



9 AUGUST 2024

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ISSUE 17

WHATS HAPPENING AUGUST

- **12th** - Sports Camp practice @ Piopio
- BoT meeting 6pm
- **21st** - Speech and Poem competition
1pm start
- **22nd** - Aria Production
- **26th** - School photos
- Sports Camp practice @ Piopio

SEPTEMBER

- **3rd** - Hearing & vision testing
- **6th** - Yr 5-8 Rippa Rugby tournament @ rugby park
- **9th** - Grandparents Assembly
- BoT Meeting 6pm
- **11th** - Yr 2-8 Ski Trip
- **16th** - Yr 7&8 HPV immunisations
- **18th** - Music Festival practice
- **19th** - Music Festival
- **20th** - Sports Camp practice @ Piopio all day
- **23 -27** - Totara Springs sports camp
- **27th** - Last day Term 3

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

WEEK 3, TERM 3, 2024

Kia ora koutou

I can't believe that it's the end of week 3 already! The Board have appointed your new Principal – Heather Dallas. Heather will start here at the beginning of Term 4. There is an introductory letter from Heather which was emailed out yesterday and is also included in this newsletter.

The children have been working hard on their speeches and poems. We have just over a week before this event so please encourage your children to practise at home.

Today was Liv's last day with us. Thankyou Liv for all your hard work. We all wish you the best going forward.

Please remember to return your permission slips for the Aria School Production.

That's all from us this week, stay warm – Sue & Team





THIS WEEKS CERTIFICATES



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Pharrah Whitehead

For being a kind and caring member
of our Rangitoto School whanau.



Elise Duder

For being more confident and assertive in her
talking.

Max O'Hearn

For being a polite and co-operative class member.



JUNIOR ROOM

James Duder

For always working diligently and doing your best.

Max O'Hearn

For being a confident learner that helps others
around him to learn to.

SENIOR ROOM

Fergus Duder

For his fantastic effort in all areas of school.

James Lynch

For his outstanding effort in maths.



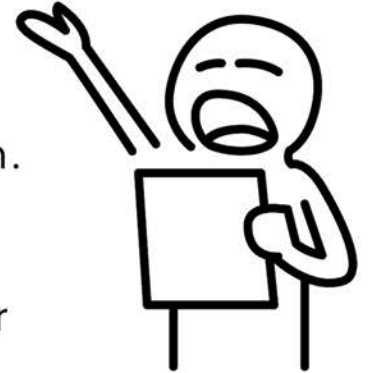
Keep it Up!

SPEECH AND POEM COMPETITION

On Wednesday, August 21st we will be holding our Speech and Poem Competition. We will be starting at 1 pm and should be finished by 3 pm. The children are looking forward to this and we would love it if you could join us.

We have two judges from Te Kuiti coming up for the afternoon.

Looking forward to seeing you all.



REMINDERS

- Can all sports tops please be returned ASAP. They need to be accounted for before the mini ball season starts.
- Winter sport invoices need to be paid by Friday 9th August.
- Aria Production permission slips and payment are due next Friday.
- Yummy stickers can be handed into the office - they will be sent off before the end of term.

DON'T FORGET

USEFUL LINKS AND INFO

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Dear Community,

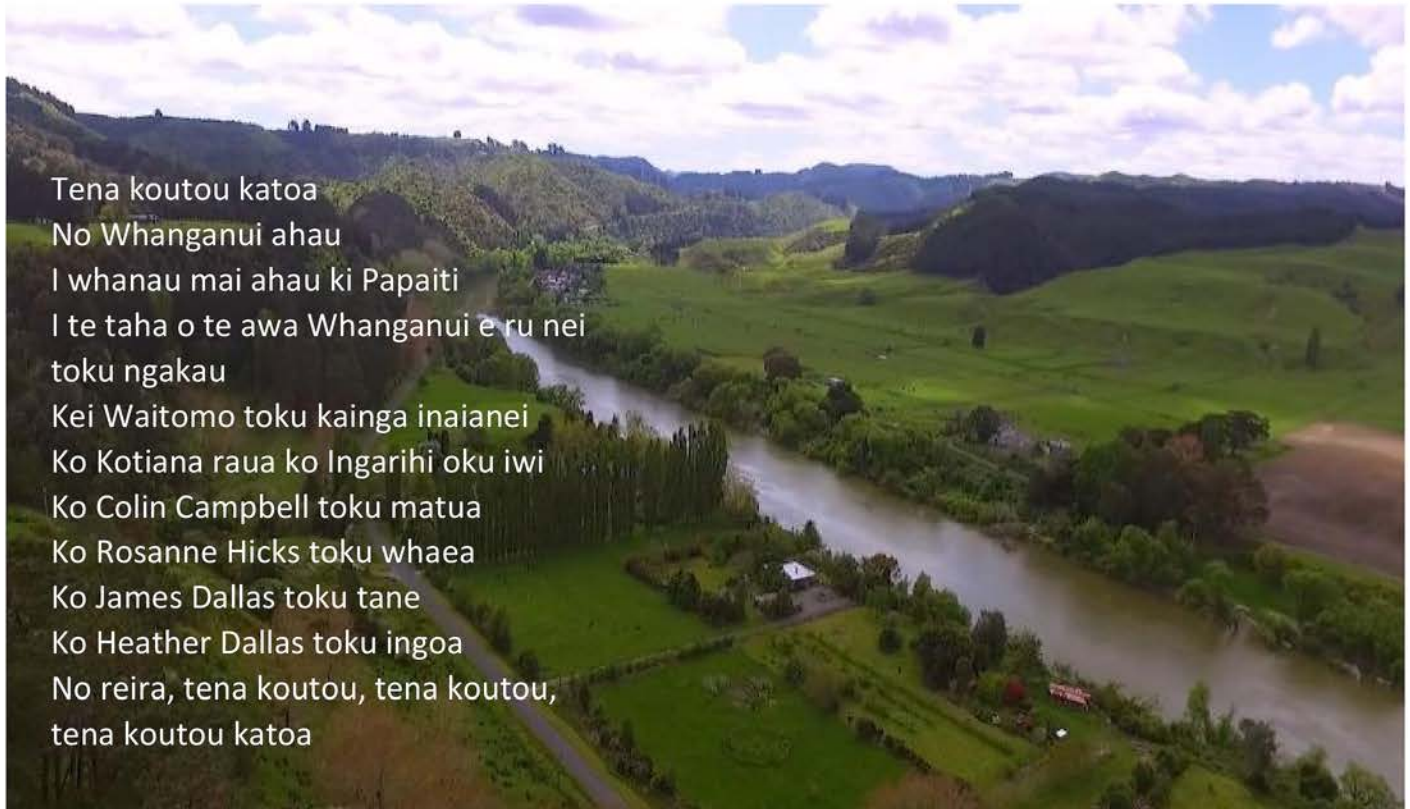
It is the Board of Trustees pleasure to announce the appointment of Heather Dallas as the new Principal for our school starting term 4.

