

He hono tangata e koro e motu, kāpā he taura waka e motu.

Connections between people cannot be severed, whereas those of a canoe-rope can.

WELCOME

Kia ora koutou -

It is with much sadness that we have bid farewell to Georgia Moore (R11) who made the difficult decision to return to Cambridge with her partner. In the short time that Georgia was with us, she contributed much to our senior school and has built excellent relationships with the students. We will all miss her positivity and passion for student-centered learning.

Hayley Tito will teach in R11 from Monday to Wednesday, and Natasha will teach in R11 from Thursday to Friday. We are thrilled to have Hayley joining us on a more permanent basis, as she is an excellent teacher, who knows the community well. Apparently, for some reason, as well she's a dab hand at teaching rugby.

The whakatauki (Māori proverb) above expresses the idea that maintaining good relationships with one another is crucial to our health and wellbeing. This is an idea that is actively promoted throughout the senior school and sits at the heart of our hauora programme this term. Friendships and how to build resilience when these change will be a thread throughout our learning.

One of the many wonderful things that our students do at school is run lunchtime activities for younger students, as part of their working towards their excellence awards. Sometimes, it seems that every time you turn a corner at school during lunch, there is another action-packed activity being led by our students. Fantastic mahi!



As we head back into spring, there will be extra opportunities for our students to take part in. The first of these will be the interschool sports tournaments taking place in early August. We are sure you appreciate how hard we work to make sure everyone has a fair chance at participating in these events.

T3 Learning

Should your child be less than forthcoming about their day at school, here's an overview for you to see what we'll be learning.

Māori: **Whenua** (our relationship with the land, and names of native trees and animals).

English: **Novel Studies** and **Writing Workshops**.



Mathematics: **Fractions, decimals and percentages** followed by **Geometry**.

Health and PE: **Friendships** (relationships), **Running** (TempoFit and Cross-country) and a yet to be decided PE programme after cross-country has concluded.

Languages: **Mandarin, Spanish** or **Japanese**.

The Arts: **Film, Pasifika Art, Art History** or **Music Making** (student choice).

Technology: continuing our programme at Devon Intermediate.

Wai Inquiry - student-led inquiry that follows up from our T2 learning around wai (water).

Careers Inquiry - a chance for our tamariki to explore future career choices and what these mean to their education choices.

Speeches - later in the term, a chance for each student to compete to represent our school at inter school speeches.

Y7 Digital Citizenship and **Writing**.

Y8 Leadership: developing leadership skills among the Y8's, so they can carry out their leadership responsibilities effectively.

T3 Important Dates

Thursday **29th July** - 6:45pm Spotswood College opening evening

Tuesday **3rd August** - NPBHS and NPGHS visit Oakura School

Wednesday **4th August** - 3:30pm NPBHS open evening

Thursday **5th August** - 5:30pm NPGHS open evening

Monday **9th August** - AIMS Games Hockey fundraiser at the Good Home (6:30pm to 8:30pm).

9th - 11th August - WITT Taranaki Science and Technology Fair

This event will be held at NPBHS and the prize-giving ceremony will be held there from 7pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday evening. Fingers crossed!

9th - 13th August - Maths Week

Wednesday **11th August** - Spotswood College information evening

Thursday **12th August** - Y7&8 Interschool Sports Tournaments

Monday **23rd August** - Careers Expo

A chance for our tamariki to learn about future career choices and speak to experts about these.

Tuesday **24th August** - NPBHS and NPGHS enrolment interviews at Oakura School

Thursday **26th August** - Oakura School competitive cross country

Thursday **26th August** - Whānau hui (5:30pm - 7pm)

Friday **27th August** - Ruby's Rainbow Day

A chance for everyone to dress up in costume and raise funds for Starship Children's Hospital

Friday **27th August** - Schoolwide Fun Run (cross country alternative)

The conclusion of our TempoFit programme.

Wednesday **1st September** - Spotswood College interviews at Oakura School.

Thursday **2nd September** - Coastal Y7&8 cross country

6th - 10th September - AIMS Games

13th - 6th September - Year 7&8 North Island Ski Championships (NIPS)

Friday **17th September** - Tātarakihi Kapahaka Festival

13th - 17th September - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Tuesday **21st September** - Y8 Gardasil immunisations

Wednesday **29th September** - Taranaki Cross Country

Friday **1st October** - last day of term.

Communication

We welcome any feedback, questions or help when it comes to working together to provide the best possible education for your child. Please feel free to come in and discuss your child's education by emailing or calling to make a meeting at an appropriate time. Teachers will be in meetings on Monday mornings, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.



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Winter is Here

We finished the T2 newsletter with a request to remind your children to bring suitable attire to school each day and think that this is worth repeating, as we often take learning out into our beautiful environment.

This means that the tamariki must bring suitably warm clothing to school every day, so that they are comfortable during those times when they are expected to be outside, which, at the least, is every morning break and lunch break when it isn't raining. It may be a struggle to get them to bring that day-glo yellow raincoat that they own, but it's a struggle worth having. Your help in this is immensely appreciated.

Regards

Jay, Nicola, Hayley and Natasha.