

MAIHIIHI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023



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'Maihihi LEARNer'

Lead
Excellence
Attitude
Respect & Resilience
Nothing Great is easily won



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Maori Proverb for the Week

**He iti hau marangai e tū te
pāhokahoka**

*Just like a rainbow after the
storm, success follows failure.*

Term 1 Dates

2nd Feb – 6th April

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

4th & 5th – Rm EOTC

6th – Special Lunch \$5

6th – LAST DAY OF TERM 1

24th – TEACHER ONLY DAY

26th – ANZAC DAY

Term 2 Dates

26th April – 30th June

THANK YOU

- To all families who have sold and or purchased raffle tickets this term. All proceeds will be going into updating our school gardens.

REMINDERS

Please regularly check your child's class dojo as we are putting up urgent messages and reminders on this often.

Bus Phone Line – 07 873 2827

Absences – Please ring or message via Skool loop app before 9am.

Sickness – Please keep your child home if they are unwell, this will help stop the spread of bugs in the classrooms.

END OF
TERM 1



"Ko Maihihi, Ko Au - Ko Au, Ko Maihihi
Maihihi is Me - I am Maihihi"

Term 1, Week 10 - 6th April 2023
He Mihi Māioha kia koutou

From the Principal's desk ...

Just a reminder of the Teacher Only Day - Term 2:

This is to give teachers time to get their heads around the new refreshed curriculum documents in Literacy and Numeracy. This will be Monday 23rd April, followed by ANZAC Day on the 25th so term 2 will start on Wednesday 25th April.

Term 1 - Attendance Matters:

In recent news you may have heard that the government is putting a major focus on attendance at school and re-engaging our students back into the schooling system. This has meant significant investment into personnel and resources to get attendance back on track now that we are recovering from the disruption to learning that Covid has caused. As your Principal, one of my jobs is to monitor attendance closely - in other words we will be ringing and talking with whānau/families that are showing regular non-attendance, truancy or showing a pattern of unjustified or absence behaviours.

Research has shown that regular attendance at school is critical for achievement, wellbeing, and other lifelong outcomes. The more days a learner misses, the greater the impact on their learning. Establishing healthy attendance patterns early in schooling helps learners carry through attendance habits into future schooling. Missing school for justified reasons (illness, bereavement, school sports events) are less harmful than missing school for unjustified reasons (going shopping, holidays, or looking after a sibling), but there is no safe level of non-attendance. Every day matters!

Our average regular attendance rates per classroom this term at Maihihi School:

Room 1 = 86%, Room 2 = 89%, Room 3 = 86%, Room 4 = 83%

Our average regular attendance rates per Year Level this term at Maihihi School:

Year 1 = 84%, Year 2 = 89%, Year 3 = 89%, Year 4 = 74%, Year 5 = 82%
Year 6 = 85%, Year 7 = 89% Year 8 = 77%

Attendance has been highlighted in our Annual Plan for 2023 so we can closely monitor how we are tracking in this area. If you have any questions around this, please let us know.

Until next time, please remember my door (or phone or email) is open if you have any feed-forward you would like to give to make our school the best place it can be for our children.

Mauri Tu, Mauri Ora,
Vanessa Hinerangi Koroa

SCHOOL POLICIES

All Maihihi policies are located on the School Docs website.

Simply,

Log onto www.schooldocs.co.nz

Click on 'Search for your school'

Type in Maihihi School

Username – maihihi

Password – maihihi

Sign in

Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

Select the reviewer type "Parent"

Enter your name (optional)

Submit your ratings and comments

If you don't have access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

This term we are reviewing Student Wellbeing & Safety and Staff Wellbeing & Safety policy on School Docs. To view and comment on this please follow the above instructions.

Your feedback is much appreciated.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

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Our school app ensures excellent and reliable communication
between our school and parents at all times!

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ROOM ONE

What a busy term we have had! It has been great to see the progress the tamarki have made with their swimming this term. They have all gained confidence in the water and are attempting to swim doing both Freestyle and Backstroke. They are able to tell me what they need to do to be safe in the water. We have researched some interesting "I Wonder?" questions and I know that I have learnt many new things from the information they have brought back to school. In art they enjoyed creating butterflies using leaves and twigs. They were amazed to see how beautiful their finished butterflies looked. We have talked about the mountains and rivers in our local area. We learnt about the names of these local landmarks and what the Māori names mean in English.

We are looking forward to term 2. Have a lovely holiday.

Contact email address rcroty@maihiihi.school.nz

ROOM TWO

Welcome to the end of term 1. We have just returned from our overnight camp and I am so proud of all the tamariki for their attitude and participation in our activities.

