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Te Aro School Newsletter – 17 November 2025

News from the Principal's Desk

Tena tatou katoa e te whanau. Talofa. Kia orana, Bula, Dobar dahn, Nabad, Hola, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, As-Salaam-Alaikum, Bonjour, Konnichiwa, Buon giorno, Cześć, Mingalarpar, Selamat datang, Walang anuman, Buon giorno, Guten Tag, Cześć, Salamu Aleykum, Hallo, Merhaba, Akkam, Selamat datang, Walang anuman, Mabuhay, Xin chào

Nau mai haere mai

Last week we welcomed Joanna and Rodgers to our school community. Joanna has joined Tessa, Mathew and Shara in Rūma Manuka. Rodgers has joined Serah in Rūma Tawa.

We welcomed new students and their whanau at our Term 4 mihi whakatau on Thursday 6 November. It was great to hear families speaking in their home languages including German, Spanish, Papua New Guinean and Sinhala.

Pack the Bus

Many thanks to all the families who have left donations by the office of non-perishable food items, toys, and games for the school's contributions to Pack the Bus. The staff at the Movenpick Hotel (our neighbours) are joining us to ensure we really do fill the bus with our donations.

Mega Gala

The highlight of last week will come as no surprise to you - Friday's Mega Gala was a roaring success. Our Year 7s did a marvellous job organising this annual event. The Year 7s worked hard at preparing their different activities and games. They rightly felt proud of their achievements.



It was fun to organise things like the gala. I was on the baking stall. I sold baking to not only the little kids but the seniors too. I like how we support Pack the Bus. It is great to help families who might need food over Christmas. – Lara

I was in the face painting crew. We had so many students wanting rainbows painted on their faces. We had a queue at our three face painting stations. We nearly ran out of red paint which would have been a disaster! - Rose



Many thanks to the Year 8s for being such attentive and supportive minders of our youngest students. They accompanied our youngest students around the stalls and games.



I think the mega gala was great for the first time. We raised over \$300 on the toy stall. It was a little stressful at times as children were queueing up or huddling around the tables. I worked with Jay to set up the stall. We had a lot of good donations. – Matai

Many thanks to the families who donated baking especially those families with children in the junior school. The Year 7 students really appreciated your support.



My Dad made pinkish rice krispy squares for the gala. I bought a cute pink giraffe teddy. I tried guessing what was in the box. I had to wear a blind fold. I guessed there was a teddy in the box and I was right. I got a lollipop. I also did the cup stacking activity. - Wolf



I liked the face painting. I had a rainbow on my face. I also did pop the balloon. I popped two balloons. I had sherbet for the first time. You licked the lollipop and then you put it in the sherbet. Then you lick it. It was so yummy! - Astra



I liked being at the gala with my friend Althea. We both bought bunnies. I got a rainbow painted on my face. – Brielle

I enjoyed popping the balloons. I popped two balloons. I also liked the guess the object box. I guessed there was a rubber cake tin in the box and the second object I guessed was something wooden. I threw a sponge at Anna and Levi. I had so much fun at the gala. - Vivian



It was fun organising the events and getting the prizes. We blew up balloons on Thursday after tech. We filled Poutama with all the blown up balloons. It was fun watching the little children's faces as they threw the darts. Some of the youngest kids did really well and hit three balloons. You could throw three or five throws. Daisy and I worked well together. We did some of the organising together and some jobs we did separately. – Eve

I liked the pop the balloon game. I actually popped two balloons. I also liked the toy stall. I bought a kind of doll. I bought some baking too. – Jeb

The Annual Sponge Throw – Soak the Teacher is always a favourite





I worked on designing the Guess the Object stall. I liked looking at the kids' expressions as they felt inside the box. We got some funny guesses. Some people thought we had slime in one box but it was actually soggy pasta. I like the creative process of coming up with our idea. - Kala

I bought two transformers. One is a spinosaurua. My second transformer is a double transformer. I bought a piece of chocolate brownie and a cupcake with sprinkles on it. I had a very good time at the gala. - Ellie

The best part of the gala was the toy stall. I bought a little cute cat. I also bought some candy floss and a cup cake. – Anezka

My best part of the gala was when I got to pop the balloons. I popped six balloons! I wish I had won the lolly jar. I guessed there were 105 lollies in the jar! - David

My best part of the gala was buying a transformer at the toy stall. The transformer transforms from a digger into a human. Oh and I bought a cupcake too. - Kit

Shakespeare at the Stadium

Some of our Year 7 & 8 students performed in Shakespeare's As You Like It at the Members' Gallery at the stadium last Wednesday. Our students performed with a number of other schools with each school having two or three scenes to rehearse and then perform on the day. Our students rehearsed

This year's performance was the 11th year Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand (SGCNZ) has offered Primarily Playing with Shakespeare (PPWS), to primary and intermediate age students in the greater Wellington region. Our students got to work with Dryw McArthur who was the Co-Director/Mentor for 2025.



