



## Whānau Pānui (Newsletter) – 18 May 2023

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### Bully-Free New Zealand Week

This year's [Bullying-Free New Zealand Week](#) is all about focusing on the positive mahi already happening in school communities across Aotearoa to support safe, inclusive school cultures where everyone is being heard and listened to, and feels they belong.

Bullying-Free New Zealand Week from 15 May to 19 May in conjunction with Pink Shirt Day, on Friday and aims to raise awareness of how to prevent and respond to bullying in schools. The week provides an opportunity for schools to highlight their everyday work and focus on bullying prevention and awareness with students, staff, parents and whānau, and the whole school community.

Schools that encourage respect, value opinions, celebrate difference, and promote positive relationships make it difficult for bullying behaviour to thrive or be tolerated. To achieve this, it needs everyone – school staff, students, trustees, parents, whānau and communities – talking about the issue and working together. The theme provided a great opportunity for all members of your school community to talk about what bullying means to them and for schools to highlight their everyday work to counter bullying.



### Pink Shirt Mufti Day

Join us on **Friday 19 May** as we Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora! – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Our school supports **Pink Shirt Day** and taiohi / students are encouraged to wear **Pink** and give a gold coin donation (\$2), where proceeds will go to the Mental Health Foundation.

If taiohi / students are not in **Pink** they are expected to be in correct school uniform.

Celebrated annually around the globe, **Pink Shirt Day** began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a new student was harassed for wearing **pink**. We've been celebrating **Pink Shirt Day** in Aotearoa since 2009 and the campaign grows stronger and larger every year.



**Pink Shirt Day** is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness in schools, workplaces, communities and whānau. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background.

Click the [link](#) to donate directly to the Mental Health Foundation.

### Mufti Day Dress Code

The dress code for Mufti Day is clothing, although casual, that must be appropriate for a school workplace environment. This includes, but may not be limited to:

- No slogans referring to smoking, alcohol and drugs, any sexual connotations.
- Footwear is to be smart/casual. School shoes will be issued to taiohi / students who wear inappropriate footwear. Suitable footwear i.e. enclosed shoes must be worn for practical classes (Health & PE, Science and Technology)
- The normal expectations of hair colour apply, so please do not colour your hair for this day.
- Do not bring any props or costumes, as they may be inappropriate or be distraction to learning in the classroom e.g no onesies, no themed outfits, or costumes
- No bandanas are to be worn.



## Key dates 2023

Dates are **subject to change** and will be advised.

### **Term 2: Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June**

Fri 19 May	<b>Pink Shirt &amp; Bully Free Day</b>
Mon 22 May	Parents Forum 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Mon 29 May	Board hui 5.30 – 7.30 pm <i>Te Puna O Te Pito Mata (Wharenui)</i>
Mon 5 Jun	<b>King's Birthday (holiday)</b>
Mon 12 Jun	Te Ao Māori Strategic Ohu (TAMSO)
Mon 19 Jun	Parents Forum
Mon 26 Jun	Board hui 5.30 – 7.30 pm <i>Te Puna O Te Pito Mata (Wharenui)</i>
Fri 30 Jun	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>
Sat 1 July – Sun 16 July	<b>School holidays (includes Matariki 14 July)</b>

### **Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 Sept**

Mon 17 Jul	<b>Term 3 – Day 1 starts</b> Te Ao Māori Strategic Ohu (TAMSO)
Mon 24 July	Parents Forum 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Mon 24 Jul	Spirit Week (TBC)
Mon 31 Jul	Board hui 5.30 – 7.30 pm <i>Te Puna O Te Pito Mata (Wharenui)</i>
Mon 14 Aug	Te Ao Māori Strategic Ohu (TAMSO)
Mon 21 Aug	Parents Forum 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Fri 25 Aug	Daffodil Day
Mon 28 Aug	Board hui 5.30 – 7.30 pm <i>Te Puna O Te Pito Mata (Wharenui)</i>
Tue 29 Aug	School Photos
Mon 11 Sep	Te Wiki o te reo Māori Haka Challenges
Mon 18 Sep	Mental Health week Parents Forum 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

### **Last day of Term 3**

### **School holidays**

Sat 23 Sept –  
Sun 8 Oct

### **Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 8 December 2023**

Mon 9 Oct	<b>Term 3 – Day 1 starts</b>
Mon 16 Oct	Te Ao Māori Strategic Ohu (TAMSO)
Tues 17 Oct	Sports Awards
Thurs 19 Oct	Leavers Dinner
Mon 23 Oct	<b>Labour Day (holiday)</b>
Tues 24 Oct	Parents Forum

Mon 30 Oct Board hui 5.30 – 7.30 pm  
*Te Puna O Te Pito Mata (Wharenui)*

### **Senior Prizegiving 7.00 pm**

Mon 13 Nov Te Ao Māori Strategic Ohu (TAMSO)

Mon 27 Nov Board hui 5.30 – 7.30 pm  
*Te Puna O Te Pito Mata (Wharenui)*

### **Junior Prizegiving**

Tue 5 Dec –  
Thu 7 Dec End-of-year activities for Year 9 and  
Year 10

### **Fri 8 Dec Last day of Term 4**

*School Summer Holidays Begin*

