PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora whānau,

I have just come back from the Kapa Haka Festival, and I am immensely proud of our students and teachers. The pride and confidence they showed on stage was just a privilege to observe. We have worked really hard as a school to build skill and knowledge in Kapa Haka in our staff, so it becomes part of our culture and this showed today. We had so many tamariki wanting to be in competitive Kapa Haka that our junior ropū (group) was created. To prepare for the festival we are lucky enough to have Whaea Hana Mae as our expert but it is Mrs Hewetson, Whaea Ailsa and Mrs Mason who have led this all year and now our other teachers run our whole school Kapa Haka- showing how much the skill and knowledge is spreading across staff and it is truly becoming "South".

New Board of Trustees

Thank you to everyone who ran for our school Board and the many of you who voted.

Our new board are

Jacyln Hartridge

Duane Edwards

June Vermeer

Ashleigh Fairhurst

Jess Galloway

Teacher Only Day

A reminder we will be having a teacher only day on Thursday 23 October 2025 and the school will be closed to students.

Thanks, Caroline



CALENDAR

DATE 2025 EVENT Thur 18 Sep Keep NZ Beautiful Fri 19 Sept Assembly Term 3 Ends Mon 6 Oct Term 4 Begins

Ruma Hoa

Rooms 2 & 7 spent time teaching their buddies about patterns. First, Ruma Rua shared some clapping games that they had learned. Being able to stay in time and keep the rhythm going helps with reading skills. We started off with one partner, then when we had learned the patterns, we kept joining groups together to increase the challenge. After that, we spent some time buddy reading a variety of articles, stories and poems. Then we finished off with Ruma Whitu sharing a dance that involved patterns.





2025 Wearable Arts



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Te Puāwai

have been learning about courtesy/atawhai and have created heartwarmers for each other. They all wrote a descriptive sentence about the positive attributes and things they admire and respect about each other. When they received theirs back it was filled with lovely comments that made everyone feel good about themselves. Lots of us were surprised at the things people noticed about us and there were definitely a lot of smiles all around!





2025 KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

2025 is the very first year that Te Kākano have entered the regions Kapa Haka Festival. These tamariki chose to be involved in this competition and have dedicated their time to learning the waiata and poi to perform at their very best. A BIG 'Tino Pai' Mrs Heald for your



support and encouragement in preparing us for the stage. We are so excited to have them representing our school.