I liked performing at the space. It was a big space to perform in and we really had to project our voices. I was Lebau, the servant. I only had one line in the scene I was in. I really enjoyed all the rehearsals. - Dezon

I thought our students were really good. We spoke well and our students' acting was the best. – Matai

I loved Shakespeare. I loved the acting. I loved how the language was so weird! Everything was AWESOME! - Jay

I enjoyed participating in this year's Shakespeare. I was Orlando in our second scene. I really enjoyed the role I had. This was my second year performing in Shakespeare. Both productions have been so much fun to be part of and being on stage. Participating in Shakespeare gives you a taste for performing and for secondary school English. – Neva



I really enjoyed acting as a herald. I especially liked performing in the members' gallery at the stadium. The Shakespeare performance was definitely my favourite thing this year- Rico



I loved it! It was the funnest thing we have done all year! And I really, really hope we can do it again next year! I also just loved being in it because I love saying the strange lines and just acting in front of a big crowd! - Ruby



I personally liked being able to perform on stage, but as a background character, despite not having a major role, it was super interesting to see the action on stage. There were some funny moments and others that were dramatic. It was what made my Shakespeare experience enjoyable. - Sophia D

Technology and Sun Safety

In Anna's room the students have been working on designing their own sun hats. In designing their hats the students had to meet the brief of ensuring their hats were sun safe and covered their ears, their nose, and part of their necks. They also needed to remain on in high winds and most importantly look cool!

Hat making has allowed us to be creative. I love how you have to make changes to your design as we have worked on our hats. We began with a design - drawing what we thought our hat would look like. We started off making a prototype of our hat in newspaper. – Phoebe

I was inspired by a Mexican sombrero for my hat's design. Instead of painting the hessian I used triangles of fabric to decorate my hat. - Luci

I chose to create a cap because I really like wearing caps. Caps are so easy to wear. I've painted my cap black. I am not going to add anything else to my cap. I am keeping it a simple black cap. If I actually forget to bring a cap to school, I'll be able to wear the cap I have made. - Waleed

I am making an aeroplane inspired hat. My dream idea would be to fly to school. I'm adding rocket booster to my hat. My hat is going to make me look like an aeroplane. My hat is a passenger plane and I am the only passenger on board! - Fenny

My hat is like a Chinese hat but I didn't paint or decorate it red. I covered my hat in some material that had spider webs on it. – Alan



I have enjoyed being able to come up with my own design. Before I add any more details to my hat I am painting it blue. - Franca

I am going to add a target design to my hat. The target is going to be red. - Manoa

I was thinking of creating a bright hat. I've chosen yellow because it would make my hat cheerful. I'm still to add a ribbon to it and gemstones. – Zoya

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries that you have about the school or feedback which you would like to share with me.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,
Sue



School Notices



Te Aro School Movie Fundraiser

Sunday 30 November 1.30 pm

Penthouse Cinema Brooklyn

Tickets \$20
(seat + lolly bag)

To book send payment to:
Te Aro School Board
12 – 3141 – 0258308 – 000

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Email: office@tearo.school.nz

This event is open to people outside the school community –
bring your friends!

Kia ora Te Aro whānau,

We are very excited to be hosting a movie fundraiser at The Penthouse cinema in Brooklyn for a screening of Zootopia 2 on **Sunday 30th November at 1:30pm**. Profits from this fundraiser will go towards building an amazing outdoor teaching space at our school.

Spread the word to all your family, friends, and work colleagues from outside our Te Aro school community and encourage them to come along and support our fundraiser

Please buy your tickets this week from the School Office. Tickets are \$20 each which includes your seat and a lolly bag.

If you would like to reserve tickets but can't pay for them until next week, please let the office know how many tickets you want and we will put them aside for you.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Friends of Te Aro



YEAR 8s

**Te Tai Ohinga is
OPEN TO YOU
and your whānau**

**Saturday 6th December
10am - 6pm | 203 Willis St**

**Come check out Wellington's
youth hub for 13-24 year olds!**

**Breakfast | Group activities | Games |
Arts and crafts | Hang out | Explore**

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Important Dates

November

Fri 21 Nov – Last day for Pack the Bus donations

Fri 28 Nov – Tuatara's Got Talent

December

Tues 2 Dec – First Language Time celebration

Wed 3 Dec – Te Aro's got Talent

Wed 3 Dec – BOT Meeting

Fri 5 Dec – Beach Ed Worser Bay Y5/6

Tues 9 Dec/Wed 10 Dec – Summer Reading

Thurs 11 Dec – Y8 Leavers' Banquet

Fri 12 Dec – Y8 Leavers' Assembly

Mon 15 Dec – Beach Ed Worser Bay Y7/8

Tues 16 Dec – Big Day In

Wed 17 Dec – 1pm – Last day of term

Term Dates 2025

Term 4 2025

Monday 6 October – Wed 17 December
(school finishes at 1pm)

Labour Day – Monday 27 October

Term Dates 2026

Term 1 2026

Wednesday 4 February – Thursday 2 April

Waitangi Day – Friday 6 February

Good Friday – Friday 3 April

Term 2 2026

Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

Anzac Day – Observed Monday 27 April

King's Birthday – Monday 1 June

Term 3 2026

Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4 2026

Monday 12 October – Wed 16 December
(school finishes at 12pm)

Labour Day – Monday 26 October