



# We are MANA!

Together achieving success as confident learners.

**Manaakitanga Angitu Ngākaunui Aroha**

*Caring About Others    Doing My Best    Caring about Our Environment    Respecting Others*

20 October, 2017

Week 1 term 4

Kia Ora Whanau,

Welcome to week 1 term 4. This term is by far one of the busiest times we have as a school. We have been very lucky this week to see the sun come out. After Labour weekend all students need to wear hats and sunblock at school. Students who do not have hats on during lunchtime and playtime will be required to play in a shady area of the playground.

Also, on the last day of term we had some great news from the Community Trust that our application for funding to build a new playground at school had been approved and we would receive a grant of \$30,000. This has been amazing news and a huge thanks needs to go to Matua Luke and Whaene Margaret who spent a lot of time preparing our application. We will keep you all posted on the progress of the playground in the coming months.

Our construction work at school still continues and has now entered the final phase for the redevelopment of block A. Due to this the staff room has temporarily moved to the school hall. After our meeting yesterday, we have been informed that the builders are on schedule to have this work completed in the next 3 weeks which is fantastic news.

This week has started strongly with many things going on to help support our tamariki on their learning journey.

On Tuesday our Senior classes were very lucky to have Kevin Archer and Dr. Emily Roberts visit them to share some of their knowledge about the rocky foreshore. Later in the term both Kevin and Emily will return to assist our classes on a field trip down to a rocky area of our coastline to look at various things.

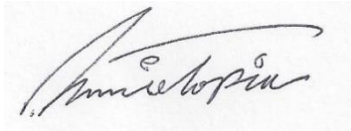
Last night many of our schools teams took part in the first matches of the Waitara touch Rugby League. I was lucky enough to attend some of these games and was extremely proud of all our tamariki. They displayed great skill, were humble in their winning and showed strong sportsmanship. Opposite is Team Storm in action. Results will be posted next week.



Finally, during the last week of term 3 we had some special visitors come to school to review our Bilingual department. Yesterday we received a very positive report back from the Ministry of Education.

I would like to congratulate and thank all our Bilingual Unit staff for their contribution and commitment to our school and tamariki. I would also like to thank our tamariki themselves for their efforts and dedication throughout the year.

Me ahopoka tātou kia tū hei iwi kotahi,

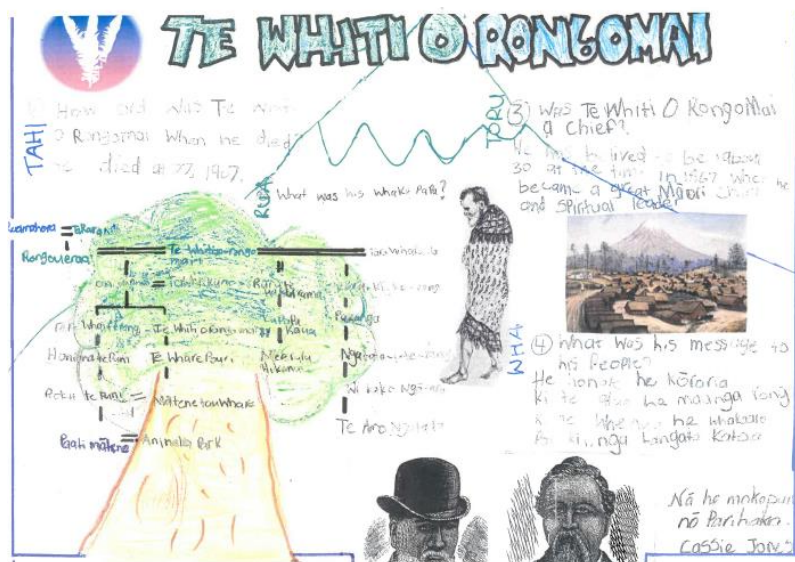


Perrie Topia  
**PRINCIPAL.**

**OTHER IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

**AWESOME CLASSROOM WORK**

Cassie Lee Jones – Room 4 →



The poster features the title 'TE WHITI O RONGOMAI' in large, stylized letters. It includes several questions and answers in both English and Māori. One question asks 'How old was Te Whiti O Rongomai when he died?' with the answer 'He died at 77, 1907.' Another asks 'What was his Whaka Ariā?' with the answer 'He was to live - he was 30 at the time. In 1867 when he became a great Māori Chief he and Spiritual leader.' A third question asks 'What was his message to his people?' with the answer 'He kōwhiri he hōriona ki te āhua he mānanga kōwhiri ki te āhua he mānanga kōwhiri ki te āhua he mānanga kōwhiri.' There are also illustrations of a mountain, a person in traditional Māori dress, and two portraits of men. The name 'Cassie Lee Jones' is written at the bottom right.

**ROOM 3 Mana Taniwha –**

The Mana Taniwha helps me when I am frustrated. It tells me to try to calm down and never listen to people who hurt your feelings. It secretly is like a best friend you could every have. The Taniwha shows Manaakitanga, Angitu, Ngakaunui and Aroha. Manaakitanga is showing respect. Angitu means doing your best. Ngakaunui is when you look after the environment. The Mana Taniwha understands how I feel.

**By Patsy Vaitusi**

The Mana Taniwha helps me when I'm getting angry. It helps me remember to count to ten and take a deep breath. It secretly covers me like an invisible blanket. It shows aroha to me.

**By Treyjhon Harwood**



Who would know that in our midst we have a budding Olympic Gymnast! Recently Ariria Blackburn got Top Club Twister in the Years 5 and 6 Category of the Taranaki Gymsports Primary School Competition. Ariria also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Central Midlands North Island Championship against children in an open age group. To top all this off Ariria was 1<sup>st</sup> overall in all competitions in Wanganui, Hastings, Hamilton twice, Rotorua and Waitara in the Step 3 Open Age Group.

**PUANGA FESTIVAL THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER, 2017. – WAR MEMORIAL**

Our Whakataetae Group are performing next Thursday at 9.15 and our Ngahau group has changed to 1.30 Thursday afternoon. Please go down and watch these children they are all amazing.