The highlight of our trip was our night walk around Sanctuary Mountain

Maungatautari, this was an amazing opportunity to see and hear some of our native birds in their natural pest free environment. We did the walk in darkness with just our torches to guide the way. Whilst we were there we also found some rongoa Māori (māori medicine) plants such as kawakawa and koromiko.

Our overnight stay at ngā hau e whā was an enjoyable and memorable time for all of us and I hope you enjoy the korero with your child about their experiences on camp! I hope you all enjoy your time together for the school holidays and I look forward to seeing you all again in Term 2.

Ngā mihi nui

Please keep reading this newsletter to see photos of our overnight adventure.

Contact email address kalbert@maihiihi.school.nz

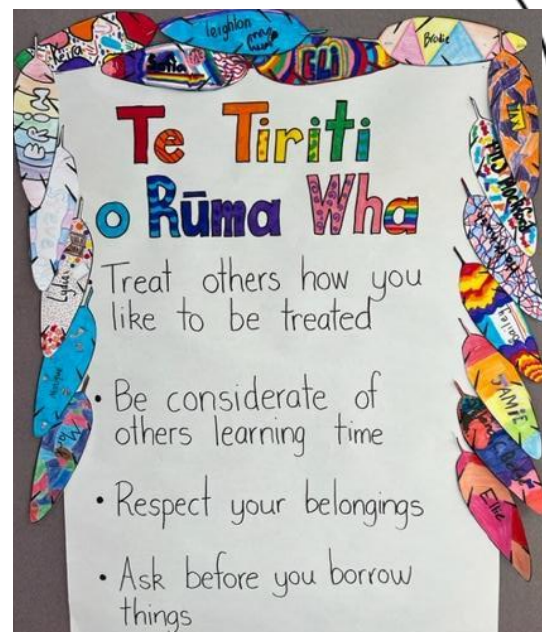
ROOM THREE

Term 1 has definitely whizzed by! Over the last week we have started to research a range of different explorers to Aotearoa New Zealand. Some interesting things we have learnt so far is Kupe named Aotearoa The Land of the Long White Cloud, Thomas Brunner was an English explorer known for surveying lands down south and Tupaia was an important translator for James Cook. We have looked into finding the perimeter and area of objects in pāngarau mathematics. With this knowledge we are going to find the perimeter and area of our section of the sensory garden and create a scaled down version so we can do a layout of our chosen plants/ herbs/ flowers and bushes. This last week of school has been a focus around ANZAC. One of the activities we have explored is the making of ANZAC biscuits - the original recipe that we all know and love, but also a version from WW1 that our soldiers had to endure eating. "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them." Have a fantastic Easter and ANZAC, enjoy the 2-week break, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Term 2!

Contact email address krobinson@maihihi.school.nz

ROOM FOUR

It has been a whirlwind three weeks for Room 4. Amongst other things, we have been busy doing co-ordinate maths, creating a classroom treaty, three dimensional bugs, Easter Rabbit art, and games for wet days. There has been some swimming, and this included our School Triathlon. It was a stunning day. Lots of tired bodies, and full stomachs from the delicious sausage sizzle. We look forward with anticipation to see who will be teaching us next term



EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE

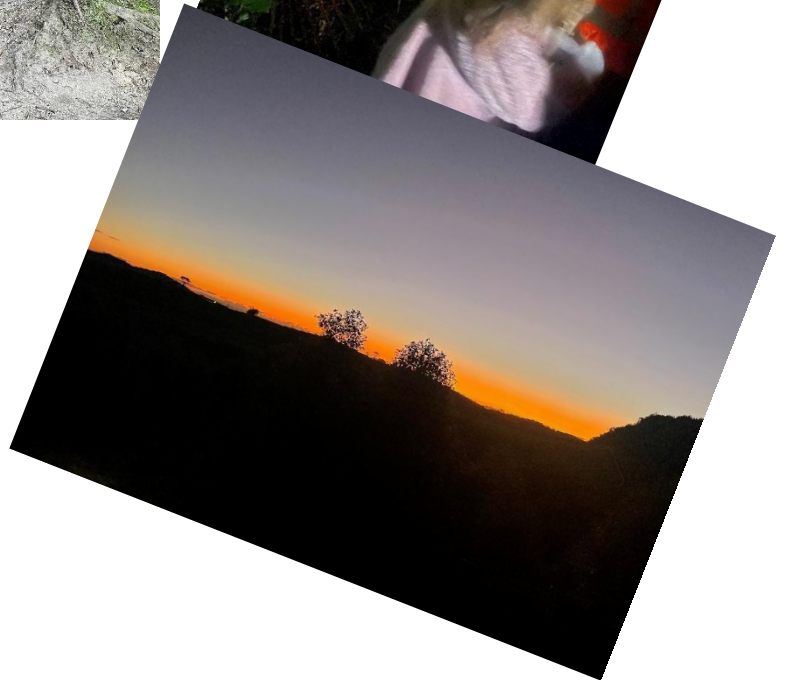
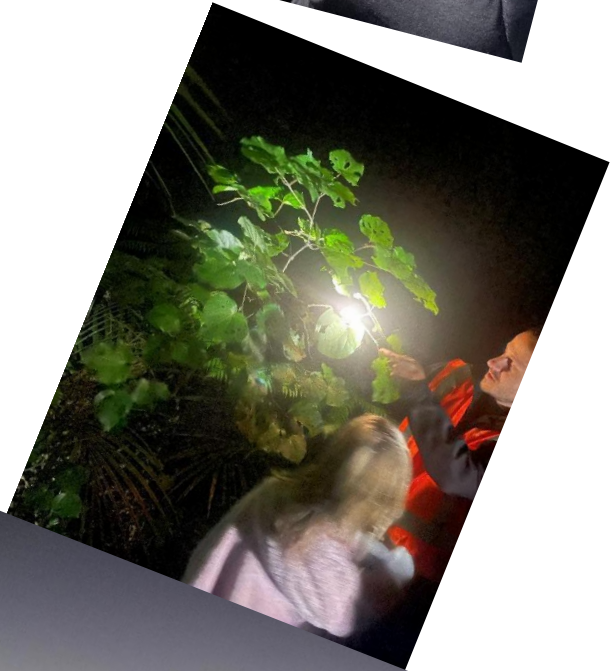
Room One

As part of our Aotearoa History studies we have been learning about significant landmarks in our area like mountains (maunga), rivers, (awa) and streams (awa iti). We have found out what the Māori names for these landmarks mean in English and where they are located in our local area.



ROOM 2

Photos from our overnight adventure



ROOM 3 ANZAC BISCUIT CREATIONS



**Making Soldiers Style
Anzac Biscuits**



**Modern Style
Anzac Biscuits**



**Big Cleanup effort by all after
making and cooking our
Anzac Biscuits**

‘Every Day Counts’

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

Holidays and other days off during term time will affect attendance.

*Ministry of Education require all students to have at
least 94% attendance*

Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people involved.

STEP 1

Your concern is **GENERAL IN NATURE**
OR ...
involves a particular **STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER**.

Contact the person involved to arrange a time to discuss the matter privately.

Indicate what the concern is about and let them know if you'll bring a support person to the meeting.
If the concern is about a student, contact the student's teacher (or principal).

Meet with the person involved to discuss the matter.

Be prepared to listen to different points of view and try to work towards a resolution.

This may require another meeting and/or involve senior management.

Is the matter resolved?

Provide feedback as to whether you were satisfied with the outcome, or if the matter is not resolved.

YES

NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

STEP 2

Your concern has **NOT** been resolved by meeting with the person concerned
OR ... does NOT involve a particular student or staff member
OR ... you **DO NOT** wish to approach the person concerned
OR ... involves the principal or a trustee (board member).

Contact the principal, senior management, or board member (as appropriate) to arrange a time to discuss the matter privately.

Indicate what the concern is about, any steps taken to resolve the matter, and let them know if you'll bring a support person to the meeting.

Meet with the appropriate person (as above) and discuss the matter.

Be prepared to listen to different points of view and try to work towards a resolution.

The principal may involve other people to help resolve the concern.

Is the matter resolved?

Provide feedback as to whether you were satisfied with the outcome, or if the matter is not resolved.

YES

STEP 3

Your concern has **NOT** been resolved by previous steps
OR ... your concern is more serious
OR ... your concern is serious and it's not appropriate to contact the principal (senior management) about it.

You can make a formal complaint.

See the school's **Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation** procedure (SchoolDocs).

Put the complaint in writing (email or letter), giving as many facts and details as possible, and any steps taken to resolve the matter.

Include your name, signature, and contact details.
Send to the principal, presiding member (board chair), or deputy board chair/other board member, as appropriate.

Your complaint will be acknowledged.

The school will decide whether a formal investigation is necessary or appropriate. See the **Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation** procedure (SchoolDocs).

If a formal investigation is required, subject to privacy, confidentiality, or other ethical and legal requirements, the school may keep you informed about the investigation process and timeframes, including confirmation of when the matter is concluded.

NOTE: Unless there are exceptional circumstances, **a complaint will not be considered unless the correct process has been followed**. You may be directed back to the staff member or principal to follow the process.

Once a formal complaint has been resolved, there are no further avenues to pursue the complaint with the school.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you are encouraged to take advice and may wish to consider contacting other agencies. See the school's **Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation** procedure (SchoolDocs).



