

22 February 2023 Term 1 Week 4

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Week 4 already and the term has really picked up. We have started our week with an initiative to help others and are part of a support network from Tauranga schools who are banding together to send aid to ravaged areas. More details are in this week's newsletter.

Uniforms. These are compulsory for all students and can be purchased at the office. Hats are also compulsory in Term 1 and 4 for shadeless work or play. For an invoice, please ask Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen in the office. If you have any concerns regarding uniforms, please contact me directly.

School Stationery Packs. This is the last week for stationery to be purchased through the office. The stationery packs, depending on classrooms, are between \$20 and \$30 which are significantly cheaper than other options. Again, should you require an invoice, please contact Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly.

Cyclone Gabrielle Support. This week there are several support events taking place at kura. Firstly, a **grocery donation** that earns house points for each item. We have heard that should a request be

sent to not send these to cyclone affected areas, we will then donate them to our local Food Bank. The other event we are holding is a Mufti Day this **Friday 24 February**. The cost is a **gold coin donation** and all monies will be passed on to one of several support networks – e.g Red Cross.

Top School. Unfortunately, due to several other activities over the past month, we are not putting a team into this year's Top School competition at Gate Pa School. We look forward to being ready for next year's event as we focus on 2023 and the many other events and activities we have planned.

Have a great week everyone.

Mauriora!
Matua Tom



Health & Well Being :

A reminder that we have the school based **Throat-Swabbing - Rheumatic Fever** programme and also the **Kiri Ora Skin Health** programme operating in our school.

The Strep A bacteria can lead to Rheumatic Fever and may be found in sore throats and skin infections. If left untreated it can lead to Rheumatic Heart Disease.

Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease are highly preventable.

The Strep Throat programme will consist of a simple swab being taken of your child's throat. The Kiri Ora programme will consist of an assessment of sore/s.

This service will be offered to all students at the school. If you wish to **opt your child out** of this programme, can you please complete an opt-off form at the school office.

- School sores - we have had a few cases of school sores since we returned from the holidays. If your child is infected with sores they must come to school with them covered and please make sure you are getting treatment for them. The above programme can help with this.
- Headlice – we have also noticed an increase in cases of headlice since the holidays. It would be great if everyone could check their childrens hair and treat where necessary please. Reminder that we have free product here at school.

SCHOOL LUNCHES:

The school lunches that are provided free of charge for all students if they would like them continue to be available for your child. There is a new, nutritious and exciting menu for them to try.