

A GREAT School for You! Ngongotaha School KIDZONE

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What a wild couple of weeks we've had!! Rain, sun, wind, cyclone... Fortunately, our school came through Cyclone Gabrielle relatively unscathed. I know a lot of homes in Ngongotaha lost power and a few even had some flooding. Hopefully you weren't too badly affected. My thoughts go out to the whanau in Auckland, Gisborne, the Napier/Hastings area and other places who were impacted so heavily. We have decided that we will make a donation towards the clean up from our Gala fundraiser.

Sadly, the Ministry of Education have 'stolen' Whaea Daph from us. This was to be expected, she is so amazing and has helped so many children and whanau that the MOE want her for themselves. Whaea Daphne will begin her new journey at the end of this term. This means we will be moving Mrs Astwood out of class full time to support me in the day to day running of the school and cover the responsibilities of SENCO and LSC. We are very fortunate to welcome Mrs Victoria Drewe (yes, Mr Drewe's wife) to our school to cover the teaching responsibilities of Room 3. Whaea Victoria is an amazing teacher and is extremely passionate about our school. We will miss Whaea Daph but I am happy to be replacing her with someone of such high quality.

We are very lucky to have received a donation from Aviagen New Zealand again this year. Aviagen donates \$500 every year which we spend on playground equipment, usually a trampoline. A huge THANK YOU to ex student, Sophie Thompson, and the team at Aviagen. Keep an eye out for the tramp in the next few weeks.

Our swimming pool is proving to be very popular. The kids are enjoying the warmer weather which heats the solar panels and the water and makes swimming lessons a little more enjoyable. The team at Damar provided us with a lot of the chemicals we needed this year which has meant that we have been able to use the budget we had originally set aside to get a new pool scoop and robot vacuum to keep the pool clean.

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

Gala Update

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated goods and services for our Gala so far. I continue to be blown away by how supportive our community is. We will use our School Noticeboard to advertise these amazingly supportive businesses. Please help them out by supporting them in return.

Next week we will be collecting cans, bottles and packaged items. The following week we will start collecting items for the Mega Garage Sale. These items can be dropped off to room 10.



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





Room 5 journeyed to the Rotorua Public Library to learn about Tamatekapua's voyage to Aotearoa New Zealand.





Thanks to Linda Tomokino and Joy Kelly from Eves realty for sponsoring our VisTab system. "List your home for sale with me, let me know you'd like to team up with Ngongotaha Primary on your listing, and when your home sells, I'll donate \$500 back to the school. Linda- 0275208062"

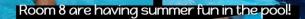
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Room 7 Self Portraits











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Te Whanau Manu: Auryn Wairua, Bella Duane, Deanna Kangiawha and Ngari Simpkins

Te Whanau Maunga: Tiana Collins-Brake, Riley Simon, Ngahau Singh-Lagah, Hannah Brake, Aria Payne & Grayson Simon

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14th, 21st, 28th of February,

7th and 14th of March.