if you have 3 or 4 year olds that you intend on sending to our school (either in zone or out) please come and pre enrol them so we are able to make arrangements.

The heat pump in the pool is proving to be a real hit. 28 degrees is a warm but refreshing temperature in this beautiful weather. Installing it has meant that children are keen to bring their swimwear and learn much needed swimming skills and water safety skills. Having this heat pump will also allow us to continue swimming right up to the end of the term.

Please name all of your child's clothing, uniform, togs, towel, hats, etc. With all the new uniform items and everyone's swimwear, things can get lost very quickly. If things are named, we can get them back to their owner straight away.

Although not a huge deal for us as a primary school, please remember the Governments "Phones away for the day" policy. If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school (including phone watches) they must be given to the office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end.

Please remember that we are here to support you. Working together will only have positive outcomes for your child's education. Whanau teacher Interviews will take place later in the term but if you would like to speak to your child's teacher you can email them or come and see them before or after school.



*"Iti rearea teitei Kahikatea ka taea  
Aim high, Stand proud"*





# Room Onederful



We are loving the beautiful weather - sun-kissed skies, sparkling pool, summer's glorious embrace.



## THE RUMARIIA



Throughout this week, we've embarked on an epic journey of self-discovery and camaraderie, immersing ourselves in thrilling team-building escapades and unraveling the mysteries that define each of us. From quirky challenges to mind-bending games, we've embraced the unconventional to forge bonds that defy the ordinary.

Here's a glimpse into the extraordinary adventures that have fueled our collective spirit:

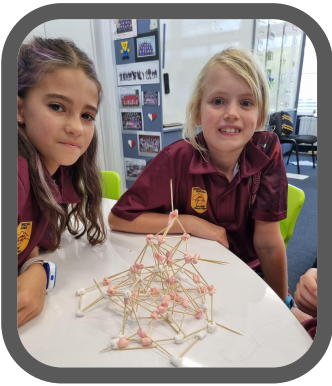


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Check out our Ngongotaha School Photo's Page on Facebook.





# Room 3

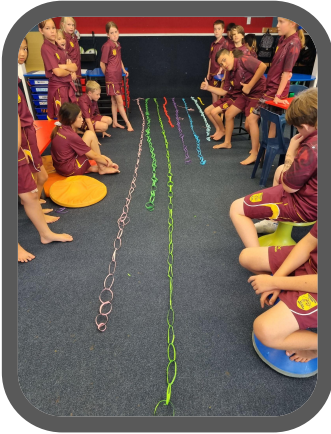


Tallest toothpick tower

The children have been exploring, problem solving, team building and getting to know each other in true Room 3 style.



The string lifter



Paper chain race



The strongest paper table

## The Day Mr McFadyen Happened...



CLAP  
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Check out Mr McFadyen's "creative art" he did with Room 4...

This was the best art ever Whaea!!!



Whaea Jamie: Did you guys use your left hands?  
Ngarimu: No Whaea, my right foot!

Have you got School App? Keep updated with what's happening at Ngongotaha school. Download it free from the app store.

# Author of the week...

With our school wide focus on writing this year, we have decided to highlight a piece of writing every fortnight. Enjoy...

## A Friend For Me

I am looking for a friend that plays handball, that is loyal, kind and honest. I want a friend that likes playing minecraft. I will be a friend that is kind, caring and honest. I will share food; sandwiches, half a bar and a raisin packet. I can make you laugh. I can play with you. Will you - be my friend?

Alex Clarke

Room 4



To all parents of children 3 to 8 years

**GREAT NEWS! The Incredible Years Parenting Programme is running another course, starting on February 21<sup>st</sup> – and it's FREE!**

**Incredible Years** is an exciting and interactive programme which parents all over the world and here in Rotorua have found very helpful with their children, so we think you will also enjoy this group.

During the group sessions you will have the opportunity to learn about new (and some old) methods of parenting, plus practice and refine those new parenting skills which will help you to reduce your child's challenging behaviours, increase the behaviours you would like to see more of and give you more opportunities to enjoy spending time with your children.

**Where: Atomic Church Venue  
1149 Eruera St  
Rotorua**

**Starts: Wednesday 10am – 12:30pm**

If you are interested and would like to enrol, please contact us.

**Fresh Start Families:**  
Cissie Bennett – 0279368232  
Matai Bennett - 0272274360

## What's Happening?

- 19th Feb- Life Ed truck arrives
- 22nd Feb- 12 and 13 to Rotorua Library
- 23rd Feb- 11 to Rotorua Library
- 23rd Feb- GREAT Start #1
- 23rd Feb- Road Patrol training
- 27th Feb- BOT meeting
- 1st Mar- GREAT Start #2
- 6th Mar- Life Ed truck leaves
- 7th Mar- School Triathlon
- 8th Mar- GREAT Start #3
- 15th Mar- GREAT Start #4
- 19th Mar- Whanau Interviews (School closes at 12.30)
- 20th Mar- Whanau Interviews (school closes at the normal time)
- 22nd Mar- GREAT Start #5
- 28th Mar- Disco and CAKE night (writing focus)
- 29th Mar- Good Friday
- 1st April- Easter Monday
- 2nd April- Easter Tuesday
- 4th April- Cricket for rooms 1,2,3,4,9c
- 9th April BOT meeting 6pm
- 6-8th of May- Senior School Camp (all year 5 and 6 children) Totara Springs