# Tirimoana School Newsletter

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## This week's PB4L Focus: Demonstrating Effort - Putting in the Mahi!



PB4L lessons this week have focused on learners demonstrating their best efforts and getting back to the mahi. Teachers and children have been discussing what effort would look like in different situations and finding another strategy to try something again in a different way. Learners have been reviewing that with improved effort we can achieve learning results we are proud of. Talk to your child about the importance of demonstrating effort in their learning.

He aha te aha? What's on top? - with Mr Kaiser.

#### Back to the mahi!

School opened for Term 2 this Monday. It is our aim to have all our students back learning on site at school, and attending, on time, regularly.

Parents may have seen or heard in the media that the Ministry of Education and the government are concerned about high numbers of students not attending regularly or not attending school at all. All schools have therefore been instructed to focus on full, regular attendance. We allowed some flexibility in Term One due to the spread of COVID-Omicron in the community, and to enable parents who wished to fully vaccinate their children before returning to school to have some time to do so. Now the emphasis is on full attendance.

We do know that many households experienced COVID last term, and with children either at home sick or isolating as close contacts. Many of our staff experienced this too. As a result, classes experienced lots of disruption with student attendance and staff absences. We are hopeful that the worst is now behind us and that we may return to more like normal.

We welcome back two teachers who had to have weeks of sick leave last term to recover from COVID complications. Sadly another one of our staff, Mr Liu, has experienced significant longer term complications from COVID and remains absent from school for probably all of this term.

It may not be a surprise for parents to know that the pool of available relief teachers is very limited, so we often had to share out teaching responsibilities for absent staff among other teachers, including our deputy principals and on occasion, me too. Sometimes we also had to disperse children to other classes.

Teachers are currently in short supply throughout New Zealand. We expect the approaching winter to also bring challenges with staffing and with relief teachers to cover teachers who are absent with illness. Therefore parents and children need to be aware that there may be times when a teacher is absent and no relief teacher is available.

#### **Learning Progress**

We set ourselves the goal in Term One to quickly assess achievement and to identify learning gaps for children so that teachers could prioritise next learning steps. Despite the disruptions of student and staff absences, we have been able to do this. This means that in Term Two we can accelerate learning progress, and we aim to report to parents on achievement and progress by the end of this term.

If you have any questions about your child's learning progress, please contact the teacher directly. Teachers will also contact parents if they observe any significant difficulties any child is experiencing.

# **Class Trips**

This term teachers are planning learning trips outside the classroom. It means we are getting back to more like normal. The first classes to have a learning trip are our Year 6 classes who will be visiting Auckland's War Memorial Museum next Friday (13 May).

## **Celebrating Eid**



We wish all our families celebrating Eid this week,a happy and joyous occasion.

## **ANZAC Assembly**

Many New Zealanders and Australians commemorated ANZAC Day during the school holidays on Monday 25th April. We began the new school term with an ANZAC assembly outside on the flagpole court on Monday morning. We, like our neighbours across the Tasman, see the spirit of the ANZAC's and their service in World War One as a defining point in our development as nations. This spirit has defined much of our shared national character. Let us not glorify war but recognise service, comradeship, sacrifice and duty. We honour all our current serving defence personnel, men and women, still active in troubled places around the world in the pursuit of peace and reconciliation in communities far away from New Zealand.



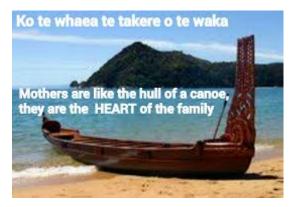




# Happy Mother's Day



To all our mothers, we hope you enjoy a lovely day with your family on Sunday.





# Kia ora and Welcome to Tirimoana School



Year 1:					
Oliver Bagley	Lina Basiri	Hana Filipo	Mila Happy	Stella Joyce	Annorah Kumar
Ele Matanawa	Naomi Maui	Colt Nordmeyer	Emily O'Shea	Riaan Patel	Aariel-Renay Patelesio
Zebedee Ropati-Tongalea	Theo Shannon	Mason Souvannalak	Aaron Wang	Rachel Wu	Alex Xu
Braydon Yao	Quintus Suu	Braydon Yao			
Year 4	Vaiga Nikhil	Navina Patil	Noam Lung	Year 6	Mael Lung (Welcome back)



#### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you for the wonderful response to our Easter raffle. With your help the raffle raised over \$3,685. Thank you to Jenny for organising the raffle.

**Lunch Orders: Thursday and Fridays** 



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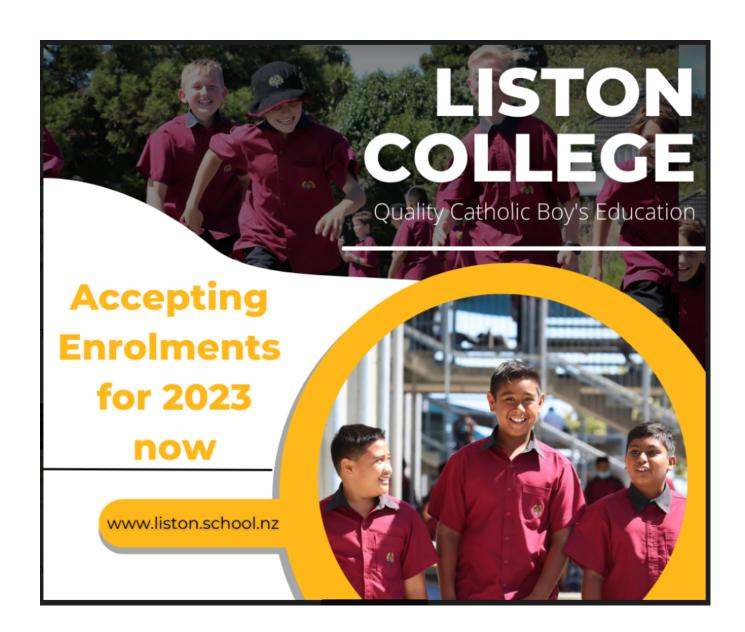
Fun After Three has places available for before school care. **Mornings:** 7 am- 8.30 am. Breakfast provided.

Contact Tracey Simonsen on 027 249 2428 or email <a href="mailto:funafter3@gmail.co">funafter3@gmail.co</a>m

# Fun After Three- Staff required -Position available



We are looking for new staff to join our great team, to work either mornings or afternoons school days. We do not operate over the school holidays. If you are a parent or a University student and want part time work, please phone Tracey on 027 249 2428







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He moana pukepuke e ekengia te waka - A choppy sea can be navigated

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