

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau,
Thank you to the many people who joined us at the School Picnic. It was such a pleasure to have everyone together - the team that works to help all our tamariki succeed. Watching families connect with each other, meet their child's friends, and also chat away to staff in such a casual and warm environment was heartwarming - this is exactly the type of school family we want to create. Thank you to everyone who came, and we look forward to doing more of this in the future.

How can we help you and your whānau?

We always want to work as team with you- to help all our tamariki and whānau succeed. Apart from the learning side we have other ways we can help.

Shoes: We have great free black shoes in the office. Just pop in (or send your child in) and we will fit them. As they grow out of the shoes we will replace them with a bigger size. KidsCan kindly donate these shoes.

Jackets: We have GREAT waterproof jackets at school for all our students- just come into the office and we will sort one out for you. Once again KidsCan supply this.

Lunches: We have delicious lunches supplied by Ngāti Kahungunu for every child in our school. We normally have a few (but not many due to their yumminess) left over that Anna Murphy or I will put out by the school gate just before 3pm. Sometimes we also put out extra yoghurt, fruit pottles or scroggin.

Fruit: Through our school lunches we have fruit from Shires delivered fresh every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime to last the week.

Breakfast: Every day we put out Weetbix, milk and fruit pottles for anyone who would like some breakfast (or a second breakfast). This is provided by Fonterra and KidsCan.

Period Products: We have free pads and tampons supplied to us from the Ministry of Education. These are for our students **and** for school families (mum's, sisters, aunties, staff etc). Just send us a message, pop in or send your child to the office and we can send home some of the products you prefer.

Handle with care: Sometimes we go through hard things and times as a family and it can affect our children. It can be as simple as siblings spending the morning fighting over the TV before school or as complex as the stress caused by housing challenges or arguments between adults. If we know that it is a challenging time, then we wrap a bit of extra care about your tamariki and also keep an eye on them before they get too annoyed and frustrated. You do not need to share what has happened- if you email or message the teacher, myself, Anna Murphy or the office we will just tell teachers to "Handle with Care". No other information is needed or passed on - we just want to support your child to have the best day possible.

Board of Trustee update

After doing an amazing job serving the South School whānau as our Board chairperson Lee Lee Teller has stepped down after many years of hard mahi. We cannot thank her enough for her dedication, focus and for always having all of tamariki at the centre of all that she does. Lee Lee will continue on the board and Cole Simmons will be our new Board chairperson (also known as the presiding member). We encourage all our families to consider joining the board and we welcome visitors to our meetings so you meet the Board and see what being a Board member is all about.

Have a great week

Nga mihi nui

Caroline

CALENDAR

DATE 2023	EVENT
Fri 23 Feb	Head student speeches at Assembly
Mon 26 Feb	Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser
Fri 1 March	Assembly announcing Head students
Fri 12 April	End of Term 1

2024 SCHOOL LEADERS

Councillors

William Forsyth
Kiaralee Grace
Taya Hauraki
Carter Johnston
Logan Smit

Jesi Eramiha-Nicholson
Miller Harting
Ava Johnson
Franklin Murray
McKenzie Wereta

Cultural Leaders

Lockyer Teller

Kahli-Rae Kopua Samuels

House Captains

Arawa Haylee Aitau-Feierabend Oakley Robinson
Ngapuhi Ashdon Fitzgerald Diamynd Neho
Rangitāne Declan Potgieter Summer Wiseman
Tuhoe Sebastian Berg Lleyton Joyce-Martin



TE KAKANO STAY AND PLAY DAY

We invite our whānau to 'Stay and Play' with their tamariki on a different day each term. For Term One

Monday is our 'Stay and Play' day. This can be Mum, Dad, Aunty, Uncle, Nan or Koro.

We encourage whānau to stay and look through their 'Learning Journeys,' talk to their tamariki about their learning and participate in some fun activities. This



allows us to build relationships with whānau and gives whānau the chance to see how and what their tamariki learn. (Preschoolers are welcome). Today was our first "Stay and Play" day for the year and it was great to have some whānau visiting and taking photos.

REMINDERS

- ⇒ DSS Dental Clinic ph 0800825583
- ⇒ Install the Kiwischool App on your phone
- ⇒ Follow us on Facebook



RUMA 6 NEWS

Ruma 6 have been enjoying their swimming lessons and are pushing themselves out of their comfort zones in preparation for the school swimming sports. We have been out for PE with Ruma 7, participating in activities that involve problem solving and teamwork. On Friday, we had our first Tuakana Teina session with Pohutukawa, which we thoroughly enjoyed and are looking forward to our next session.



Monday 26 February 2024

Wear mufti with a Crazy Hair Style

Gold coin donations (if you can) will go to Leukemia and Blood Cancer Foundation of NZ.

KiVa Team

The role of our KiVa team is to assist the victims and bullies to repair the relationship or resolve an incident that has been reported. The KiVa team meet weekly to work through these cases and follow up with those involved. The DSS KiVa team is Ailsa Castles, Donna Mason, and Julianne Jackson.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

We have space for you and your child to join our Appleton Kindergarten Family!
Have you considered Kindergarten?
We are an extremely well resourced Kindergarten with 6 Fully registered teachers and a full time Student Teacher

We build relationships with our families and whānau so that we can work together as a team to plan and provide the best learning experience and environment for your children!
We are open 8.30-2.30pm
Contact 063746056

First Aid Courses 2024

BE EQUIPPED TO REACT QUICKLY AND SAFELY IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY



Comprehensive First Aid

Essential First Aid

First Aid Revalidation

Held at Tararua REAP,
15 Gordon Street, Dannevirke

Register with
Red Cross

www.redcross.org.nz
or call 0800 733 27677
(RED CROSS)

2024 Dates

January 15 & 16

February 8 & 9

March 14 & 15

April 22 & 23

May 27 & 28

June 19 & 20

July 18 & 19

August 7 & 8

September 11 & 12

October 15 & 16

November 11 & 12

December 10 & 11



Are your Ducks in a Row?

END OF LIFE COMES TO EVERYONE - BE PREPARED, BE ORGANISED



Join our Budget Mentors and relevant professionals for these relaxed, informative sessions so you and your loved ones can rest easy knowing you are prepared for end of life.

Topics covered:

- Power of Attorney and Wills
- Funeral Considerations
- IRD
- Benefits and Grants
- Advanced Care Planning

Details

🕒 1pm - 3pm
📅 Starting Wed 6 March
Attend 1 session or all
📍 Tararua REAP,
15 Gordon Street
💰 Koha Appreciated

"All the workshops have been excellent and very informative. Would recommend it to everyone to attend."

Registration is essential for each session. Please contact Tararua REAP to register.