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**PĀANUI**  
 Te Wahanga tua tahi mo te wiki tuawha  
 Tokohia ngā tamariki: 60



20<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
 Kia ora e te whanau,

There will be an early morning start for some of our students with the remainder leaving at a few hours later. There has been a lot of organizing for the Whakamaumaharatanga o te Paahuatanga O Apakura ki Rangiaowhia Commemorations. This will be a memorial service to commemorate 160 years of this event occurring. Practice sessions with students from TKHS and Wharekura o Maniapoto have been occurring over the past week or more in preparation for the occasion.

Thank you whaanau for returning the Bus Code of Conduct form. This allows our whaanau and tamariki to all be aware of the expectations when travelling on buses at all times.

Thank you to our whaanau who put the word out into our community for someone interested in our Kitchen Managers job whilst our current Manager will be away on maternity leave. We were also on the lookout for someone to be the extra cleaner so the team of 3 is once again happening. This allows for illnesses and absences for personal reasons and ensures the duties at the kura are still completed in a timely manner.

Our school swimming sports will be held next Tuesday at the town pool. The senior students have been given some prep time prior to the event so they get used to the larger pool. We wish everyone the best during the event and hope to see whaanau down at the pools. Both the juniors and seniors will be at the town pool on the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb (Next Tuesday).

Heoi ano  
 Kevin Ikin, Principal

**Upcoming Events this Term**

Rangiaowhia (Te Awamutu) KURA	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
BOT Mtg 5:15pm	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
CP School Swimming Sports	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb
E Velocity visit Yr 7-8 Waikato Uni	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Interschools Swimming Sports	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Friday - No School	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Monday - No School	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Easter Tuesday - No School	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Ōrākau (Kihikihi) Attendance date	TBC
Last Day of Term One	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Anzac Day	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April
School starts again Term 2	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April

**Community Notices**

**Rangiaowhia**

*Te Kura Rautau will be attending the Whakamaumaharatanga o te Paahuatanga o Apakura ki Rangiaowhia on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024. (Near Te Awamutu) All whaanau would by now have been notified of this event and that we wish to have all our students attend. Many thanks for supporting us with this significant historical event.*



(TKHS; TWOM & Te Kura Rautau practicing for Rangiaowhia Commemorations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Feb)

*Coming up over the Easter Break...*

*The Commemorations of **Ōrākau** (160 Years) will occur over the Easter weekend. We would like to have our students attend this event during this time. It may be that it is for one day only. This will be another significant learning opportunity for our students, staff and whaanau.*

*As arrangements are still in its early stages, we will keep you posted to the plan we take. This is just an early info update to inform you all of what will be happening before the end of Term 1.*

### **Reading, Writing and Math**

From the start of 2024, all schools and kura with students in Years 0 to 8 will spend an average of one hour each day teaching reading, writing and maths, as well as pānui, tuhituhi and pāngarau.

The Government wants all children, no matter where they go to school, to develop the skills and knowledge needed to do well. Daily teaching, along with a quality curriculum and good teaching practices, has been shown to improve student progress and achievement.

### **Teaching core skills**

This change is part of the new Government's 100-day plan for education. The Government wants to ensure time is set aside each day to teach students these core skills.

Reading, writing and maths | pānui, tuhituhi and pāngarau are used in every subject so it is important all children learn them and learn them well.

Many schools and kura are already doing this teaching so there may not be much change for many. For those who need to make changes, we will provide practical examples and guidance.

The policy asks for an average of one hour teaching for each skill each day. Teachers will be able to spread out the time into small blocks and they will continue to adjust their teaching to suit each student's age and

needs. They will deliberately and purposefully dedicate time to teaching these core skills.

Teaching techniques like investigations, collaborative learning and games will continue to be used so students stay engaged with their learning.

Schools will continue to have flexibility to accommodate events like athletics days and school camps.

### **Will children still have time for other learning?**

Literacy and numeracy are part of all learning areas so improving reading, writing and maths will help students across the board with all their learning.

Under this new policy teachers will be planning suitable blocks of time that are appropriate for young children so they can keep learning engaging and focused on student needs across the curriculum.

This is about having time dedicated to teaching reading, writing and maths and to be deliberate and purposeful about this.

### **Centennial Park School Values Ngā Uara**

**Wairua Hihiko** - (Innovation) their creativity, imagination and flair for innovation

**Panekiretanga** - (Excellence) in all they apply themselves to

**Mana Tangata** - Pride in their identity, resilience when faced with challenges and adversity, enduring respect and care for hapū and iwi, integrity of character and as an individual

**Maniapototanga** – versed in the whakapapa, waiata, karakia, histories of Maniapoto

### **BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE STARTING ON THURSDAY THIS WEEK!**

**Thank you Whaea Janie for returning to  
help out our Tamariki  
07:45 – 08:45am  
Nau mai haere mai**