Maihihi School is excited to be a part of the Fuel for Schools programme. It's very simple. Fern Energy (previously Northfuels) customers can nominate a participating school to receive **50 cents for every 100L** of bulk fuel they have delivered. Once a school reaches their \$1,000 target they can redeem free technology, sports packages or books. It's just that simple. The more people involved the sooner they will be rewarded!

Talk to our local Account Manager Kelly Brears for more information on the Fuel for Schools programme, fuel tanks, oils, health and safety, or any of your bulk fuel requirements, she's happy to pop out and have a chat!

Mobile: 027 208 4388

kelly.brears@fernenergy.co.nz

www.fernenergy.co.nz

Yoga Classes in the King Country!

I AM Yoga offer all levels yoga classes in Otorohanga, Te Kuiti & Piopio.
Everybody is welcome and you don't have to be flexible to begin!

What our people say about practicing yoga with us:

- better able to manage stress & anxiety
- better sleep
- increased mobility, balance, strength and stability
- learning to breathe optimally for health and wellbeing
- less physical, mental and emotional tension
- precious time for self-care, relaxation and a whole hour to yourself
- ... and so much more!



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| Empower Wahine 10.30am | | | | Piopio 9am |
| Otorohanga 5.30pm | | | | |
| Otorohanga BEGINNERS *6.45 pm | Te Kuiti 7pm | Piopio 6.45 pm | | |

First class \$5!

Bookings compulsory at iamyoga.co.nz or contact Ainslie on ainslie@iamyoga.co.nz

The Kiwi Kids Club Easter Holiday Programme

Venue: Anglican Church 54 Hearehuka St Otorohanga

I will be putting on a van to pick up children from TeKuiti limited seats

For more info Contact Wiggs 021-491616

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| 10th April Public holiday Easter Monday Closed | 11th April Ten pin bowling wear coved shoes play in a park for lunch you need to bring a full lunch \$57.00 + GST | 12th April Kids really enjoyed making Jewellery let's do it again and make our own pizza for lunch \$47.00 + GST | 13th April Waingaro Hot Springs You need togs full lunch. We leave club at 9.00am \$60.00 + GST | 14th April Kick back day Bring your technology to pla on. McDonalds fo lunch bring extra money if you war to upgrade from happy meal \$50.00 + GST |
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| 17th April Leap Trampoline Hamilton laser tag and trap Full Lunch Water \$57.00 + GST | 18th April Carnival Day in club Roll up Roll up we got some cool games to play win some prizes \$47.00 + GST | 19th April Hamilton Zoo you need to bring a full lunch leaving club about 9.00am \$57.00 + GST | 20th April Mens shed Let go and build something don't know what we are building it's a surprise \$52.00 +GST | 21st April TeAwamutu Movies popcorn and fizzy bring a full lunch \$55.00 + GST |
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thrive *Holiday Climbing*

Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April 2023

Monday 17th to Friday 21st April 2023

CLIMBING SESSIONS EACH DAY

10am - 11:30am

12pm - 1:30pm

2pm - 3:30pm

All ages

welcome

Book in for a session or just rock up :)

Each session limited to 15 climbers only

\$5 for each climbing session

For Climbers of any age

Belayers only (14 and over) - FREE

*Under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult for belaying.

Bring your own water bottle and shoes to climb in

For bookings contact Julian on 021 182 1203

or email at harvestrock@xtra.co.nz

Harvest Rock Centre, 5 Tuhoro Street, Otorohanga

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RECYCLING CENTRE

As the name suggests this is for recycling only. Please do not dump your household rubbish or items in this area. We are watching you

WE only recycle the following:

Glass (brown/green/clear)

Plastic

Paper



Maihihi Playcentre

maihihiplaycentre@gmail.com

Sessions Times:

Tuesday 9.30 - 12.00

Thursday 9.30 - 1.30 (Big Kids)

Friday 9.30 - 12.00

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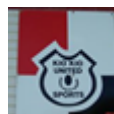


Sandra Bolger

Property Management

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Kio Kio United Sports Club

Kio Kio United Sports Club is located on Paewhenua Road.

The club opens its doors every Tuesday & Thursday Nights with the bar open on both nights (Restaurant Thursday only)

Come on down to our warm & friendly club and meet the locals.

The facilities are also available to hire for private functions.

For more information

Contact - Ivan Fox 873 0761

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Are you up for fun, friends and adventure, then Girl Guiding could be for you?

We have units for girls aged between 5 -17

We have spaces available in some of our units but if you are interested then please email Michelle Gillard on michellegirlguide@gmail.com to find out more.