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## Te Aro School Newsletter – 30 March 2026

### *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**

Last week we farewelled Yuya, an intern from Kagawa University in Japan. Yuya spent three weeks at our school learning about how schools in New Zealand welcome and settle students from overseas into their classrooms.

I wish you all a relaxing Easter weekend and that the holidays which follow are an opportunity for your children to enjoy time with family and friends. I'm looking forward to spending time with friends, reading and ticking a few things off my to-do lists linked to school and home.

Congratulations to the following students who have been at school every day this term: Aisha, Romi, Gracelyn, Gregory, Ivor, Lena, Mervan, Luci, Ivy, Gaspar, Alessio, Cece, Izzy, Tadhg, Chibuikem, David, Ruby, Florence, Han, Jay, Franca, Tomasa, Pasha, Henry, Ginny, Junyi, Emily, Josie, Shawn, Hazel, Esin, Piper, Clive, Sosha, Lila M, Aamira, Vinoshka, Joanna, Rodgers, Astra, Jasmine, Enzo, Lane, Annie, Georgie, Kauti, Addy, Juno, Luca, Kaha and Muhong.

#### **Earthquake Drill**

Last Tuesday our school carried out an earthquake drill. Students and staff followed our procedures well and assembled out on the top playground. We were able to evacuate the school in just five minutes.



#### **Mathsathon**

It was exciting to draw names out of our prize draw box at our assembly last Friday. Our first prize winners were Yumiao, Rayshiva, Hamish, Ranaya and Noor. Congratulations to these students who have been working on their basic facts learning at home. There will be a weekly draw right through to Friday 15 May.

#### **An afternoon at Meow**

Many thanks to Emily and Jo for the Sunday afternoon fundraiser at Meow. Emily and her son Eddie cohosted the event with their friends performing. It was an uplifting and fun event where young and old enjoyed the afternoon of performances. We raised an amazing \$4271 from the ticket and raffle sales.

## Visiting the library

Last Thursday our junior classes (Tuatara whanau) walked down to the newly opened Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui (Wellington Central Library) down on Victoria Street. The staff were equally excited as the students were to see inside the refurbished library.

We are so grateful to the many parents who have supported our students on this trip. We couldn't do trips like this without parent and grandparent support so that our tamariki get the most out of the trips and they remain safe while out in public.



*I liked our visit to the library. I liked the story time session. The librarian read two books to us. One was Poo Bum! It made us laugh. My Dad helped to build the whole of Capital E. - Amelia W*

*I knew some of the librarians as they had visited my day care. It was nice to see them again. I liked hearing the book Poo Bum read to us. – Cece*



*I liked visiting the library. I liked being squished into the cubby holes where we got to read books. I liked hearing the story Poo Bum. I have that book at home. It's a silly book which really makes me laugh. I'll visit the library again. - Hazel*



*I was Hazel's buddy on our walk. You have to stay with your buddy and you hold hands as you walk. I liked having the books read to us. I saw the leaf pictures. Our school helped to make some of them. My brothers Nico and Hugo made some of the pictures. - Juno*

## House Chants

Last Friday students gathered across the school in their houses to agree a chant that they can use when we have house events.



*I'm in the red house which is Te Ruru. I like being in this house as we have lots of children in it including my brother David. We had three options for our chant. We voted for our favourite option. We voted for Ray's idea which started with 2,4,6, 8 Te Ruru is really great! - Chibuikem*



*We also had three options for a chant in Te Kiwi. Clive's suggestion of Te Kiwi rules the school won when we voted. In Hogwarts Hufflepuff are like Te Kiwi because we are kind and helpful. - Ivor*

*I'm in Te Kiwi. Our house colour is yellow. Our chant is Te Kiwi's mellow and we're not shallow. Te Kiwi rules the school. Jay led our chant. - Mervan*



*I'm in Te Kakapo the green house. The big kids in our house led our chant. I like being in my house group as I like when the younger children work with the older children. It's fun being together. - Anais*

## Highlights of this term

As we head to the end of our first term, I asked some students to share with me their highlights of this term and what they hope they might learn next term.

*I have really enjoyed Maths this term. I like Maths as I like looking at numbers. Sometimes numbers randomly pop into my head. Next term I hope I get to learn more about geometry. I want to learn about the angles in a triangle. - Fatih*

*I really liked the Eastern Walkway walk and our trip to Adrenalin Forest. I like the challenges of activities like these. I have enjoyed working with Meena. She has really helped me to improve in my Maths learning. Next term I am looking forward to continuing to do our leadership work and learning more about the people in our community. - Rose G*

*I like having time to make things at school. I am making a squishy bag at the moment. - Brielle*

*I have enjoyed maths this term. Maths is so much fun. I like getting the answers right. We have been working on addition and subtraction. I hope next term we start on multiplying and dividing. - Sophia*

*This term I most enjoyed going to Adrenalin Forest. I like activities that involve a thrill. I also liked the Eastern Walkway. That surprised me as I don't normally walk five kilometres. Some of our reading work has been challenging this term, especially answering the comprehension questions. I know I need to be able to answer these questions as they will make me a better reader. Being able to answer the questions in my own words will help me understand what I am reading. - Junyi*

