

Tēnā Koutou Whānau

We hope you've all had a great weekend! Last Friday **Te Pou Theatre** was at our Community Hall showcasing another amazing performance. Everyone certainly enjoyed the show and it was great to have them back with us for another year. Thank you to our community members who were able to attend - it was great to have you there with us!



Last week we also started the **Zespri Young and Healthy Virtual Challenge**. The challenge combines an engaging online interface, motivation and encouragement from some of Aotearoa's most respected sporting stars along with a dose of fun, teamwork, and friendly competition, with over 150,000 children taking part over Aotearoa. To personalise their experience, tamariki built their own unique avatars and then start on a virtual tourism adventure from Madagascar to New York. To earn points that contribute to moving their class around the virtual course, they increase their daily steps and time spent being active, and also gain bonus distance by recording other healthy behaviours like; eating fruit and veges; choosing water as their main drink; sleeping well, minimising leisure screen time and more. As tamariki reach each destination, they are rewarded with a video featuring their unique avatars exploring the location they are "visiting" and learning from and interacting with the inspiring ASICS Ambassadors; Ardie Savea, Ameliaranne Ekenasio and Kane Williamson. The challenge runs for 4 weeks and finishes on Monday 16th September.

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Term dates: 2024

Term One:

Tuesday 30th January to
Friday 12th April

Term Two:

Monday 29th April to
Friday 5th July

Term Three:

Monday 22nd July to
Friday 27th September

Term Four:

Monday 14th October to
Friday 13th December

For the Calendar

Zespri Young & Healthy Virtual Challenge:
Monday 12th August

Kapa Haka Practices in preparation for the Otamatea Toi Festival Term 4
Tuesday mornings with Whaea Vicky & Matua Tahī

South Zone Rugby Session
Monday 26th August 1pm

Tinopai Freshwater Monitoring
Wednesday 4th September





Running alongside this challenge, tamariki are also participating in our **annual school Cross Country endurance practice**. Our school Cross Country event will be held Week 9 of this term. Date to be confirmed.



Staffing: this term we welcome Judy Reid who has been employed on a short term contract for this term within the role of an additional Teacher Aide. It's lovely to have you back at kura Judy!

Attendance: When tamariki are absent from kura whānau, we need you to give us a reason for the absence. Accurate information is essential so we can complete our daily attendance register which is automatically sent through to the Ministry of Education each day. We understand from time to time tamariki become unwell. However, at times, we are seeing some unjustified absences, which does have an impact on your children's learning, progress and achievement. We'd appreciate your support in working towards our goal of having tamariki attending school for 90% or more every term. Thank you in advance for your support.

Open-door Policy: We have an open-door policy at Tinopai Kura. If you have any questions, queries or great suggestions or ideas, do call in and let us know. We would love to hear from you.

Nga mihi nui
Maree, Bree, Kristeen, Ming & Judy

August Freshwater Monitoring Programme



St John Otamatea Colouring Competition Placing Getters

Thank you to St John Otamatea for letting us know about their colouring competition. Our tamariki certainly enjoyed participating and our place getters appreciated their prizes. Tu meke tamariki!

