

Meri Kirihimete
ngā mihi o te wā



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Kathleen's kōrero

Meri Kirihimete, Ngāti Toa School Whānau!

As we come to the end of 2024, it's a great time to reflect on what has been an incredible year for our school. One of the biggest highlights has been welcoming our first group of Year 7 students. They've been amazing at helping us shape and refine our intermediate curriculum, laying the foundation for something truly special for the years ahead. Next year we grow our intermediate class to include both Year 8 and Year 7 and the name of our intermediate roopu is "Te Manukura Toa."

Our school continues to grow and it's been wonderful to see the achievements of our tamariki across so many areas—whether it's their learning in the classroom, success in sports, creativity in the arts or their pride in kapa haka. These accomplishments are a testament to their hard work, as well as the love and support they receive from you, their whānau.

To our Year 6 students who are moving on to intermediate schools next year, we wish you all the best as you start this exciting new chapter. We know you'll do amazing things! To the whānau who are leaving us this year as well, we want to say a huge thank you for all your support over the years—it has meant so much to us.

As the holiday season begins, we hope you get to enjoy some well-deserved rest and quality time with your loved ones. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community and for making 2024 such a successful and special year.

Kia pai tō hararei, kia haumarū, kia harikoa tonu, ngā mihi o te wā

nā Kathleen, Crystal, Judy, Corrina, Jamie, Jude, Cheryl, Bronwyn, Taylor, Michelle, Grace, Emma, Ivy, Kanisha, Rebekah, Isayah, Olivia, Kirsty, Maia, Te Aroha, Damita, Kate, Pearl and Tracey.

Fiafia/Concert Night

The total amount fundraised from the Fiafia/Concert Night was **\$2521.70**. What an amazing night it was for everyone. Fa'afetai! Fa'afetai! Fa'afetai tele lava! If you have photos or footage from the evening, please send through to the school facebook page.

\$222.00 from Sizzlin' for schools was also fundraised that will also help towards Senior camp 2025. Big mihi to Josh Tararo and his Collective Team and Touch Turbo for the opportunity.



Staffing for 2025

Here are the classroom teachers:

Bronwyn Pope

Cheryl Moeau

Crystal Southey-Willis

Emma McKnight

Jude Nieland

Judy Cross

Michelle Dobbie

Taylor Tuffery

Grace Mulvihill - Senior Release Teacher

Here are the Term Dates for 2024

Term 1: **3 February** (Yrs 5-8 start at 9am, Yrs 1-4 start at 11am) - 11 April

Term 2: 28 April - 27 June

Term 3: 14 July - 19 September

Term 4: 6 October - 15 December

Teacher Only Days - Term 1

10th February - Curriculum Professional Development

Public Holidays

06 Feb - Waitangi Day

18 April - Good Friday

21 April - Easter Monday

25 April - Anzac Day

02 June - Kings Birthday

20 June - Matariki

27 October - Labour Day

Mihi Whakatau Dates

3 February, 28 April, 14 July, 6 October

Mihi whakatau will be on the first day of each term at 9:30am for all new tamariki and their whānau in the school hall, except for Term 1.

An invitation will be sent out to new tauira and their whānau who started on the 2nd week of term 4. All are welcome.

Stationery 2025

Stationery packs will be supplied for all tamariki at no cost to our whānau.

Dates to remember

3 February - First day of term 1, 9am start for yrs 5-8. 11am start for yrs 1-4.

3 February - Mihi Whakatau 11:15am

6 February - Waitangi Day - School CLOSED

10 February - Teacher Only Day - School CLOSED

24 February - 4 March - Bee Dental Van onsite



Ahi Ka Certificate Winners



Ahi Ka Senior & Special Awards



Year 6 Leavers



L-R Toloa, Kaito, Essence, Jericho, Te Rauhuia, Victor, Legend, Roman, Freyja, Rylee.

Absent: Joy, Jahquiel, Ricki.

Year 7/8 Leaders 2025



Head Boy/Pou Tikanga a Māori/Reo Māori - Te Ariki Law

Deputy Head Boy - Romani Perano

Head Girl - Azaria Taranaki

Deputy Head Girl - Melody Lalotoa-Peniata

Pou Ahurea/Cultural - Lyric Lalotoa-Peniata

Pou Kotahitanga - Brian Pedida

Pou Rangatiratanga - Liyam Cervantes

Pou Hākinakina - Joshua Tutonu & Jax Mason

Pou Taiao - Nathaniel Siave

Kei runga noa atu koutou