



9th March 2023
Week 6, Term 1

"Better Together" "Mahi Tahī"

NOTE: POSSIBLE Strike Action 16th March

I will find out later today if primary school teachers go on strike with their secondary counterparts next Thursday. Because all of our teaching staff are union members, the school will have to close for the day if this strike goes ahead. At the crux of negotiations is the fact that primary schools are severely underfunded and under-resourced compared to secondary schools. To be able to give your children the best possible start with schooling, teachers want time to plan and time to adequately prepare as well as additional staffing to be able to give students the time that they so desperately need. Teachers want to do the best for the children, and by and large they do so with a funding and staffing model that does make it challenging at times

Personally, I am sorry that this information can not be confirmed at this stage - but we do not find out until later tonight what the members of the union have decided. As soon as I know I will pass on this information.

School Goal Setting Interview Time Slots Are Open...please refer to the eMail Tanya sent to book in or follow these directions...

Parents can log on and book the time that suits them as a family on

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> using the school code un5s2

Go to the top right and make a booking.

Bookings will open on Thursday 9 March 2023 and will close on Friday 17 March 2023 at 9am.



On Tuesday night we held a parent information

So what can we do to develop a can do attitude to Maths?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMM0y2zw8>

- ❖ High expectations - we are all responsible for this
- ❖ Make maths visible, fun and relevant - take opportunities when they arise
- ❖ Use the language of maths
- ❖ Value and learn from mistakes
- ❖ Develop urgency not speed
- ❖ Promote thinking
- ❖ Practice , maintain and extend thinking

session on Mathematics. While the turnout was small the feeling in the room was fantastic with those there keen to learn and the kaiako very enthusiastic to share what they know.

Here are a couple of links that were shared on the night for those who are keen to know more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMJMQy-Rgw8>

<https://nzmaths.co.nz/families-and-whanau>

- ❖ Use meaningful contexts – the why?
- ❖ Make links to previous learning – “What do I know that might help me with this?”
- ❖ Learn and meaningfully apply basic facts
- ❖ Look for patterns – “What’s the pattern?”
- ❖ Develop number sense
- ❖ Have equipment available
- ❖ Develop strong home/school partnerships
- ❖ Be enthusiastic
- ❖ Cultural inclusive

What Have We Been Working On With Mathematics?

- Mathematics focus in our strategic plan for 2022 and 2023
- As a staff we have been having intensive PLD with Sue Graham as our facilitator - this equates to 90 hours over a year
- This PLD has been teachers as a group, teams, individuals
- Senior teachers - John and Lance have been part of a programme called “Just In Time” Maths last year which was also run by Sue that looked at maths in the senior school

What did our end of year results show?

- 82% of our tamariki are at or above their expected curriculum level
- 86.3% of our boys
- 78.2% of our girls
- 81.8% of our Māori

Next steps: more PLD, look at the why?, introduced Year 7 and 8 PAT to drill down into data more



Please return your forms to the office.



Mainpower Community Fund

A huge thank you to the Mainpower Community Fund for the \$1000 of football gear that we have been able to purchase...new nets for our senior goals, a set of junior goals and four new balls. The kids are so excited to have this gear to use in break times and in lessons.



CONGRATULATIONS



Matthew, Jackson, Chloe and Shilo have done an outstanding job in the pool at Tri-Schools as they have earned themselves a spot in the Rakahuri Primary Schools Swimming Sports on Monday.

We would like to, as a school, acknowledge World Down Syndrome Day and so the council are asking that we join in on this and “rock our socks”. This is not a fundraiser but just to raise awareness and to support a classmate. So help your children find their funky socks and let's have some fun!!!! Full Mufti is Fine
21st March is the date.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

ROCK YOUR SOCKS



WEAR YOUR MOST
COLOURFUL
MISMATCHED
AND UNIQUE SOCKS

TO CELEBRATE WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

21st March

#rockyoursocks #dsoaorgnz #wdsd21



World Down Syndrome Day
www.worlddownsyndromeday.org



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Liam is one of our Year 8's who has an extreme passion for darts. He has excelled in this tournament.

Liam played in the South Island darts tournament last weekend. He was the youngest player entered & came runner up in the junior (under 16) competition on Friday night, losing only one match (Liam got a medal & prize money).

He then played in the men's singles on Saturday and won 3 matches, including victory over the youth (under 24) runner up & hitting 2 x 180s, to be the only junior to qualify!! This is an amazing effort from Liam. He finished 62 overall, out of over 200 participants. Liam has also qualified for the men's South Island competition too (we think).

Liam has had an amazing start to the year in school as well. Being one of our school councillors and demonstrating his leadership skills excellently.



Ahi ahi Mārie
-Good Afternoon :)

This is our kīwaha for the week.

Have a go and see if you can use it during your week somewhere.

Excellence is the second value of our REACH values and it can be shown and applied in many different ways:

- ★ Trying your best, even when it's hard
- ★ Not giving up
- ★ Showing integrity
- ★ Showing pride in what you do/represent
- ★ Taking your time to complete a task to ensure it's quality work
- ★ Showing your REACH values even when adults are not around
- ★ Setting and achieving your goals

From the school goal set on a Monday classes go back and set the class goal from that and then reflect on this on Fridays. Here is Totara's one for this week.

Term Dates for 2023

- Term 1:** 30th January - 6th April
- Term 2:** 26th April - 30th June
- Term 3:** 17th July - 22nd September
- Term 4:** 9th October - 15th December

NOTE: Teacher Only Days will be 24th April and 16th November

DATES TO REMEMBER

27th February	Tri-Schools Swimming sports at Dudley Pool
3rd March	Early Finish to School 12.40 due to Paid Union Meeting for Teachers
7th March	Mathematics Information Session for Parents 7-8pm School Hall
14th March	Rakahuri Swimming Sports at Dudley Pool

16th March	PTA AGM Meeting 7pm Staffroom
20th March	Goal Setting Interviews with teachers from 1.30pm NB: School will close early
21st March	World Down Syndrome Day - "Rock Your Socks"
21st March	NC Swimming Sports at Dudley Pool
27th March - 6th April	Year 1-6 swimming Lessons at Dudley Pool
6th April	Canterbury Swimming
6th April	Last day of Term 1
7th April	GOOD FRIDAY and school holidays begin
24th April	Teacher Only Day
25th April	ANZAC Day
26th April	Term 2 begins
26th April	ANZAC Day Service 2pm here at school
12th May	Whole School Cross Country 12.30 onwards
19th May	School Disco
23rd June	School and Community Hangi

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