



Rangi: 19 Haratua 2010

**REMINDER:**

Biscuits, cakes and slices to help manaaki our manuhiri on Friday would really be appreciated thanks – if you are able to please either drop them at kura tomorrow or Friday morning please.

Tēnā koutou,  
Perhaps you've heard about Hakari our rabbit who had eight baby rabbits earlier this term. The baby rabbits will be able to leave their mother in a few more weeks so, we are looking for new homes for seven of them – the kura is keeping one. As we have had a number of students express an interest in taking a baby rabbit home, it has been decided those interested should write a letter requesting a rabbit, confirming that they are able to care for the rabbit and that they have, or will be able to provide, a home for the rabbit. The letter needs to be signed (not written) by the parents. If we have more requests than rabbits then we will draw names with children being given the choice of rabbits in order of the draw. If we have seven requests then all is good! One thing we have learnt though – having pets has taught our students so much in such a short time – manaakitanga, aroha and manawanui are just a few traits we have seen develop.

**Art Auction**

All remaining art auction items can be paid for at the tari and collected from the classroom.

**School Uniform**

All school jackets ordered last year have arrived. Jackets will be sent home when payment is received. To discuss alternative arrangements please contact Naere in the tari. Kura jerseys and minimal sized sweatshirts are still available from the tari. Items can be paid by eftpos, cheque or cash.

**National Secondary School Kapa Haka Competition Fundraisers**

Te Puawaitanga is continuing fundraising towards this trip. At the moment they have a \$10 taonga raffle and \$9 hangi for Saturday 29 May. Tickets are available for purchase from the tari.

**School Accounts**

All whānau school accounts will be sent by mail next Friday. Your account will include items like the school bus fee, technology fee and any sports fee that your child maybe taken part in. We encourage all accounts to be paid in full by the end of the term. If you have any questions about your account or if you would like to start an automatic payment please contact Naere in the tari.

**Parent/ Teacher Hui**

We are coming up to that time of year when we like to meet whānau kanohi ki te kanohi. Our dates are Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 June. The appointment sheet will be sent next week. We ask that whānau with more than one student return the form as soon as possible to ensure hui follow one after the other.

**Netball**

Please note that Mura have a **bye** this weekend. Ngarehu have a **bye** next week.

The draw for this Saturday:

Team	Versus	Time	Ct
Te Puawaitanga	Aotea	9am	9
Kora	BYE	BYE	
Mura	Bishop Viard	2pm	1
Ngarehu	Rangikura	2pm	4

Players of the day from Saturday are:

- Te Puawaitanga – Te Kahukiwa O'Hagan
- Kora – Terina-Teowai Andrews-Sio
- Mura – Te Punawai Hotu
- Ngarehu – Shane Huriwai

Players participating in the McDonalds Lower Hutt netball tournament will train on Thursdays at lunch time. A separate panui will follow closer to the date.

**Poitarawhiti on Code**

A reminder that the Mura Netball teams 'Mean Māori Mean' segment will be televised this Thursday on the programme Code at 8.30pm on Maori Television.

**New Entrants**

We will be holding the last new entrant powhiri for the term next Tuesday 25 May. If you know of whānau who have tamariki turning 5 this term, please encourage them to contact the Kura immediately or they will not be able to start until next term.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**21 May**  
Regional Secondary School Manu Korero Competition at Takapuwhāhia Marae

**2 June**  
Gardasil Injection - 2 of 3

**7 June**  
Queen's Birthday Holiday

**11 June**  
Purongo sent

**15-16 June**  
Parent/Teacher Uuiui

**2 July**  
Last day of term 2

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**Regional Manu Korero competition**

The powhiri for Manu Kōrero this Friday at Takapuwhāhia Marae will start at 8am. All students participating in this event need to be at the venue in full school uniform by 7.30am.

The competition will start at 9am in their designated venues as listed below:

- Pei te Hurinui Jones, Senior Māori in Toa Rangatira
- Korimako, Senior English in Parehounuku
- Rawhiti Ihaka, Junior Māori in the old wharekai
- Sir Carroll Turi, Junior English in the old wharekai

We have a speaker in each section spread throughout the day to ensure we are able to listen to all our speakers. We need a Pou Mua parent to help with the hotdog stand (as this is a Pou Mua fundraiser) and whānau whanui to help provide cakes and/or slices for the cup-of-tea table. If you are able to assist in anyway, please contact EveJane in the tari.