

Sandspit Road School

Newsletter Term 3, Week 4

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

BOOK WEEK!

What an amazing week it's been! We have been celebrating book week in many different ways. There's been shared picture book competition, a play from Playhouse, buddy reading, a hunt for Wally from the Where's Wally books, Scholastic Book Fair, reading competitions, and a book character parade to complete the week.
We love this quote from NZ author Patricia Grace:
"We live by the sea, which hems and stitches the scalloped edges of the land". It paints a lovely picture in our minds that sums up both NZ and Pacific Islands.

What's your favourite book and why?







Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Whaea Va on winning the position of Team Leader. We are very proud to have Whaea Va lead our Year 7 and 8's. Well Done Whaea!



BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

This year we held our book character parade a little differently. We walked through Pono Place, up Waitoa Street and onto Sandspit Road to show off the wonderful costumes.Thank you to everyone who waved at us. Next year we hope to see even more character costumes.









📢 WE NEED YOUR VOICE, SANDSPIT WHAANAU! 📢

At Sandspit School, we want to grow learners who are ready for anything the future holds. To do that, we are developing our brand-new Sandspit School Learner Qualities—the core strengths and attributes we will explicitly teach and talk about with our students every single day.

To make sure these qualities truly reflect who we are, we need your help. We want a rich, diverse whaanau voice to shape this project. Whether your family has been in our community for generations, or you are brand new to the area, your unique perspective is vital. We want the values of all our families represented in the traits we choose to grow in our children.

We have woven a Maaori lens through the options below to give them deep roots in our local environment, but the traits themselves are universal keys to success.

Please take two minutes to click the survey link
and select the top 4 qualities you believe are essential for a successful learner.
The survey is open now and closes on Friday, 21st August.
Thank you for partnering with us to shape the future of our tamariki!







Strategic Plan 2022-2026

For the last four years we have been working on goals to keep moving our school forward.
Strategic Goal 1: Building a positive learning focused culture
Strategic Goal 2: Enabling every Learner to meet their potential
Strategic Goal 3: Community and Communication.





Goal 1 2026 Updates:
We have introduced the Mitey Programme to support students awareness and understanding of mental health, and how we can support one another through kindness and affirmation. Our wonderful Year 7 and 8 students write and perform skits in our Values Assembly (which we introduced this year) to demonstrate the behaviours, actions and values that we believe make us great citizens. This term we have registered with the KINDNESS COLLECTIVE and we are introducing the Kindness Cup. This is given out once a term to a student who has demonstrated extraordinary kindness. This is aligns well with our Over and Above weekly recognitions. It is wonderful to see students and parents nominating people too. We love that sense of partnership.





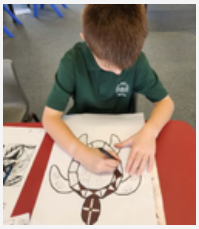




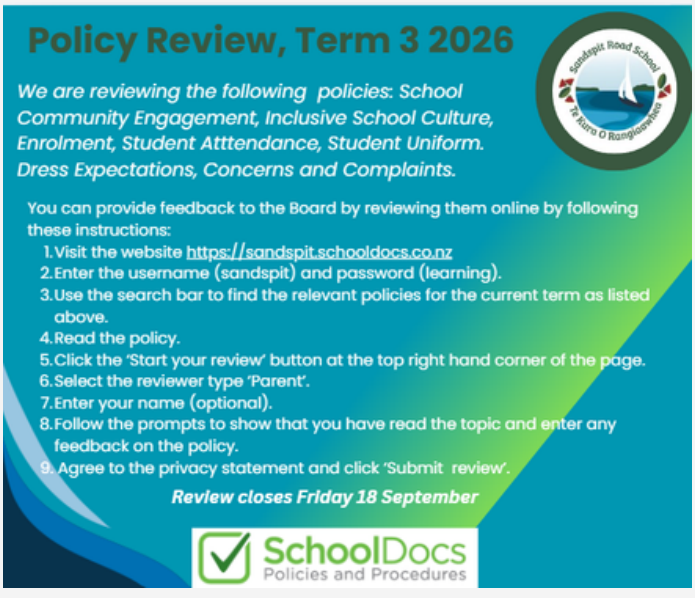


Goal 2 2026 Updates.
There have been some amazing opportunities for our tamariki to shine and show talent in a number of sporting events, cultural events, arts, e-pro8 competitions and speech competitions..
At assembly last Friday we had an amazing amount of sport certificates to give out.
Make sure your tamariki are at school everyday so they can benefit from all the opportunities on offer.

Now is the time to have your say. Check out the policies on School Docs and give feedback.







Goal 3 2026 Updates
We are currently working with SKOOL LOOP to update our website. It will be user-friendly and show case what a wonderful place our school is. Some of our students have produced a virtual tour of our school which will be on the new website. They wrote the script, presented and took control of the filming. We can't wait to see the final draft on the new website.

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!



