

Sandspit Road School

Newsletter Term 2, Week 6

Kia ora koutou katoa, talofa lava, bula vinaka, malo e lelei, kia orana, namaste, malo ni, asalaamu alaikum, and warm greetings to you all.

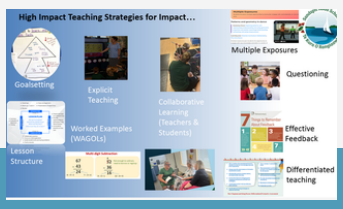
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

In March 2026 a report called 'Solving Problems, Improving Outcomes, Moving Forward' was published as part of the newly established Collaborative Improvement Community. The purpose of the report is to highlight and exemplify schools with proven good practices. We are really proud to be one of just 8 schools across all of New Zealand to appear in this report. This is down to the hard mahi of all our staff, because to create positive change takes a united approach.

We are committed to continuing to raise outcomes for all learners at Sandspit Road School. Part of that commitment is around implementing teaching and learning approaches that are proven to be effective and based on research. This is why we continue to focus on assessment for learning at our school. By using this approach, we keep our tamariki at the heart of all that we do.







Week 2: Understanding the New Five-Step Scale

Building on our update from last week, we want to share more details about the new Progress Descriptors you will see in your child's report starting in 2026. These descriptors replace older scales with five clear, nationally consistent steps to show how your child is tracking against the revised New Zealand Curriculum.

The Five Progress Descriptors

Each descriptor provides a snapshot of your child's current learning stage in Reading, Writing, and Maths:

Emerging	Students require support to meet curriculum expectations for their year level and/or goals as described in their personalised learning plan.
Developing	Students are making some progress towards curriculum expectations for their year level.
Consolidating	Students are meeting many curriculum expectations for their year level and are steadily strengthening their understanding across learning areas.
Proficient	Students are meeting curriculum expectations for their year level.
Exceeding	Students are exceeding curriculum expectations for their year level.

Why This Change Matters

By using the same language across all schools in New Zealand, these descriptors ensure that no matter where your child goes to school, their progress is understood clearly and consistently.

At the mid-year point, these descriptors help us identify if a student is "on track" to reach Proficiency by December. If a student is "Developing" mid-year, it indicates they are on a positive trajectory toward meeting the year-end goal. This clarity allows teachers and whānau to work together early to provide the right support.

Impact was not treated as an end-of-year verdict, but as ongoing feedback for decision making.

Mitey Values

MITEY MOMENTS



Kim from Mitey has been in school for the last two days working alongside kaiako and tamariki in the classrooms. Kim has modelled lessons and supported teachers to implement Mitey through different curriculum areas.

Moving into next term we will be continuing to deliver the Mitey program which is teaching our students all about mental health.

RELATIONSHIPS

Last week in our values assembly, a group of year 8 students performed a play all about being an UPSTANDER. We know how easy it is to be a BYSTANDER and to not say anything. We are encouraging our tamariki to be kind, show compassion and be caring.

We are working closely with the community police to educate our students around the importance of being safe, responsible online citizens.



Tamariki Support

We know that at times we can all struggle as the cost of living rises. Some of us are being hit hard with rising fuel prices added to all the other expenses. As a school we would like to help when and where we can.

Free Period Products



Did you know that we are part of the free period products programme? The initiative gives aakonga access to free period products so they can participate fully in education, with dignity, confidence and without stigma, while easing financial pressures for whaanau. These products are accessible in the Year 6 to 8 classrooms.

Have a koorero with your tamariki and let them know period products are available to them at no cost.

Free Winter Jackets



We would like to thank KIDS CAN for providing a warm, fleece lined jacket for all tamariki. We are giving these out over the next week. We will name the jackets. Please remind your tamariki to wear them to school as the days are starting to become a little chilly.

Free Shoes and Socks



Our partnership with KIDS CAN means we are also able to provide a pair of shoes and two pairs of socks for those in need of shoes. We will be sending a letter home with information. If your tamariki need shoes please return the form and tell us the shoe size needed.

Free Nit Treatments

We have a small number of nit combs and boxes of nit lotion. If you are in need please reach out to us as we may be able to help. It is really important to treat all household members.



Kai at Kura

There are times when we all run late, run out of snacks or breakfast cereal. No worries. We have your back. We can supply a breakfast or snack for your child in times of need. We are lucky to have donations from Kids Can, Punchbowl, Fonterra and New World,

We are working to remove barriers to our aakonga so they can attend school, enjoy awesome learning and be the best that we can be. We appreciate all of your support.

Sandspit Road School
Te Kura O Rangiaawhea

SANDSPIT'S MATARIKI WHAANAU NIGHT

Come celebrate Matariki with our school whaanau and puuraakau.

THURSDAY 2 JULY | **STARTS 5:30PM** | **FINISHES 7:30PM**



KAPA HAKA

Kapa Haka will open the night with a performance.



MAAORI STORIES

Classes have illustrated Maaori stories, some from our local area. These have been presented on the windows for whaanau to see.



WALK & LISTEN

Walk around the school hearing the stories / puuraakau.

You need to bring a torch, or use your phone's torch.



FOOD & TREATS

Hot food, hot chocolate and a bake sale will be available to purchase.

All whaanau welcome!

