

Tiēke/ Kōtare/Kākā Panui

15th of February 2024

Week 3, Term 1 Edition

Kia ora tātou,

Nau mai, haere mai.

Greetings and welcome to all. As you may be aware, our team (whānau) is a little bit different from 2023. Our team includes all students from Year 4 to 8. The students have welcomed in 4 new staff (Grant, Jane, Anna and Neil) as well as Alex who has moved into Tiēke to teach our Year 4 students.

Our initial focus has been developing our learning relationships and building our knowledge about each of our students. To the children's credit they have willingly shared about what their interests and passions are.

It has been great to meet our parents, families, grandparents and whānau when you have been in the school.

Communicating early is a key strategy in solving and resolving things.

Grant Henderson

Deputy Principal– Year 4 to Year 8

Reminders and events

We do need some of the following documents back to school as soon as possible:

1. Digital Citizen Agreement– Please remember to sign and talk about this with your child.
2. Year 7 Vaccination forms– please return the form to your child's teacher.
3. We have started to form teams for the upcoming non stop cricket for Year 5 to Year 8.
4. Kākā camp is around 3 weeks away. If you have any documentation to be returned, please do so.
5. Our Leadership hour has also started.

News from around our rooms.

Tiēke

We've set up a pūtaiao science area. Our learning will be guided by the curriculum objectives under Nature of Science, Living World, Planet Earth and Beyond, Physical World and Material World.

If, on your family expeditions, you find items of interest, please send them along.

If you work in the sciences, we'd love to hear how you can enrich our science explorations! Please pop in or email

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Ko wai au?

This year most of the students in Tiēke and Kōtare have made a "ko wai au?" This piece of art is about their interests, hobbies and activities that they like to do.

You are most welcome to view these pieces of art in our rooms.



Kōtare 1

We have been very busy in Kōtare 1. We have completed our Ko wai au? We have been working on constructing interesting sentences and developing paragraphs.



Thinking about how we can become leaders. Working on place value and different types of numbers. The most important thing has been developing our class culture.

How can I help at home? Reading for pleasure for 15 minutes is very helpful. Getting children to recite basic fact combinations will do no harm.

Thank you for your support. You can contact me on granth@northland.school.nz

Kōtare 2

Kōtare 2 have been getting our literacy and numeracy programme up and running.

Each child has a basic facts goal that they have been working on in class and I encourage your child to practise these at home to. A simple pack of cards is all you need - just ask your children.

As individual children we are working

through the levels of basic facts attached.

Basic Facts Learning					
Stages 2-3, Counting All to Counting by Imaging					
Date completed	Adding Zero Eg 0 + 5	Adding 1 Eg 1 + 5	Groups within 5 Eg 2 + 3, 5 - 2	Groups with 5 Eg 3 + 6, 7, ... - 2	Doubles to 10 Eg 5 + 5
Stage 4, Advanced Counting					
Date completed	Addition to 10 Eg 2 + 6	Make 10 Eg 5 + ... = 10	Subtraction from 10 Eg 10 - 5	Doubles to 20 Eg 9 + 9	Halves to 20 Eg 1/2 of 16
Date completed	10 and facts Addition Eg 10 + 6	10 and facts Subtraction Eg 13 - ... = 10	Addition Make 20 Eg 12 + ... = 20	Adding and Subtracting Tens Eg 20 + 50, 70 - 20	Tens Within 100 Eg 60 + ... = 100, 100 - 60 =
Stage 5, Early Additive					
Date completed	Addition to 20 Eg 7 + 5	Subtraction from 10 Eg 10 - ... = 7	2 x Table Eg 4 x 2	5 x Table Eg 4 x 5	10x Table Eg 10 x 5
Date completed	Groups within 100 using 5p Eg 100 - 45	Doubles/Halves up 100 Eg 25 + 25, 1/2 of 70	Multiples of 100 to make 1000 Eg 400 + ... = 900	Division 2s, 5s and 10s Eg 8 ÷ 2	3, 4x Table Eg 3 x 4