Week 2 and 3: William, Matilda, Emma, Mrs Jones, Eliana, Miss Horley, Ruby, Alice, Korrah, Rylie, Lacey, Abbie, Keira-Lee, Jorja, Demi, Dylan, Taylor, Benji, Riyaan, Patrick, Wian, Millar, Lucas, Trident-Ryder, Diego, Tatiana, Raiden and Kyra.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jordyn
Emma
Alex





Kellise
Alice
Demi
Joseph
Wyatt

Olivia
Joseph
Taylor





ICE CREAM WINNERS

Zinaar, Jack, Carys, Alex, Holly and Ellie

From the PTA



Health and Safety

We have three beautiful new benches around our trees by the Junior playground. The money was very kindluy donated by St. Andrew's Op shop.

A reminder that the school gates are locked after school hours. This is a safety measure to keep people safe and to stop our school being vadalised.
Please remind your children not to jump the school fence.

Attendance



Best attending class =
Week 3 Tohoraa

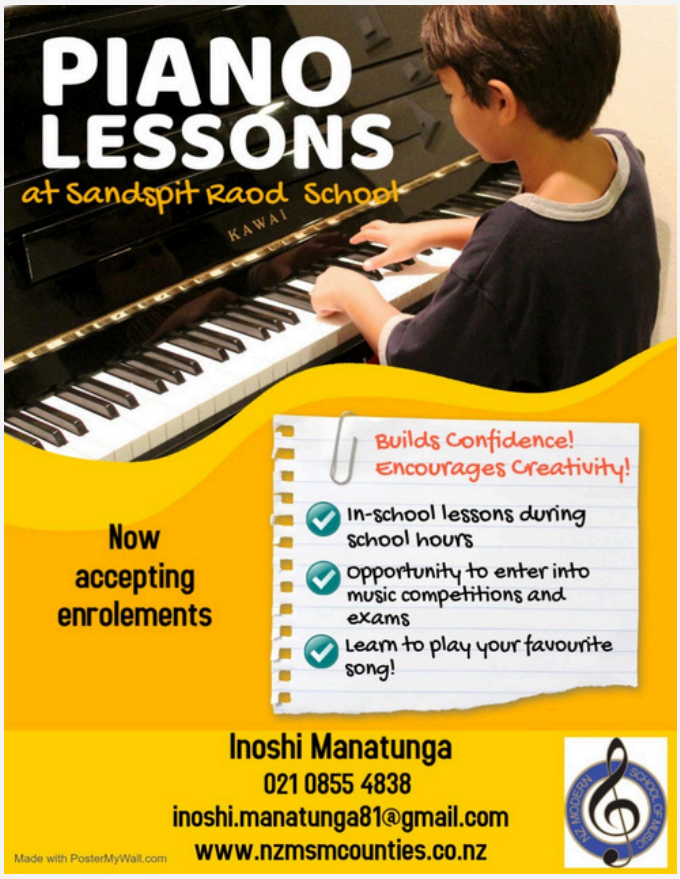
Week 4 = Pahekoheko



Term at a glance...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	2.30pm Poowhiri				
WEEK 2		Yr 4 – 8 Cross Country Practice		PTA Lunch – Sushi	Yr 4 – 8 Cross Country Practice
WEEK 3	Yr 5/6 Boys Netball	Yr 7/8 Netball	Yr 5/6 Girls Netball	Year 3/4 Netball School EPRO8	Trees for Survival School EPRO8 Celebration Assembly
WEEK 4 BOOK WEEK		Cross Country Group Day	Book Fair	Grandparents Day NZ Playhouse	Book Week Dress Up Celebration Assembly
WEEK 5 Tongan Language Week	BOT Meeting 6.30pm			PTA Lunch – Pizza Hut	
WEEK 6 24/8 Maths Week				Yr 7/8 Nest	Celebration Assembly
WEEK 7 31/8	Daffodil Day – Cancer Society Fundraiser			PTA Lunch – Sushi	
WEEK 8 7/9					Celebration Assembly
WEEK 9 14/9	BOT Meeting 6.30pm	Te wiki te reo Maaori		PTA Lunch – Pizza Hut	Junior Cross Country
WEEK 10 21/9					Celebration Assembly

Community Notices



DONATIONS Needed for the Art Room:

If you are cleaning these things out at your house, don't throw them away! Bring them to the Art Room! ☺

- Fabric scraps
- Buttons
- Stickers
- Wine corks
- Old cookie sheets with rims
- Small items for mosaics like bottle caps, buttons, beads, washers, shells, spools, rocks, etc.
- Baskets and bins
- Popsicle sticks
- Glue gun sticks
- Wood scraps
- Old hardware
- Tissue paper
- Metallic or generic gift wrap
- Scrapbook paper
- Paper of any kind
- Feathers
- Old Filing Folders
- Cardboard scraps
- Poster board
- Acrylic craft paint
- Felt
- Paper plates
- Googly eyes
- White glue
- Tape of any kind
- Oil pastels
- chalk or chalk pastels
- Cardstock
- Nuts and bolts
- Wire and springs
- Newspaper
- Magazines (school appropriate such as House and Garden, Boating etc.)
- Plastic bags
- Anything else you think we can use! ☺

GUITAR UKULELE SINGING LESSONS

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

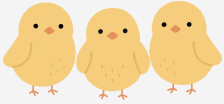
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