



A GREAT School for You!

Ngongotaha School

KIDZONE

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Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday period with your children. We have an exciting 10 weeks ahead of us. This term, we will focus a lot of our learning around Science, especially the Planet Earth and Beyond strand of the Curriculum. This connects nicely to Matariki and the senior school's trip to the observatory in Hamilton.

As this is our first newsletter since the event, I want to thank everyone who came along to the Parent, Whanau and Teacher interviews at the end of last term. We had over 95% attendance either by face to face meeting, phone call or online Zoom meeting. We all know the importance of home and school working together for the benefit of our children so we thank you for making the time. I think, by us moving the interviews forward a term, we had a higher attendance rate as the weather was nice and it wasn't so dark during the later time slots. You will receive a Mid Year Progress Report later this term highlighting how your child/children have been getting on.

Keep an eye out for me cruising around in our brand new school van. We have purchased this to support our children's learning outside the school. The van will be used to transport kids to sporting events, trips, camps and various learning experiences around Rotorua. A huge thank you to One Foundation for funding the van.

Over the past 4 years we have; fenced the entire school, painted a mural at front of school, built a musical playground, redeveloped the office, staffroom and Ngati Whakaue room, upgraded Rooms 10-13 and 14-15, installed rugby and football posts, built a new classroom, installed flagpoles, built a shed to house our playbased learning equipment, resealed the staff carpark, painted the exterior of the entire school, built a whole new playground, built a mud kitchen by the junior sandpit, upgraded the Junior playground and added a swing, gave the interior of the whare a freshen up, upgraded the pool area with a new cover and shadesail and now we have added a 9 hole putt putt course to the list. This has been installed on the unused area of grass next to where children park their bikes and will give students another activity to get involved in during their break times.

I have had several people ask how much we raised during our gala. For me, the fundraising side is important, but what is more important is the community getting together. We had hundreds of people come through the school gates to join us which was awesome to see. Due to so many donated items, vouchers and gifts, we ended up raising just over \$23,000. By far our most successful fundraiser. We have paid for the shadesail over the swimming pool, donated money to schools affected by Cyclone Gabrielle and have spent the remaining money on musical playground equipment for the junior playground.

Craig McFadyen **"Iti rearea teitei Kahikatea ka taea" "Aim High, Stand Proud"**

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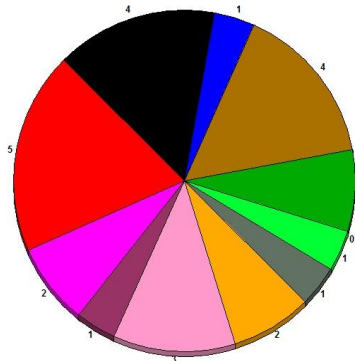
A little bit of holiday writing...

On a hot and sunny day, the grass was long. The lawnmower was ready to rock and roll. My dad told me "if you mow the front and back lawn, I'll give you 20 bucks!" I mowed and mowed, and then I was finished. By Niko

... I also went to the redwoods. We brought our dogs with us. They met some other dogs. They sniffed each other. I think they had fun! By Ria

Statistics

Room 7 have been learning how to collect data and use it to create different graphs. Here is Danni's pie chart showing Room 7's birthday months.



Danni has made some statements about her data.

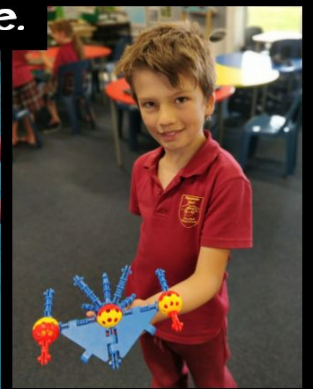
December is the most common birthday month in room 7.

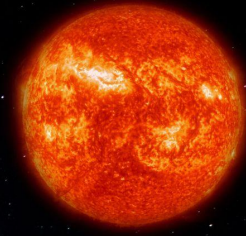
May has the least birthdays in room 7.

July, October and June have the same amount of birthdays.

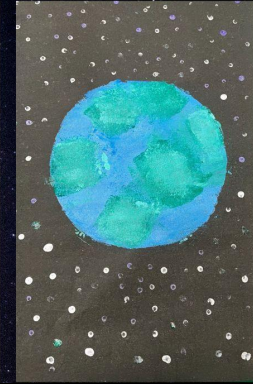


Activities Room 8 think are great at playtime.





Room 6's Out of this world planet art



Room 5 has enjoyed learning about Galaxies and exploring the awesome things Ngongotaha School has to offer.

What is a Galaxy?

What is a galaxy...

A Galaxy is a milky way made up of dust, gas, and millions of stars.

The stars are held in space by gravity.

The 3 shapes of galaxies are spiral, elliptical, shaped like an egg, and irregular.

Earth is found in a spiral galaxy.

Holly.

What is a galaxy?

A galaxy is a big empty space with gas, dust, and stars.

Galaxies have different shapes, spiral, elliptical, and irregular. Earth is found in a spiral galaxy.

[Hinewai.](#)



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Brainy Awards

These certificates are handed out for
achievement in academic areas such as
maths, reading and writing.

Te Whanau Ngahere: Paige withington and Ash Aislabie

Te Whanau Wai: Logan Evans, Isaak Duane, Ivy

Sarusi-Kiss, Mikaere Werehiko, Olivia Jessop

Te Whanau Maunga:

Te Whanau Manu: Vaughn Kemp and Braxton Rolston

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What's Happening?

4th May- Disco Kings and Queens theme

5th May- Mini Marathon

9th May- Rip Grip and Whip Mountain Biking

19th May- Pink Shirt day

24th May- School Cross Country (P/P day 25th)

2nd June- TOD

5th June- King's Birthday

14th June- Rural Schools Cross Country event at
Kaharoa School

30th June- Last day of term 2

Assemblies These are subject to
change. Please see Week at a Glance for
updates.

Week 2- room 5

Week 3- room 9b

Week 4- room 12 (Pink Shirt Day)

Week 5- room 3

Week 6- Teacher Only Day

Week 7- room 9c

Week 8- room 13

Week 9- room 15