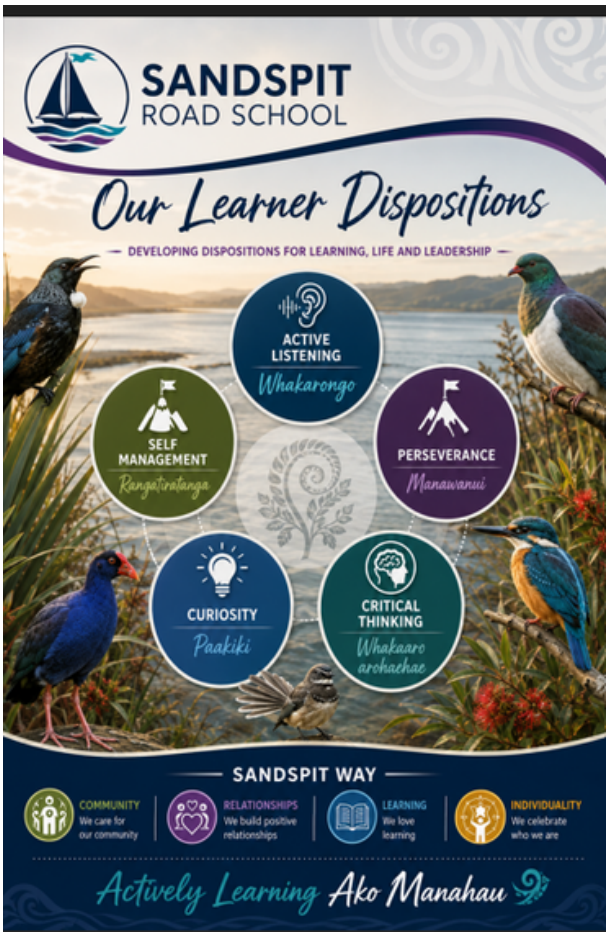


Sandspit Road School

Newsletter Term 3, 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.

LEARNING POWERS



Thank you to everyone who filled in the survey about which dispositions are important for good learning. We had a huge community response. After collating student, whaanau and staff surveys we have the top five dispositions which are are calling our Learning Powers.

- Active Listening/ Whakarongo: True listening involves the whole body—the ears, the eyes, and the heart. It not only helps you learn, it is a form of respect and care. Listening carefully to a teacher or peer upholds and values them and their mana (dignity).
- Manawanui/ Perseverance: means working hard from your core. It is the internal drive to put effort into everything you do, working diligently not just for yourself, but to make your whaanau and school proud.
- Whakaaro arohaehae /Critical Thinking: Critical thinking is a collaborative process. It means discussing, debating, reflecting, and analysing ideas together as a group to find the best way forward, drawing on both new knowledge and prior experiences.
- Curiosity/ Paakiki : Instead of just asking questions to get an answer, curiosity is seen as exploring, researching, and interacting with the world. It is about an active, lifelong desire to learn about your environment, your history, and your heritage.
- Rangatiratanga/ Self-Discipline/ Self Regulation/ Self Managing: developing leadership over your own actions. A student who shows self-management/ rangatiratanga takes total accountability for their behaviour, their belongings, and their learning journey.

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 held a fantastic Book Week with lots of engaging learning. Our tamariki loved the performance, buddy reading where our older children partnered the younger children in reading books and a bookex competition.
This week we are holding maths week. There are many learning activities and maths scavenger hunts.
Our Year 7 and 8 Students are taking part in an enterprise unit. They are considering how they can raise funds by manufacturing different items. Forward planning, producing a business plan and developing financial literacy are all part of the project.



Contribute to the 2027 Strategic Plan







Goal 2 2026 Updates.
It was lovely to see Shalom deliver such a confident speech at the Pasifika Speech Competition last week. We are very proud and delighted for his family.

We like to see our tamariki shine in school and outside school. Our senior leaders are often out and about at sporting events to cheer on our children. Well done to the Year 7 Waiuku Rugby Team who are in the finals.

Goal 3 2026 Updates
Last week five of the Playground Project Team attended the Board meeting to present their ideas and requests regarding a new playground. They did a fantastic job and we are currently in the process of securing a project manager and consents form the Ministry of Education.

It was lovely to see so many grandparents on grandparents and special person day. Thank you for coming and sharing your wisdom with us.

MITEY Spotlight

ROHA 7

Shrinking Violet

Violet's story started tall.
Her purple hair impressed us all.

But then her plumage went awry
and she became extremely shy.

She seemed to have no energy
despite becoming gluten-free.

Her confidence was infiltrated.
Her thoughts, she thought, were overrated.

She stopped wanting to have her say;
folded herself in half each day.

Until she was just two wide eyes –
her mouth a shrug, her shrug a sigh.

She slid like droplets down a drain,
her rainbow bow drowned out by rain.

James Brown

There was Violet, sad and scared.
No one even bothered to stare.

Her purple hair, drained out by rain,
Now just looks so plain.

We want to see your rainbow bow.
You are amazing and you should know.

