



A GREAT School for You!

Ngongotaha School

KIDZONE

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What an 'interesting' couple of weeks we have had. Union meetings, positive Covid cases, class trips to Hamilton, new support staff joining our team, power outages, fun assemblies, Pink Shirt day, Samoan language week and lots of rain all crammed into the last 14 days. It never stops at Ngongotaha School.

I really appreciate your support with yesterday's Union Meeting and having to close early. NZEI informed us on Saturday evening that the proposed strike was cancelled and that we would be having afternoon meetings instead. It didn't give us much time to organise the school or for you to organise care for your children. For that, I sincerely apologize. Our hope is that the Government will see the state that education is in and support teachers accordingly so we can then get back to what we love to do.

Our Cross Country race last week was an awesome event. It was nice to see beautiful clear skies and no rain!! I was so proud of every single one of the children who gave it a go and crossed the finish line. Thanks to all of the whanau who took the time to come and cheer our children on. It was nice to catch up with so many of you.

Last week I was lucky enough to be invited to The Orchard Childcare and Pre-School for morning tea. I took along a van load of ex Orchard students with me to have a look at their old 'stomping ground'. I was absolutely blown away. The little ones welcomed us with the cutest powhiri ever and showed me all the exciting activities they have on offer. Thanks Bridget, Michelle and The Orchard team for having us.

I realise the timing of this may be ironic with the Union meetings, Teachers Only day and the recent surge in illness, but I wanted to highlight the importance of attendance. A day without learning is a lost opportunity. Attending school everyday is hugely important not only for your child's education but to help them build and maintain friendships and to develop a strong work ethic. If your child is well, please ensure they are at school, on time, every single day. I have attached a table below highlighting the impact that 1 or 2 days off school each week can have on your child's education.

Craig McFadyen

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



When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning

Have you got the school app? It's the way we spread the majority of our information. Download it free from app stores.





The official Ngongotaha School Mountain Bike Team showing off their cool new Tee Shirts. A massive thanks to NZO for all their help with the shirts and the logo. You guys rock!!



OMAROA
2023



I tae tuatahi a Waimarie Newton



Kia Mataara Tama mā!!!



I tae tuatoru a Kaleialoha Newton

Tango Whakaāhua

Te akomanga Pīpi o Te Whānau Maunga enjoyed photo day recently and they decided they would go for a photo shoot



Knitting for Cool Kids Rotorua

Ka nui te mihi ki Knitting for Cool Kids Rotorua Charity who gifted our kura with Winter Woolens to keep us nice and mahana (warm). We appreciate your manaakitanga!



Cool Knitters from Ngongotahā school Lunch Club with Matua Wiremu



Te akomanga Teina o Te Whānau Maunga

Class art project:
We are exploring traditional Māori patterns and symbols. We observe the symmetrical lines in our art piece.



Te Whānau Maunga Visiting our Kōhanga

Building whakawhanaungatanga with our local Kōhanga Reo. We recently spent some time at Ngongotahā Kōhanga and next week we will visit Tarimano Kōhanga and Ariki Kōhanga



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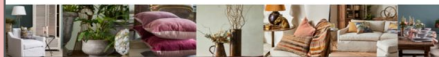
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Brainy Awards

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

Te Whanau Ngahere: Carlo Putaranui, Will Lewy

Te Whanau Wai: Kylah Coles, Millie, Hardy, Malakhi Fitzel Martin, Lucca Coleman-Managh

Te Whanau Manu: Bentley McIssac and Madison McGregor

Te Whanau Maunga: Hiraina Ngataki and Te Paea Edmonds



What's Happening?

2nd June (tomorrow)-
TOD

5th June- King's
Birthday

14th June- Rural
Schools Cross Country
at Kaharoa School

30th June- Last day of
term 2

17th July- First day of
term 3.

Assemblies

Week 6- Teacher
Only Day

Week 7- room 9c

Week 8- room 3

Week 9- room 15

GREAT G-Growth R-Respect E-Equality A-Achievement T-Trust