*I made some claws at technicraft out of plywood. I sprayed them in silver paint which gave the effect that the claws were made out of metal. My family thought they were cool. - Rose B*



*At technicraft this term I made a bag. I chose the Japanese coat bag design. Sewing on the straps was the most challenging part as I had to sew through so many layers of fabric. Next term I hope we learn more history and not just New Zealand history. - Ruby*

*At technicraft I made a bag. I liked using the sewing machine. My family said my bag was good. - Rua*

*I enjoyed our trip to Adrenalin Forest. It was the first time I had experienced an activity like this. I am really enjoying being with my friends this term. There are new people in our group which has been good after three of our friends left to go to high school at the end of last year. I am really looking forward to learning more science next term. I like the House of Science kits. - Emily*

*A highlight of this term has been writing my letters home. The letters home are about us sharing with our families what we have done at school over the week. My Mum and my Dad both like getting my letters because if they have had a tough day my letter makes them feel better. I have also enjoyed all the art we have done this term. Next term I am looking forward to swimming. - Oriol*

*I have really liked learning about electricity this term from the science kit. I enjoyed making a torch using a light bulb, a battery, wires, tin foil and electric tape. We got it to light up! Leadership is so much more fun as Year 8 this year. I am looking forward to more leadership work next term and working with other science kits. - Ni Lar*

*I really enjoyed our rugby lesson last week. I like how we practised moving the ball using the elephant trunk throw. I liked working with the coach Lucy. I liked how she had us doing lots of different drills including heads, shoulders, knees and toes with your partner and trying to be the first one to touch the cone. I liked how she had us running lots in the training session. - Zen*

*I liked the rugby training we did. I liked how Lucy used games to make learning to plan rugby so much fun. The House event was one of the best events of this term. I was excited to learn a chant with everyone in my house. I wear yellow as my house colour as I am Te Kiwi. I have liked being in Mathew's class. I like how you can be 'little teacher' in his class and that you can get awarded the pink peg or sitting on the couch which are daily prizes. - Esin*

*I liked playing rugby with Lucy. I worked with Shenal, Marley, and Minghe. We had to pass the ball along our line. Catching the ball was a little tricky as I am not used to catching an oval ball. When you catch the ball you have to make a 'W' shape with your hands. I have really liked working with Mathew this term. He is funny! - Jasmine*

#### **DCM food bank**

*We are very grateful for all the non-perishable food items that have been donated for the food bank at DCM (formerly Downtown Community Ministry). The donations are being picked up this Wednesday. Thank you so much for your support. - Jay, Juno, Abel, Danuthi, Josie and Ni Lar.*



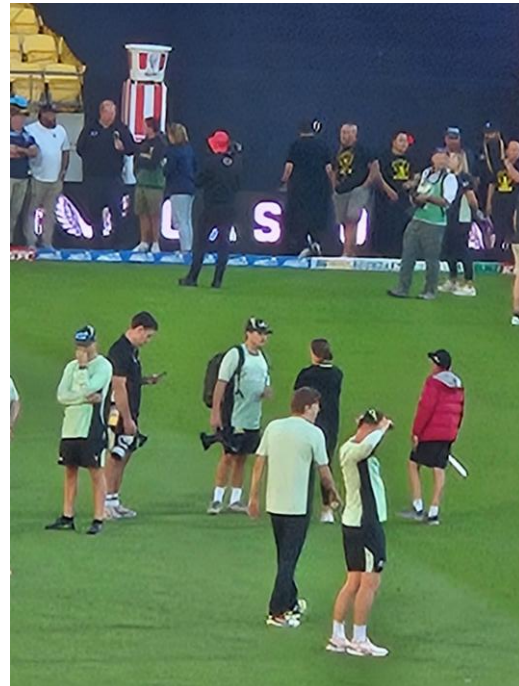
I am looking forward to the year ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries that you have about the school or feedback which you would like to share with me.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,  
Sue



Faris from Ruma Pohutukawa had the opportunity to be the official “Toss kid” at the T20 match between the Blackcaps and South Africa on 22nd March 2026. It was a great experience for Faris to be on the same ground alongside international teams.

During Faris’ introduction, both his school and cricket club were acknowledged.



## Important Dates

<p><b>March</b>  <b>Tues 31 March</b>                      Rūmaki reo</p>	<p><b>April</b>  <b>Thurs 2 April</b>                      Last day of term 1</p> <p><b>Mon 20 April</b>                      First day of term 2</p> <p><b>Tues 21 April</b>                      Kekenō Art Trip to Oriental Bay and Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui</p> <p><b>Fri 24 April</b>                      Teacher Only Day – school closed for tuition</p> <p><b>Mon 27 April</b>                      Anzac Day observed – school closed for tuition</p>	<p><b>May</b>  <b>Fri 1 May</b>                      Music Month Concert</p> <p><b>Wed 6 May</b>                      School Photo Day</p> <p><b>Fri 15 May</b>                      School Cross Country</p> <p><b>Tues 19 May</b>                      Year 7 vaccinations</p> <p><b>Tues 26 May</b>                      Central Zone Cross Country</p>
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## 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

*Teacher Only Day – Friday 24 April*

*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 1pm)

*Labour Day – Monday 26 October*