Please find attached a letter of introduction from Heather

Regards

Sam Duder

Board of Trustees Chair



Tena koutou katoa
No Whanganui ahau
I whanau mai ahau ki Papaiti
I te taha o te awa Whanganui e ru nei
toku ngakau
Kei Waitomo toku kainga inaianei
Ko Kotiana raua ko Ingarihi oku iwi
Ko Colin Campbell toku matua
Ko Rosanne Hicks toku whaea
Ko James Dallas toku tane
Ko Heather Dallas toku ingoa
No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou,
tena koutou katoa

Hello to everyone!

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Principal of Rangitoto School and look forward to getting to know students, staff, families and friends of the school. I hope to be able to visit the school shortly and start getting to know everyone including your Acting Principal, Sue, to ensure a smooth transition as I start in role for Term 4. I am sure it will be a very busy term for us all!

A little background about myself. I was born and grew up in rural Whanganui next to the Whanganui River (pictured above) on a sheep and beef cattle farm, the youngest of 6 siblings. I travelled about 45 minutes by bus each day to attend school. I was part of a close rural community with strong, lasting ties to many people from that period of my life. On leaving school I was employed in a variety of office jobs including 12 years with Telecom NZ living first in Wellington, back in Whanganui when I married my husband James, then in Auckland for a number of years. After my sons were born we shifted to Rangiriri, North Waikato to bring our children up in a rural lifestyle and our daughter was born not long after. I started working as a Teacher Aide at the local school when she was a pre-schooler and ended up starting teacher training at University of Waikato once she started school. During this time I also raised calves, grew table grapes, opened a boarding kennel/cattery and did relief milking to bring in extra income.

On graduating I was employed in a variety of teaching roles in the area before I took the opportunity to work overseas in Brunei Darussalam in South East Asia as an English teacher at Primary School level. After 5 years teaching and also completing my Master of Education degree, I became an Education Project Manager for the following three years managing up to 40 teachers at a time and working on a variety of MoE national education projects.

Although I loved my time working in Brunei and all the opportunities for travel and meeting people from around the world, after 8 years abroad it was time to return home to be closer to family. Since our return, I have spent 5 years as a rural principal at Ngamatapouri School (South Taranaki) and Ngakonui Valley School (Taumarunui) plus a year heading up the High Learning Needs unit at Otorohanga South School.

Wanting to be closer to children and grandchildren, James and I purchased a bare block at Waitomo as they live nearby and we fell in love with the natural beauty and rural nature of the area. At the beginning of 2021 we moved permanently to Waitomo, and since then have been working on slowly renovating an old 1920s villa we moved onto the block. Most weekends are spent on house renovating or landscaping the garden or spending time with family. (I now have 5 grandchildren with the eldest just starting school in Otorohanga last term) My other interests are reading, playing D&D, walking, swimming, yoga and doing the daily Wordle. I also love to plan future travel experiences!

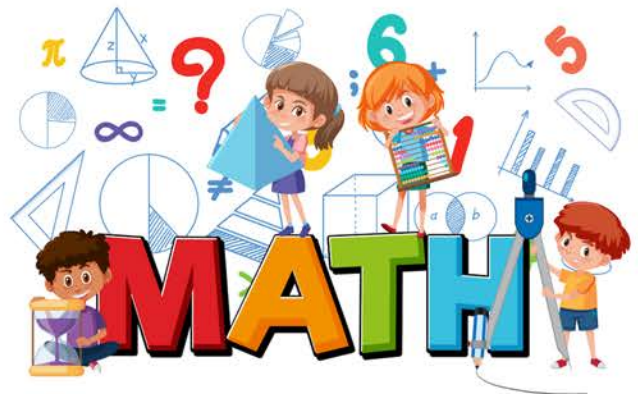
My ethos is simple – I want both students and staff to wake up in the morning wanting to come to school and then to leave at the end of the day feeling satisfied. I believe my job as school leader is to ensure staff know the responsibilities and goals of their jobs and have the knowledge, resources and support to achieve these to a high standard without compromising personal wellbeing. I am passionate about quality education for students particularly in a rural environment and need the team around me to feel the same way. I believe in collaboration between everyone involved in a child's education to ensure we do everything possible to achieve learning success.

I hope this introduction has helped you get to know me a little better. I look forward to meeting you all in person soon.

Nga mihi nui,

Heather Dallas

JUNIOR ROOM SNAPS



SENIOR ROOM SNAPS





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