Stage 6, Advanced Additive					
Date completed	Addition to 20 Eg 12 + ... = 20	Subtraction from 20 Eg 18 - 7	6, 7 x Table Eg 6 x 7	8, 9 x Table Eg 8 x 9	Groups within 100 Eg 31 + ... = 100
Date completed	Division by 3, 4 Eg 12 ÷ 4	Division by 6, 7 Eg 36 ÷ ... = 6	Division 8, 9 Eg 63 ÷ 9	Groups within 1000 Eg 540 + ... = 900	X10, x100, x1000 Eg 23 x 10, 540 x 100

Kākā 5,6,7

We have had a fantastic start to the term in Team Kākā and have loved getting to know our ākongā over the last few weeks. We are now settling into some serious learning and fun as well!

We have some new programmes this year, such as the systematic teaching of handwriting and grammar, as well as a new mahi rangahau theme 'Beneath the Surface.' We will be continuing with The Code as our school programme for spelling, and are about to start work on addition and subtraction strategies in maths.

This week we have started Literature Circles and it has been amazing to see our students getting into their novels and preparing for their



first meetings. Make sure that you ask your child what they are reading!

Kia ora Neil,

Our Whānau would like to welcome Neil to our team He will be working in Kōtare 1 initially but may also be seen in other parts of the school.

Thank you Neil for joining Northland School.



Lunch boxes— some of the children are running short of food. Can you please check with your child to see if they have enough food to fuel them for the day. Thank you.

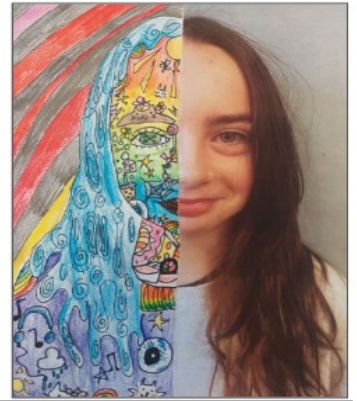
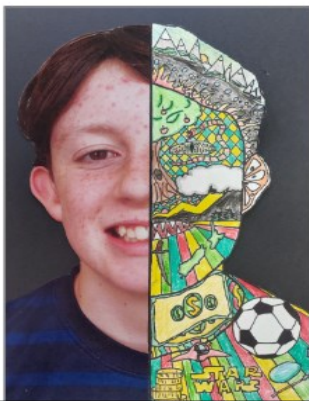
Swimming in Team Kākā!



Team Kākā have been enjoying learning at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. On Wednesdays in term one, ākonga will learn life jacket & kayak safety, boat safety and general water safety skills. The trained aquatic skills coaches also help them build confidence in deeper water.

Kākā's Art - My Inner Self

We have been busy in the first few weeks, creating self portraits which show both our inner and outer selves. We are so impressed with the work that we are seeing being produced and the amount of time and care our students are putting into this!



Events that we know of coming up in the next fortnight.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 (starting 26th of February)	Teachers admin meeting at 8.00am	Home and School meeting at 7.30pm in the staff room.	Kelly Sports here with Kākā. Kākā at swimming.	Leadership hour.	Music groups in action. Kapa haka with Matua Hemi
6 (starting 4th of March)		Non-stop cricket event.	Kelly Sports here with Kākā. Kākā at swimming.	Non-stop cricket event . (postponement) Leadership hour.	Kapa Haka with Matua Hemi. Music groups in action.

Leadership Hour

Leadership hour is a new initiative that we are working on with Team Kōtare and Tīeke.

Each week our students have the opportunity to lead a 'passion project' with the Kōtare/Tīeke students and teach them a new skill, or run an activity. So far these have included dance, watercolour painting, origami, cricket and netball skills and coding! This week we are introducing even more activities, like Minecraft Education. We are really looking forward to seeing how this progresses and develops throughout the term, and the relationships that are built between our students in both teams.



Photos of what we are doing.



Co-operative maths in action.



Fire drill practice.



Publishing our writing.



Preparing for the Kākā camp.



A piece of writing starter.



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Tīeke, Kōtare and Kākā Staff.

Leadership Hour

