



A GREAT School for You!

# Ngongotaha School

## KIDZONE

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Welcome back! I hope everyone has had the chance to relax, enjoy some quality family time and that you are all ready to go for the new school year. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families to Ngongotaha School. We have had over 40 children join us in the past two weeks, I look forward to getting to know you all as the year progresses. This increase has meant our middle school classes are very large. We are mindful of this and putting systems into place to resolve the issue. It also means that we are at capacity for our full immersion (rumaki) unit. If you have a child who has older siblings in our unit who will be enrolling later in the year, please let us know asap so we can make arrangements. It is brilliant that whanau are opting for Maori Medium Education but unfortunately, we can't fit any more students in these classes at this stage.

Our two new teachers, Whaea Tegan and Whaea April, have settled in well and have enjoyed their first few weeks in their new classes. It is lovely to have them both as a part of our team. If you haven't had the chance to meet them, please feel free to pop in and say hi.

I would like to remind everyone to download the school app. Four children missed the first day of school as their families weren't aware of when school started. The app will provide you with all the information you need. I post a regular "week at a glance" message on Monday mornings informing families of upcoming important events. The app will also inform you of registration for sports and is one way we share emergency information.

As our lunch program continues, we need to know if any children need vegetarian or gluten free options. If your child needs either of these, please inform the school asap so we can make the appropriate arrangements. Whaea Naima and her team will be working out of the bright green kitchen this year. Menus can be found on the Libelle website <https://www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz/2021.html>

We have had an extremely busy few weeks leading up to the start of the new school year and there are a few companies I would like to thank. Burton Construction has been simply sensational in getting the redevelopments of rooms 10-13 finished in time for the children to start. Oat and the team from Mandwich painting have done a great job of painting the exterior of the building, no easy job with a building over 100 years old. EJ painters have completed the exterior paint job of the admin area and rooms 1-4, another high quality job. Warners fencing have nearly completed the perimeter fence, again, not easy when so many tradies crash into it!, M&M Cobbling services did a wonderful job leveling and re cobbling the pad outside the staffroom and RDT Pacific have been exceptional to work with in project management. There are a few more jobs we are looking to complete but I am really happy with the way the school is looking.

Classes are now taking part in the swimming program with Mrs Ngatai and many children are also taking the chance to cool off during their break with a lunchtime swim, slip and slide or sprinkler. To support us, could you send togs, towel, hat and a bottle of water to school with your child each day to ensure they stay safe from the sun. Drinking fountains are available for those who need it.

We still seem to have several children arriving at school at 7.30am. I fully understand that if you need to get to work in town by 8am then the children need to be dropped off this early. However, we do not have appropriate supervision for students until after 8am. To support those whanau who need supervision in the mornings, we are now running before and after school care. Any children who arrive at school before 8am must be enrolled at before school care so we can ensure their safety. To enrol your child contact Heather Brake on 0272712881

Finally, it saddens me to say but next week is Whaea Tamara's last week at Ngongotaha School. She has accepted a job at the Ministry of Education supporting schools throughout the Bay of Plenty with curriculum development. In typical Tamara style, she does not want a big fuss but I will acknowledge her years of service to Ngongotaha School at a staff morning tea. Whaea Tamara has been a huge part of the school's success over the years and she will be missed by us all.

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.**



# Room 4 Graffiti Portraits



**BROCK**



**MIU**



**ZARA**



**GEORGE**



**KAYLA**



## Welcome to

## Ngongotaha School..

Whaea April and Whaea Tegan

My highlight so far has been meeting my new class and all their Whanau.

My highlights so far have been meeting all the children. The welcoming feel from all the whanau, staff and students.





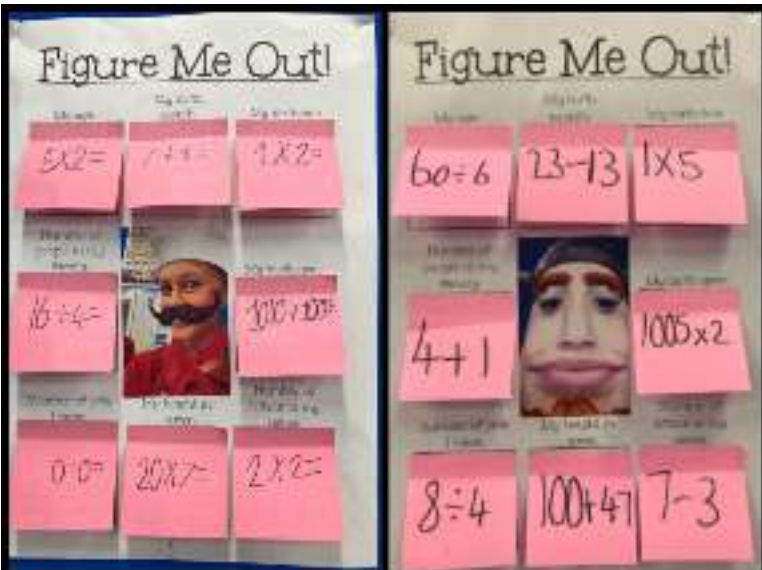
Fun in the Sun!



# Room 1 Self Portraits



# Room 3. ... ABOUT ME



**I AM...**

I am the daughter of Ben and Renee.  
 I am the sister of Morgan and Max.  
 I am the oldest child.  
 I am a friend of Kaylo, Mia, Kieran, and Abby.  
 A family of five.

I am a hockey player, storyteller, and a swimmer.  
 I am great at reading.  
 I am from a big grey house with a pool.  
 I am from "Tidy your room".  
 I am from camping in Coromandel.

Lover of watermelon, owls, and the colour blue.

**I am Bridee Addenbrooke**

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## What's Happening?

- 16th Feb- GREAT start 4 year old program #1
- 16th Feb- BOT meeting 6pm
- 19th Feb- Whaea Tamara's last day
- 23rd Feb- GREAT start 4 year old program #2
- 23rd Feb- Senior School Amazing Race (Room 1 and 2)
- 24th Feb- School Tryathlon
- 25th Feb- Senior School Amazing Race (Room 3 and 4)
- 26th Feb- Road Patrol refresher day
- 2nd March- GREAT start 4 year old program #3
- 5th March- Country Swimming
- 9th March- GREAT start 4 year old program #4
- 1st April- Junior School trip to the Museum
- 16th April- last day of term



Do you know what your child has achieved? We have certificates for your child's achievements in academic areas such as maths, reading and writing. You can access these certificates via the Libelle website. For further information please contact the school office on 07 357 4531 or visit the school website at [www.libelle.co.nz](http://www.libelle.co.nz)

**Brainy Awards**  
These certificates are handed out for achievement in academic areas such as maths, reading and writing.

Te Whanau Ngahere:  
Ruby Bradford, Finn Condie

Te Whanau Wai:  
Renei Rika, Max Addenbrooke

Te Whanau Manu:  
Harper Buchanan, Riuna Toma

Te Whanau Maunga:  
Ihaka Newton, Murno Waerea

### School Lunches

Remember, all lunch menus can be accessed via the Lunch by Libelle website

**LUNCH BY LIBELLE**

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School Apps

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