



TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA
TE KAMURA
St Joseph's Catholic School

Pānui #14 – 21 October 2019

Tumuaki Message...

Term 4 is charged to be an exciting one. ERO visited us in Term 3 and their feedback was extremely positive. They commented that *"Governance practices and processes have been strengthened."*

They also observed that *Parents/whānau are supportive of the school's direction and vision. There is a strong sense of whanaungatanga through intergenerational connections to the school and local whenua. Parents notice their children's increased confidence as learners due to teachers responding to individual interests and a more engaging curriculum.*

In terms of a Responsive Curriculum ERO commented that *"Authentic learning in the local environment and opportunities for ākonga to achieve well as Māori learners are key underpinnings of the school's curriculum."*

As a result, ERO is planning to return in Term 1 2020 to conclude this 1-2 year longitudinal review and finalise the verification process. This is a real positive for our kura and a reflection of all the hard work that has gone on over last 18months.

Kura News

Curriculum Delivery **Term 4 Foci:**

Kaupapa Matua: Tikanga ā Iwi (Social Studies)

Pāngarau/Maths: Tau (Number) & Tauanga (Statistics)

Religious Education: Liturgical Calendar (Advent and Christmas)

Te Reo Pānui: Rautaki Panui Aroā

Te Reo Tuhituhi: Tuhinga Paki Whakamārama

Reading: Reading Comprehension Strategies & Letter/Blend Identification

Writing: Explanatory Writing

Hauora: Te Ara Tika

Hākinakina: Waka Ama

Fitness: Swimming

Kura Website

We have now launched our new kura website. The URL address is <https://www.tekamura.school.nz/>. The website houses our newsletters, Term calendar. You can also update your contact details and post student absences here. I will do a walk through at our next whānau hui of the site.

Whānau Hui

There is a Whānau Hui on 31 October 3:30-4:30pm. The Agenda for the Hui includes;

- Charter and Strategic Plan update
- Festival Update
- Kura Information
 - Kura website
 - Wetlands Working Bee Clean Up
 - End of Year Camp
 - Praise giving
 - General Information

Your attendance is appreciated, as it is an opportunity for you to contribute to the discussions outlined above.

Swimming

Swimming begins Tuesday 29 October for tuakana. We are looking into *Little Dippers* for teina and we will confirm after we know costs per student.

Religious Education

A key part of our curriculum is religious education. To support our programme, Lou King (currently relieving in our kura) will be teaching RE 2 hours a week. This term's focus is the Liturgical Calendar and specifically 'Advent' and 'Christmas Celebrations'.

Wetlands Working Bee

This year, we have spent a lot of time in our wetlands space, restoring it and connecting with the environment as an extension of our learning space. To get ready for 2020 we need to organise a whānau working bee to clear the wetlands as it is a bit overgrown. To be discussed further at whānau hui.

Whāea Ness – Maternity Leave

Whāea Ness's last day with us is 14 November and we are having a shared lunch with her on Wednesday 13th. Whāea Ness is a valuable staff member and has worked hard for our kura and tamariki in the short time she has been with us. Whilst we are excited for and her growing whānau, we will miss her dearly. Please join us for her farewell if you can and bring something to share for lunch.

Arts Extravaganza Fundraising

We raised \$3000.00 from our fundraiser. All monies will be used to cover student costs for end of year camp.

Kapa Haka Afternoon Practises

To help our tamariki be ready for Festival we would like to run 4 after school practises on the following days;

- Wed 30 October 3:15-5pm
- Mon 4 November 3:15-5pm
- Wed 6 November 3:15-5pm
- Tues 12 November 3:15-5pm

Please complete permission below to confirm your child/ren's attendance. We will ensure they have something to eat and drink after kura before practise begins.

Ngā manaakitanga o te wā

Whāea Mereana

Tumuaki

I give permission for my child/ren to attend after school kapa haka practise (please tick the days that you child/ren can attend)

- Wed 30 October 3:15-5pm
- Mon 4 November 3:15-5pm
- Wed 6 November 3:15-5pm
- Tues 12 November 3:15-5pm

Signed (parent/guardian)
