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Te Aro School Newsletter – 18 May 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

A warm welcome to Anh and Ojasvi who joined our school community over the past two weeks.

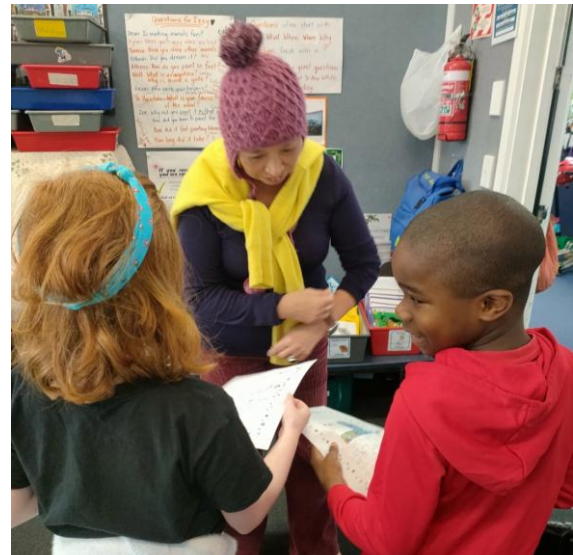
Celebrating our Support Staff

This week we celebrated a support staff team of Georgie, Jo, Graham, Miranda, Adam, Jack, Lola, Marcus, Zak, Somayeh, Twinkle, Kekona and Shane.

*You are the glue that holds our school together
You bring patience and care to every learning space
Our deepest thanks belong to you!*



We had a morning tea for the team on Tuesday and over the week they received cards, letters and pictures from children across the school.



Mathsathon

Many thanks for the phenomenal Mathsathon response we have had to date. We have raised \$6,511. We are very grateful to all the children and families who sought sponsorship from family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. We have seen some real improvement in our students' instant recalling of their basic fact and times table knowledge as a result of recent mathsathon learning.

Curriculum Changes

Last week the teaching team and I welcomed the Minister of Education's announcement that she is delaying the implementation of the proposed curriculum changes and that she is planning a more realistic timeframe to introduce further curricula changes. Our current understanding is that the draft Science and Social Sciences curricula will now be implemented across 2027 and 2028, followed by Health and Physical Education, the Arts, Technology, and Learning Languages from 2029. This means schools can focus their current efforts on adopting and adapting the new Maths and English curricula in 2026.

Cross Country

We were so lucky with the weather last Friday when we held our school cross country event. Many thanks to Meena and her team of Year 7 students who organised the morning's event. Thanks too to members of our support staff team who ran alongside some of our students so they could participate in their races. You really went the extra mile for our students!

I wore blue for my cross country run. I like when we wear house colours. I got four blue sticks because I ran four laps. My Mummy and Daddy came to see me run. I ran with my friend Altheah. - Brielle



I liked running the cross country. I ran three laps. I helped my friend Minn Zan to run. I told him to keep running. I ran holding his hand to help him keep going. I wore green clothes because green is my house colour. - Te Huatahi

Te Huatahi helped me to run. He ran beside me. Running was hard. - Minn Zan



It was fun running on Friday. I was placed 14 out of all of the Year 3s. When the race started I ran fast but as I got tired I slowed down. At the end of the race I had used up all of my energy. - Chibuikem



Even when I got tired I kept running. I ran three laps. Tomasa's family cheered and so did Ivy from Rūma Tawa. I ran better than I did last year. - Kainat

Doing the warm ups with each year group was fantastic. It was great seeing all the children begin their races. The year 6s were the hardest group to do their warm up because they weren't great at listening! - Drey



It was quite funny warming up all the kids before they started racing. I ran in the fun run and it was actually quite fun! - Liam

I ran fast and I was second. I like to run. My Mumma and Pappa came to see me run my first race. - Juno

I liked running on Friday as I got to run with my big friend Ella. When I started running I was quite fast. I kept running fast for the whole race. - Hazel



Running was fun. I got first place. Near the end of the race I ran super fast. - Roi

I got two sticks for running two laps. I felt like I was flying as I ran. I was running so fast. Elsie's Dad Michael took a video of me running. He's going to share it with my Mummy. - Ivy