ALL AT
SANDSPIT ROAD SCHOOL

OVER AND ABOVE

A huge CONGRATULATIONS those students who go 'OVER AND ABOVE' each week. They are a credit to our kura, to their whaanau but most of all to themselves. Ka pai, tamariki; we see you!



Jason, Shalom, Lily, Aiden, Sophia, Neroia, Arienna, Lacey, Tatiana, Olive, Aiden, Dylan, Ajit, Lucas, Kora



ICE CREAM WINNERS

Britney, Shreya, Raeyray, Abbie, Isla, Edith

From the PTA

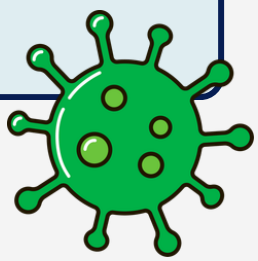
Thursday 18th June – Dollar for Schools – Pizza Hut lunches



Health and Safety

There are lots of snotty bugs floating around at the moment. If your children are sick, please keep them at home. We need to keep tamariki and kaiako healthy. We are encouraging healthy habits with hand washing and cleaning tables and surfaces in classrooms.

Hopefully a four day weekend will give everyone a chace to rest and recoup.



Attendance



Best attending class = Kootuku room 10

CONGRATULATIONS

Hailee
Holly C
Justin
Lucas
Kora





Patrick
Jessica
Armand
Navisha
Connor

Lacey
Prayan
Riley M

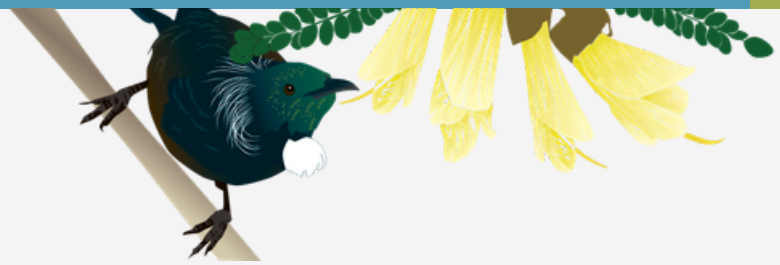
Sophia
Harrison
Meghan
Tyson





Term at a glance...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1					2pm ANZAC Assembly
WEEK 2	ANZAC DAY			Pizza Hut Lunch	2.30pm Assembly
WEEK 3	Swimming Lessons Yrs 2 – 6 begins				
WEEK 4	BOT Meeting	Year 7/8 Soccer	Year 3/4 Soccer	Year 5/6 Soccer	2.30pm Assembly
WEEK 5				Sushi Lunch	
WEEK 6					2.30pm Assembly
WEEK 7	KING'S BIRTHDAY	TEACHER ONLY DAY			
WEEK 8				School Disco	2.30pm Assembly
WEEK 9				Pizza Hut Lunch	
WEEK 10	Reports go home		Student Led Conferences	Student Led Conferences	2.30pm Assembly
WEEK 11		Year 7/8 Franklin Speeches	Year 5/6 Franklin Speeches	Photo Life Matariki Night	



Acorn Neurodiversity
Whānau Workshops

FREE

A whānau session on understanding emotional regulation and supporting neurodivergent | takiwātanga tamariki when they feel overwhelmed, stressed, or dysregulated. We'll cover simple strategies for home including co-regulation, routines, sensory supports and helping tamariki return to calm.

When? Thursday 11 June, 2026, 6-7 pm
Where? Tamaoho School, 36 Taikaranga Street, Pukekohe

Light supper supplied | No registration needed

Need more information? Email shay@tewhare.org.nz



Atwc KIA ORA AKE tewhare

HELPING TAMARIKI THRIVE WHEN ANXIETY IS A PROBLEM
with Catherine Gallagher

WORKSHOP SPEAKER
Catherine Gallagher is a clinical psychologist with over 20 years' experience in the public and private sectors. A lot of this time has been spent focused on supporting children, young people and their whaanau around a number of issues, including anxiety.

ABOUT OUR WORKSHOP
While anxiety is a challenge many of our tamariki and whaanau face, it doesn't have to define their journey. Understanding how it impacts mana and self-esteem allows us to build stronger, more resilient foundations for the future. By equipping ourselves with knowledge today, we can empower our community and ensure every individual feels seen, supported, and confident.

THIS WORKSHOP WILL GIVE YOU
- Information to understand the prevalence and impact of anxiety on tamariki and why it might show at home, school and in daily life.
- How to recognise signs early and practical tools on what you can do to help your tamariki feel confident, safe and connected.
- How to support tamariki and work with your school to help prevent anxiety from limiting their opportunities and experiences.
- An opportunity to ask questions about anxiety.

WHAT YOU WILL LEAVE WITH
Practical strategies you can use at home and in daily life.



WORKSHOP SPEAKER
Event Details

Venue	Waiuku College
Date	8th June
Time	6.30pm – 8.00pm

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NZ MODERN SCHOOL OF MUSIC COUNTIES ANNUAL 47TH COMPETITIONS

5th & 6th June 2026
Friday and Saturday
8.30am to 6.30pm



Franklin Baptist Church
128 Victoria Street
Pukekohe
Admission Cash Only
$5 Adults. Children/Performers free

GUITAR UKULELE SINGING LESSONS

In school tuition:
Awhitu, Waipipi, Sandspit Road, Te Hihi.
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