Violet's story ended tall.
Her confidence impressed us all

By Indy and Georgia

Violet's story started small
But she is now growing tall

Speaking to her and being kind
Delicious words to feed her mind

Giving her purple dye for her hair
To make sure she knows everyone cares

She is now taller than most
Was a quiet tower and a crystal clear ghost

With a confident stride among the crowd
She keeps her feet on the earth and her head up in the clouds

By Taylor M

Tuakina o tatou kura (Year 7/8 team) have been using poetry to learn about emotions through the Mitey Framework. Last week Roha used a poem to respond and describe how they would support a student who is struggling with their self-esteem. We used the poem - Shrinking Violet.

MITEY SIR JOHN KIRWAN FOUNDATION

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!



Taylor, Mrs Xu, Chloe, Millie, Calm, Britney, Connor, Pyper, Leah, Mrs Scott, Logan, Valentin, Jack, Ryan, Nancy and Michael



Jack, Suzanne, Abbie, Taylor, Rosie, Addison, Jaxon, Seanna, Rocky, Valentine, Pyper, Frankie-Leigh, Kiera-Lee, Dayton F, Raiden, Britney, Jason, Cameron, Paetynn, Millar, Brax, Harley, Lincoln, Aiden, Keanu, Keisza, Georgia, Indy, Grace, Grace and Darren

CONGRATULATIONS

Indy
Keisza
Leah
Jayna
Aaliyah





Ashlyn
Madison
Madelyn
Mason
Nikau
Calm
Cohen

Pyper
Aurora S





ICE CREAM WINNERS

Tamara, Kataraina, Riyaan, Charlotte, Bayden

From the PTA

Two more lunches orders for this term:

LUNCHES TERM 3!

order at www.dollarforschools.co.nz
Order by 9am Thursdays

Thurs 30 July - Sushi

Thurs 20 Aug - Pizza Hut

Thurs 3 Sept - Sushi

Thurs 17 Sept - Pizza Hut

Instructions and features

Features:
$1 for every lunch goes to our school!
Cancel or reschedule orders before 9am
Add special instructions
Parent help 7am - 10pm 7 days

All parent enquiries: renee@dollarforschools.co.nz / 021525303

Health and Safety

Lockdown Practice Coming Soon

We will be working with emergency planning experts Harrison Tew to go through a simulated lockdown. This ensures all staff and students know what to do in an emergency.

Unfortunately we were the target of vandals at the weekend. If you have any information please let us know.

If you ride a bike to school please remeber to wear your helmet!

Attendance



Best attending class =
Week 5 = Pahekoheko
Week 6= ?

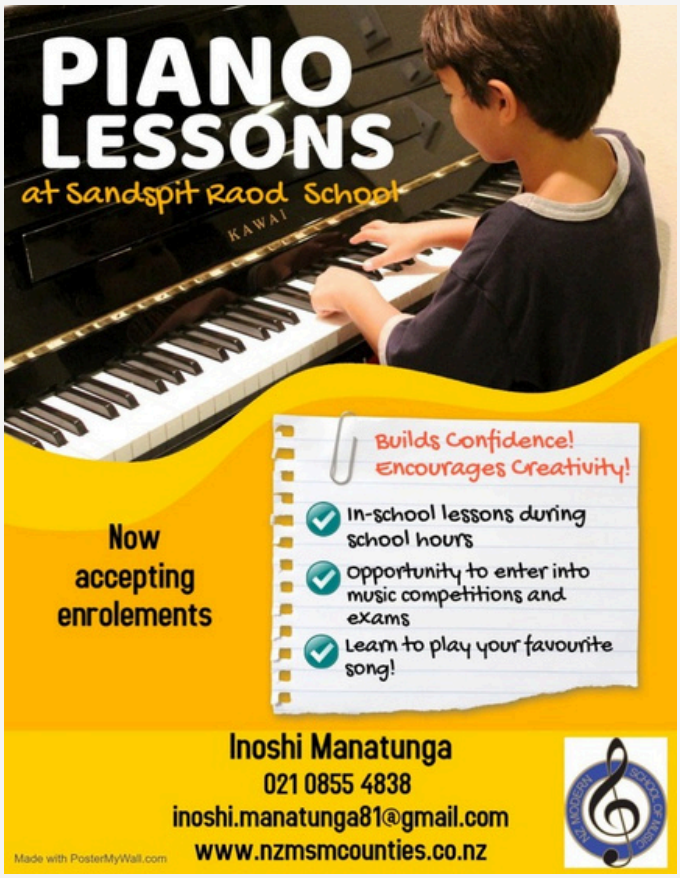


Term at a glance...

	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	BOT Meeting 6.30pm			PTA Lunch – Pizza Hut	
WEEK 6 24/8 Maths Week			Life Ed	Yr 7/8 Nest Life Ed	Celebration Assembly Life Ed
WEEK 7 31/8	Daffodil Day – Cancer Society Fundraiser			PTA Lunch – Sushi	
WEEK 8 7/9					Arts Showcase 3–5.30pm Celebration Assembly
WEEK 9 14/9	TE WIKI TE REO MAAORI				
	BOT Meeting 6.30pm	Te wiki te reo Maaori		PTA Lunch – Pizza Hut	Junior Cross Country
WEEK 10 21/9					Celebration Assembly


STUDENT
ART
SHOWCASE
TOI TECH
(OHURUA BUILDING)
WEEK 8 | FRIDAY
11 SEPTEMBER
3PM - 5:30PM
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
TOI
TECH

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! ☺





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