

Kia ora e te whānau

Ake Ake Ake

A FOREVER LANGUAGE

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country.

The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the *resilience, adaptability and endurance* of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future.

Under enduring pressure te reo Māori has shown it will adapt and survive. It grows with our people, our culture and our environment.

Week 9 is upon us and we have lots of exciting things underway.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Sharon Boese for her leadership at the school during my absence. I also want to express my deep gratitude to the school board for their support, which allowed me to participate in the Principal Study Tour in Finland. Visiting other schools is always a valuable experience, but having the opportunity to do so in Tampere was truly a privilege. As many of you may know, Finland's education system is considered one of the best in the world. Education is a top priority for the Finnish government and is well-resourced, particularly in the area of learning support. Finnish children are encouraged to be self-managing and independent from a very young age. If you're interested in learning more about my experience or the Finnish education system, I'd be happy to meet and share further insights.

Property update:

The refurbishment of rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8 have now been completed and the children have their lovely new spaces to settle in for the last term. A big thank you to Ryan McGarry and Matua Jake, as well as all the children in Rooms 5 and 6 for their patience and flexibility over the last term.

What's coming up.....

Week 9:

- 16-20 Sept - Te wiki o te Reo Māori - a big thank you to our Tu Rangatira students and Dave Whiteman for organising the lunchtime events.

Week 10:

- PRODUCTION WEEK - Year 4 - 6 ākonga

Just a reminder that tickets are to be purchased through the Kindo App. The tickets are selling as "first in first served" basis. All school aged children who are not in the production, are required to purchase a ticket. There is no allocated seating. Below is the link to purchase tickets;

Here is the link: <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/app/login>

- **Wednesday 25 September Matinee 11.00am**
- **Wednesday 25 September Evening show 6.45pm**
- **Thursday 26 September Evening show 6.45pm**
- **Friday 27 September - End of Term 3, PTSG Gate Combo**

Term 4 begins on Monday 14 October

- **Dental van at Tawhai School 15 October – 13 November**

Week 2 - Teacher Only Day - Friday 25 October

Week 3 - Labour Day - Monday 28 October

Week 4 - School photos

Nga mihi nui

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