

# TE KURA O Ngongotaha KIDZONE

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## Craig's Korero

Time flies! We're already at the end of Week 4 of Term 3, with cherry blossom trees soon to be in full bloom. For our senior students, this term marks an exciting time as they begin visits and orientations to Intermediate Schools, where they will spend the next two years. Important information and dates for families of our Year 6 children can be found on the back page of this Kidzone.

Our recent Interschool sports fixture was a resounding success. Last week, we hosted Kawaha Point, and our students had a fantastic time, securing victories across all five codes and creating awesome memories. This afternoon, we look forward to another exciting exchange against Kaharoa School. I am confident it will be equally successful.

You may have seen recent news about declining nationwide results in Maths and Literacy. According to the latest data from the Curriculum Insights and Progress Study (CIPS), only 22% of Year 8 students across New Zealand are meeting the expected curriculum benchmarks for mathematics. I want to reassure you that our results at Ngongotaha School are significantly better. Currently, 78% of our students are performing at or above their expected level 2% short of MOE target for achievement. With continued effort, we anticipate that 85-90% of our students will reach their goals by the end of the year. Additionally, we are implementing the Government's Structured Literacy program, which is currently being used in our junior school and will be extended to the senior school next year. We are also preparing to roll out the Structured Numeracy approach once the Government finalizes its framework for 2025.

In recent years, we've been fortunate to have Sayaka Yamada (Tyga and Phenix's mum) visit the school twice a week. Sayaka has been instrumental in teaching Japanese language and origami skills to groups of children during lunchtimes. The children thoroughly enjoy their time with Sayaka and have learned a great deal from her. If you have a skill—whether it's language, knitting, art, sport, or anything else—and would like to volunteer to run a lunchtime club, please get in touch with us. We're eager to make it happen!

*Thank you to Holland Beckett Law and Rochelle Burton (Alice and Tilly's mum) for donating tickets to the BOP Steamers vs Manawatu Rugby game!*


HOLLAND BECKETT

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



# TAUMĀHEKEHEKE O TE AO



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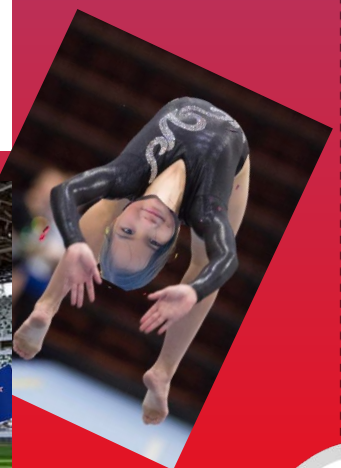


He pai ki ahau te mātakitaki te Taumāhekeheke o te Ao. He tino kaha ngā kaitākaro ki roto i te kapa Ngā Mamakū Tokowhitu. I riro rātou te mētera kōura mō tā mātou whenua ko Aotearoa. I a whā tau ka tū ai tēnei kaupapa.  
Nā Kartell Gear



## Kupu Hou

Taumāhekeheke o te Ao = Olympics  
Pītakataka = Gymnastics  
Hoerua = Double scull rowing  
Pourangi = Podium



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# HINETAKURUA



TAHANA



MOANA



BODHI

Tihei mauri ora

Te mihi hākoakoa ki a Hine Takurua  
Te mārekura kaitiaki o te moana  
Kua tae te makariri, ka noho a Tama-Nui-Te-Rā  
ki tona taha  
Akuanei, ka huri te Ao  
Ka hoki anō a Tama-Nui-Te-Rā ki a Hine Raumati



JACKSON



DALTYN



CHARLOTTE

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# TE KAITUHI TOA O TE WIKI

I pēhea koe i whakataua wairua mēnā kei te pōuri tō āhua?

Tino tau taku wairua mēnā kei te ngahere ahau. Ko te ngahere pai rawa ki ahau, ko Kaingaroa. He wāhi hākoakoa. Ka haere ahau ki reira i te taha o tōku Pāpā me ōku Uncles. He pai te whai atu i ngā poaka me ngā tia. He mīharo te hongī i te hau. Mēnā i pōuri ahau ka hoki ōku mahara ki reira.

*How do you calm your wairua when you are feeling sad?*

*I am at peace when I visit the ngahere. My favourite ngahere to go to is Kaingaroa. It is my happy place. I go there with my Dad and my Uncles. We like to hunt for pigs and deer. It makes me feel amazing to smell the fresh air. If I feel sad, I like to remember this place.*

*Nā BRAXTON COLLIETZ-MOHU*

Woolworths Pharmacy Rotorua would like to inform that their pharmacy is now able to provide free treatments for Head Lice and Scabies for anyone over the age of 2 via a short pharmacist consultation. This service is free and will enable the public to more easily access Head Lice and Scabies treatments without prescription and also remove cost-related barriers. No appointments are needed. The person needing the treatment or their parent/s can just come into our pharmacy and ask for the consultation and the pharmacist will provide a private room for the short consult, where the pharmacist will check the symptoms, ask a few relevant questions, determine if the product is suitable and provide the relevant product with advice, or refer to doctor if needed.

For the Headlice service, we are able to provide 1 bottle of Head Lice treatment lotion and a lice comb for each person in the household needing treatment. For the Scabies service, we are able to provide 2 bottles of Anti-scabies lotion for each person in the household, plus a tube of anti-itch cream if needed.

The service is completely free of charge and in addition to the products, relevant information leaflets will be provided.

## Brainy Awards

### Te Whanau Mahuri

Kahui Albert, Henry Coppard

### Te Whanau Ngahere

Uziah Wharepapa, Selene Norton, Ezra Lewis, Roman Ellis-Putahi

### Te Whanau Wai

### Te Whanau Manu

### Te Whanau Maunga

Ella-Raine Paul-Barlow, Aavea Fretton

## What's Happening?

22nd August- Interschool WHPS and FLURO DISCO

30th August- Tough Guy and Gal

16th September- Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori

24th September- Rip Grip Whip Mountain biking

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 4

12th December- Prize Giving

Last day of the year;

Thursday 12th December (for students)

Friday 13th of December (for staff)

## Intermediate Information.

### Kaharoa School

#### Information Evening:

Wednesday 14th August at 6pm.

Students and parents are invited.

#### Kaharoa School Open Day:

Friday 6th September, 9:30am -

11:15am. Includes: school tours,

information sessions, activities,

and a free sausage sizzle.

Interested students will attend

with Ngongotaha School.

### Rotorua Intermediate

Wednesday 20th August - all Y6 children will attend

Thursday 22nd August - Open evening -5.30-6.30

### Kaitao Intermediate

Thursday, 5th September, - all Y6 children will attend 9.15

Open Evening-3.30-4.30