I told myself to keep running and I did! Everyone was cheering us on. The cheering helped me to run. Friday was my first ever cross country. - Adeline

I liked that my Mum saw me running. I wore red clothes as red is my house colour. - Cecelia

I was placed first in the Year 8 race. Unfortunately, I am leaving the school before the Central Zones so I won't be able to race for the school. The course on Friday was a little hard in places especially when you had to run down the drive and then up the stairs. - Abel



I liked organising the cross country event including designing a poster to advertise the event. I liked cheering on the people who ran past me on the course. I was down on the drive. It was fun seeing everyone in their house colours. I could hear people cheering before they ran past me. The cheering warned me that the runners were coming my way. - Luka



Congratulations to our finalists. I am excited to share that the following Year 4 - 8 students will be representing our school at the Central Zones' cross country event at MacAlister Park on Tuesday 26 May. We wish all our qualifying students all the very best, especially our Year 4 students as this will be their first time representing the school at such an event.

<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>
Amelia	Ariana	Genevieve	Archie	Annie
Astra	Charlotte	Kaha	Ayame	Daisy
Clive	Han	Livvy	Cheuk-Yin	Esther
Enzo	Jacob C	Luca	Ella	Izzy
Hugo	Luca	Muhong	Haroon	Kat
Jasmine	Nina	Piper	Harper	Lane
Kora	Selah	Remy	Rose	Louie
Marley	Therese	Rhys		Minh
Nico	Waleed	Thea		
	Zoya	Tova		

Pink Shirt Day

Last Thursday we held our Pink Shirt Day (one day earlier than the national day to avoid a clash with the school cross country event). Teachers, support staff and students wore pink to both celebrate our diversity and to say no to bullying. **Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!** Thank you for helping your child to come to school wearing pink.



Thanks too to Meena and Selena for ensuring Molly was suitably dressed for the occasion.



Art Workshop

Students in Rūma Tarata and Rūma Ngaio had a busy but creative end to their week last Friday. Both classes worked with Mathew and Ashley from the Wellington City Gallery.

We did molding with Ashley and Mathew. Both Ashley and Mathew work at an art gallery. We made a box. Then we put playdough inside our box. We then pressed shells, acorns and leaves into the playdough. Then we mixed up cement, sand and water together to make concrete. We poured our concrete into our box. Finally, we cleaned up. - Altheah



We worked with clay. We also made concrete. We poured the concrete into the box we made. We put the clay into our box. We pressed the clay down. We put objects that we had found outside into the clay. We poured the concrete over the top of the things we pressed into the clay. I think the concrete will dry out. – Tomasa



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



We will be having our annual school photo day on **Tuesday 16 June**.

Every child will be photographed individually and with their class.

Your child brought home a flyer a couple of weeks ago. **If you would like your child to also have an extra photo taken with just their siblings, please return the flyer.** (It doesn't matter if it has the original date of 6 May on it)



Approximately 2 weeks after photo day, personalised order envelopes will come home with your child. Parents can then either order and pay for photos online or by returning cash in the payment envelope to school.

Support our Te Aro School Movie fundraiser –

Bring your whānau, friends, neighbours, a team from work, a group of Star Wars fans or just yourselves to the new Star Wars movie - **Mandalorian**.

Sunday 24 May, 2:30pm at The Penthouse movie theatre in Brooklyn.

Tickets available at the school office

or pay online to –

Te Aro School Board - 12-3141-0258308-00

(Reference: Movie / name / number of tickets)

Tickets \$20 - includes movie ticket and a lolly bag

May the Force be with you.



Important Dates

<p>May</p> <p>Tues 19 May Year 7 vaccinations</p> <p>Tues 26 May Central Zone Cross Country</p>	<p>June and July</p> <p>Mon 1 June King's Birthday– school closed for tuition</p> <p>Tues 16 June School Photo Day</p> <p>Wed 24 June Parent interviews</p> <p>Thurs 25 June Parent interviews</p> <p>Wed 1 July Matariki Celebretion</p> <p>Fri 3 July Last day of term 1</p>
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Term Dates 2026

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