

### A GREAT School for You!

## Ngongotaha School KIDZONE

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Kia ora whanau. Welcome back to Te Kura o Ngongotaha for the beginning of 2023. It has been an 'interesting' summer weather wise, fingers crossed we get a bit more sunshine and a bit less rain over the next few weeks. We are straight back into things here at school. Children are swimming everyday with Mrs Ngatai, lunchtime clubs are busy and classroom programs are well and truly up and running.

As you might have heard, we have had a change over with our before and after school care program. Carol Te Papa has taken on this responsibility and is doing a wonderful job. She is operating out of the whare each day. If you are in need of before or after school care please get in touch with us and we'll be able to provide Carol's details. I want to publicly thank Heather Brake and her amazing team for what they have done over the past couple of years. They have helped me and so many of our families who need support with child care. Thanks, Heather.

Our school Gala is coming up very soon. We would love to see everyone here at **4pm on Friday 17th of March** for a whole lot of fun. We have dozens of food stalls, plenty of exciting activities, live music and a whole lot of auctions for people to get involved in. I continue to be amazed with the support of our community. After the message on the app the other day Talia Dredge rang and offered us a voucher for a photo shoot with *Captured by Talia* and Lloyd Akroyd offered his services with live music and a voucher for us to auction off for a 2 ½ hour music set. Two of the many amazing companies supporting us. I will continue to advertise these businesses on all of our platforms, please support them in return. Despite not being able to hold a gala in the past few years, we are really excited to be able to go ahead with this one. Invite the whole family and come down and join us.

We have decided that we'll hold the parent (whanau) and teacher interviews in term 1 rather than term 2 this year. Our aim is to have interviews before daylight savings to allow families to come along in warmer, brighter, dryer weather. Our aim is always to have a representative from every family attend so if the 29th or 30th of March doesn't suit, please let us know another time that does. Please note, school will close at 12.30pm on Wednesday 29th of March to allow time for more interviews.

I am really excited about this year, no restrictions, no lockdowns. I have a feeling 2023 will be a GREAT year. As always, if you need anything, please feel free to come and see me.

Craig McFadyen "Iti rearea teitei Kahikatea ka taea" "Aim High, Stand Proud"

Have you got the school app? It's the way we spread the majority of our information. Download it free from app stores.



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Scavenger hunt on the first day of term





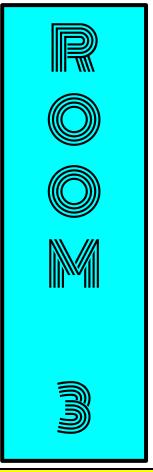
### RUMA RUA ZAZY

This term in Room 2 we have a huge amount of mahi to tackle, from preparing for the Ngongotaha Gala, improving our engineering ability, creating weird and wonderful machines, raising our swimming skills, grasping a better understanding of New Zealand history as well as enhancing our reading, writing and mathematics. Wish us luck!

Remember one of the most important things you can do with your child is to read with them every night. If you would like some tips please pop in or send an email to me at **drewe@ngongotaha.school.nz.** 









Room 4's first week of school went a little like this...











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Te Whanau Ngahere: Not this week Te Whanau Wai: Bentley Harris, Nykaia Rangiawha

Te Whanau Manu: Not this week Te Whanau Maunga: Not this week





Join Rotorua **BMX Club** 

> Start Up to Race

### Welcome to Rotorua BMX Club and our Start Up to Race new rider programme

This fun and skills oriented development programme is designed as an introduction and pathway to BMX. BMX skills are transferable to any bike riding disciplines and all riders are welcome to participate. The programme is to learn and develop specific BMX skills using BMX bikes i.e. 20" wheels and under. There is a big emphasis is on fun and learning, fun and friendship, fun and going fast, fun and riding bikes...

3 free go's then join the club which includes term 4 start up to race and access to the club all year

When: Thursdays 5.3opm- 6.3opm starting 2nd February 2023 Where: BMX Track cnr State Highway 5 and Waipa State Mill Road

- . Includes: coaching, assessment, a "Skills Plate" and progression stickers
- Gear needed: bike, long sleeve top and long pants, closed in shoes, gloves, helmet (full face when using the gate), under 8 years old must also wear elbow and knee pads
- Hire option: BMX bike \$5 per night (limited availability), helmet, gloves and pads \$5 per night. Hire available from 5pm.

### What's Happening?

14th Feb- BOT meeting 20th Feb- Junior playground upgrade (hopefully) 24th Feb- School Tryathlon 17th March- Gala 21st March- BOT meeting 29th & 30th March-Whanau/Teacher Interviews 5th April-Disco 7th April- Easter which leads into school holidays 24th April- TOD 25th April- ANZAC day 26th April- First day of term 2 1st May- School Photos

> **GREAT Start 4 year old** visits 14th, 21st, 28th of February,

7th and 14th of March.

**GREAT G-**Growth **R**-Respect **E-**Equality **A**-Achievement **T-**Trust