

# TE KURA O Ngongotaha KIDZONE

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2024

Craig's Korero

Tomorrow is the last day of term 2. I would like to start this newsletter by thanking everyone for a wonderful 10 week block. As always, our community has been extremely supportive; attending trips, sponsoring the children to complete the Walkathon and Jumping June, helping out with our Matariki celebrations, volunteering in classes, and all the other things you do for our school. I would also like to thank my staff. They are an amazing team who never cease to amaze me; organising the hangi and movie night, giving our children the opportunity to attend ePro8, creating engaging learning programs in class, spending hours crafting reports, and all the other things they do for our school. And of course the tamariki, all 403 of them who turn up each morning smiling and ready to learn. I am the luckiest principal in Aotearoa!

Tomorrow your child will bring their mid year progress report home. In it, you will see what they have been doing over the past 6 months, how they are achieving in reading, writing and maths, their effort in these subjects, how you can support at home, as well as a general comment. These reports will also contain a selection of photos. Please take time to read these with your child. If you have any questions, teachers will be happy to discuss them early next term.

The Drop off Zone seems to be working for most families each morning. It allows whanau the chance to safely drop their tamariki directly out the front of school without stopping on yellow lines or making children cross in unsafe places. As I monitor it each morning, the only thing I see that we need to improve is ensuring parents don't try to 'U Turn' in or out of the Drop off Zone. It is far easier to head down School Road and turn around using the roundabout rather than U turning in and then having to reverse up and over the crossing. The other thing is to ensure we pull all the way to the front of the Drop off Zone so cars don't have to stop and wait on the crossing. Other than that, it seems to be working pretty well. I will put my thinking cap on to try and figure out how we are going to sort an afternoon pick up zone.

Matariki Day hangi and movie night- wow! That will be a memory I hold for a very, very long time. It was so nice to be able to give back to our community. Thank you to everyone who came down and celebrated with us. It was the perfect night.

The addition of the Colour Dye to our Walkathon was a hit. The children looked awesome wandering through the village covered in pink, purple, blue and orange! Thanks again to our sponsors. Congratulations to Barrett Ormsby who raised the most money and won a brand new scooter (he already owns two bikes!)

Have a wonderful, safe break with your whanau and I will see you all back here, ready for another amazing term on Monday 22nd of July.

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





## Matariki Hangi Prep



## What's Room 14 & 15 been upto?

### Ihenga (Trip to the Museum)



### Jumping June



### Walkathon



### Fire Safety



Would you like to see more photos?  
Check out and follow our Ngongotaha School photo's page on Facebook.





# Walkathon and Matariki

Room 16



# Room 17's adventures

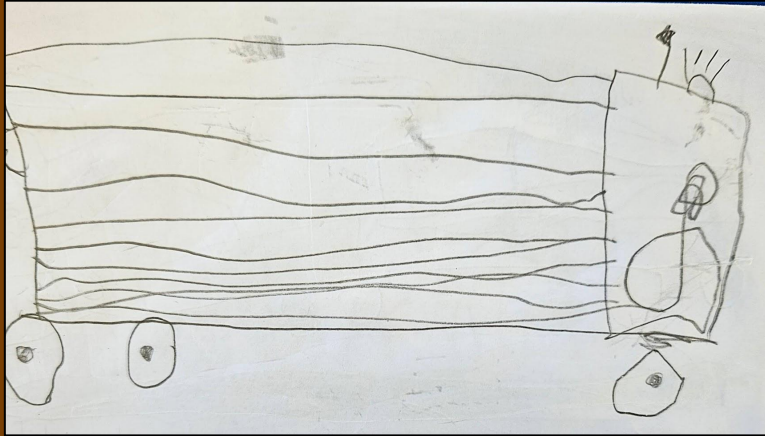


We've had a busy term, learning lots about fire and celebrating Matariki.





## Author of the week



My Dad has a new truck.  
It is a logging truck. He  
carts big logs.

Written by Miles Hindrup (5 years old)

## What's Happening?

5th July- last day of term 2.

### Term 3

22nd July- First day of Term 3.

2nd August Whole School

Olympics Day

8th August- Interschool

Rotokawa

15th August- Interschool

Kaharoa

22nd August- Interschool WHPS

30th August- Tough Guy and Gal

16th September- Te Wiki o Te

Reo Maori

25th September- Production

Matinee and Evening Show

26th September- Production

Matinee and Evening Show

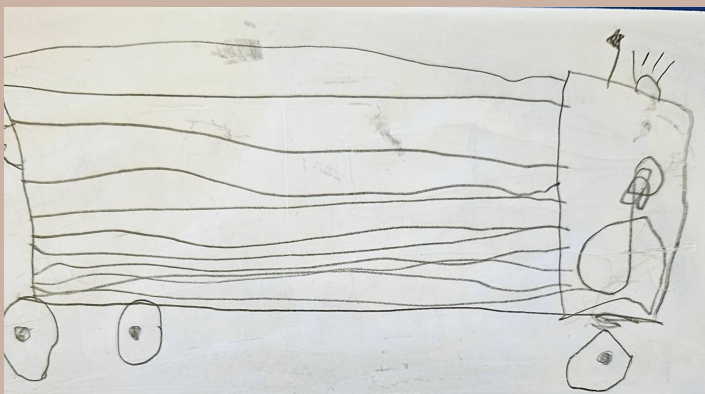
27th September- Last day of

term 3

### Term 4

14th October- First day of term

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## Brainy Awards

### Te Whanau Mahuri

None this week as we didnt have assembly.

### Te Whanau Ngahere

Kierah King, Amairah Staunton, Myra Bajwa,  
Lukas Nicholson, Ash Aislable and Kaden  
King.

### Te Whanau Wai

None this week as we didnt have assembly.

### Te Whanau Manu

None this week as we didnt have assembly.

### Te Whanau Maunga

None this week as we didnt have assembly.