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TE TAU O AROHANU

UP COMING EVENTS

TERM 2 29th April - 5th July

<u>Powhiri for Mrs Cameron @</u> <u>Rangitikei College</u>

Wednesday 5th June. Students and whānau attending powhiri please be at school by 8.30am.

<u>School Photos postponed</u> 14th August due to hall roof renovation



The year of Great-LOVE



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Ka mihi nui āhau ki a koutou katoa; me ūhia mai te korowai o AROHANUI ki a koutou, (Greetings to you all; let the cloak of great Love wrap around you)

In 2008 I sat at my laptop to write my first principal's blurb. I remember pondering what words I could share that would express my appreciation and gratitude to whānau for entrusting the care of their precious tamariki to the staff and I.

In 2019 I have found myself sitting at my laptop reflecting and pondering yet again what words to write for my very last principal's blurb ...how do I convey to so many who have journeyed alongside, just how precious and valued they are? It isn't easy but I will try. Our school is a very blessed place to be.

To our whānau, each and every student that has come through the gates is rich in experiences and enveloped in the love of their whānau. Their growth, care and wellbeing has been graciously entrusted to us. On behalf of all staff, past and present, I say thank you for your trust and the honour of spending time with your treasured ones. Coming together to nurture them, to endeavour to be the best they have been created to be, is and always will be an honoured privilege that I pray we will never take lightly.

To our students, past and present, the time we have spent together singing, laughing and learning has contributed to who we are. Treasure the moments, especially the ones that challenged us the most. It is these moments that allow us to see just how strong we are.

To our courageously kind staff of excellence, past and present, thank you for your commitment to our whānau and their tamariki. Thank you for your commitment to each other. Thank you for choosing to live and breathe our three pou. Thank you for choosing to love!

On behalf of my husband and family I thank you for allowing us to serve you in love...Aroha tino nui!

Michelle Rangimarie Cameron

AROUND THE SCHOOL

BE ENCOURAGED...

At our Monday assembly this week students presented their sports results and coaches distributed their 3,2,1 points for player endeavour, team work and skill.

Peer mediators acknowledge their peers that are observed demonstrating our RICHER core culture.

Class teachers acknowledged students for achievement in their learning and distributed class certificates.

For the first time each class teacher made a special mention to a student in their class that demonstrated the growth mind set attributes of endeavour (being the best you can be) and resolution (finding win-win solutions and running your race with perseverance). These students received their class 'Excellence Attitude' cup. This cup sits proudly on the desk of the recipient for a week. The intent is for this recipient to stand alongside their class teacher at next week's Monday morning assembly and present the cup to the next recipient.

Pop into each class sometime to congratulate the recipients for their endeavour and resolution.

A number of the students were acutely aware that this was the last Monday morning assembly I would oversee. To encourage each and every one of our students I read out the verses of Addison Road's version of this little light of mine before playing the song to them.

Take a moment to read and discuss the lyrics with your child to encourage them to be all that they can be and shine their light in all circumstances— they are enough. Let Your Little Light Shine by Addison Road

There's a little flame inside a soul Some shine bright Some shine small The rains will come And the waters rise But don't you ever lose your light In this life you will know Love and pain Joy and sorrow So when it hurts When times get hard Don't forget who's child you are

May you live each day With no regret Make the most of every chance you get And your eyes get wide When you look at the stars With the same sense of wonder as a child's heart With the ones you love Treasure the time And for those who are gone

> Keep the memories alive Hold on to your dreams Don't ever let go There's a fire inside you Burning with hope

There will be days when you wanna give up When clouds settle in But after the rain comes the sun Don't you ever forget Don't forget Don't, don't forget

One day there will be no more pain And we will finally see Jesus' face So until then I'm gonna try To brave the dark And let my little light shine

Michelle

AROUND THE SCHOOL

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD

The building projects happening at school are progressing; one well and one slowly but surely.

The Hall Roof

The rate of progress in this construction is impressive and running to schedule. The profile of the hall roof is being raised, the leak fixed and the acoustics with this space improved! This development is set to be completed and signed off by the first week in August.

The Library Pod

Progress on the pod has been slow yet steady. We are just waiting for the electrics to be set up and the ramp and stairs to be completed. Hopefully this will be completed before the end of the term.

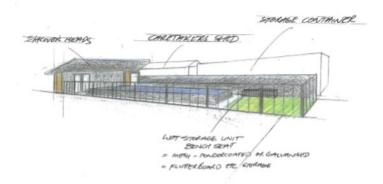


Adventure Playground Upgrades

Starting on the 1st of July an upgrade to both the front and back adventure playgrounds will begin. This development project is scheduled to take 4 weeks. Yeah!

Swimming Pool Upgrade

The Ministry of Education has approved the upgrade of our school swimming pool. This is fantastic news.



The proposed development will;

- fix the leak and reline the pool interior
- demolish the current concrete sheds and replace with a structure that increases the changing room area, mirrors the colours, lines and wooden detailing of the library pod
- external showers and a toilet will be made available within the pool complex
- extend the pool area to the end of the adjacent court area
- replace the front fencing to match the school's green fencing with the pool gate being located at the grass end of the pool

Exciting times for our tamariki!!!

FROM OUR BOARD

NEW PRINCIPAL'S APPOINTMENT

Applications closed on the 17th May.

We had an outstanding amount of quality applicants and have a short list.

The full Board and our Deputy and Assistant Principals will be conducting interviews over the weekend.

Hopefully we will be able to share who our successful applicant is and the date they will be starting very soon.

In the meantime, to ensure continuity and business as usual, our Deputy Principal Ms Melanie Morris and Assistant Principal Ms Sommai Lightbourne will be overseeing our school.

Your Board of Trustees,

Jessamy Glasier, Jonathan Doggett, Ramari Rauhihi-Barlow, Nevin Kuki, Stacey Howe, Shane Gribbon, Jannelle Gray.

BOARD ELECTION VOTING CLOSES 12 NOON FRIDAY 7th JUNE 2019

Your voting paper is only valid if returned in the addressed envelope provided.

Please put your vote in the freepost envelope provided and take to the Post Counter at New World or

Place in the voting box at the school office.

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Returning Officer Karen Stewart

Farewell Mrs Cameron Arohanui



KAI KETE RECIPIENTS

17/05/19 Hogan, King, Jansen & Frost-Saveaalii families.

24/05/19 Kuki, McDowell, Dillon & Beagley families.



Be blessed whānau.

STUDENT ABSENCES – You can text your child's absent message to 027 758 5514, call the school office at 06 327 8229 or notify us via our school app.

> "Being deeply **loved** by someone gives you strength, while **loving** someone deeply gives you courage."