

School closes at **1:00pm** on  
Friday 16th December  
See you on the 31st January!

**Kia ora/Greetings**



As this is the final newsletter for the year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for doing their part in making this school a 'great place to be' for our tamariki. Like the previous two years, Covid played a significant part in our lives, both at home and at school, however we got through it and it feels like we're coming back to something resembling 'normal' now.

I would like to thank our teachers, learning assistants, kaiawhina, and support staff for their dedication and hard work this year. I'm a very lucky Principal leading a group like you. I would also like to thank the community, whānau, families and outside support agencies for trusting us with your children and for your ongoing goodwill and support.

Lastly, I'd like to thank our children, who are the reason why we all do what we do. There is a special culture at our school. Our children are very friendly, loving, and respectful. It is a privilege to turn up each day and help each and every child with their learning journey. I would also like to wish our departing Year Sixes and any other families who are moving on all the best.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break. A gentle reminder that school finishes this week on Friday at **1.00pm**. We reopen again on **31st January 2023**.

**Correction to last week's staffing notice:**

Akomanga 21 - Whaea Wai  
Akomanga 24 - Whaea Vicki



**CALLING ALL TOPA PERFORMERS**

Do you want to perform with TOPA at the Rugby

World 7s during January 16-20 ??

Contact TOPA - Talents of the Pacific Academy on Instagram or Facebook

There are also other opportunities to perform in the holidays, please email to find out more visit:

[info@talentsofthepacificacademy.co.nz](mailto:info@talentsofthepacificacademy.co.nz)

## Year 6

This week we farewell our Year 6 tamariki. It has been an honour and privilege to be part of their journey at kura. These last few weeks have seen our Year 6's participate in a number of incredible EOTC



activities. We were blessed to visit Kirikiriroa marae and hear about its history and important stories of the local iwi. At Ngarunui beach in Raglan, we learned about the ten beach safety rules



before plunging into the surf with our whānau to catch some waves. Our EastLink Sports day tested our futsal skills against a NZ rep, taught us how to rally in badminton and we tried our best to skate gracefully around

the in-line skating rink. Participating in the senior fun day and the year 6 disco was the best finish to an amazing few weeks of awesome experiences.

### Classes for 2023

Notices advising your child's class for 2023 will be sent home tomorrow along with their end of year reports.

At 10:10am, on the last day of school this year, 16th December, students will be visiting their new 2023 classes so they know where to go on the first day of term one next year- 31st January.

### Library Books and Readers



All books and readers are now due back at school.

These need to be returned ASAP please.

**Please check  
LOST  
PROPERTY**

*All unclaimed items  
will be donated*

Please come and look through our lost property bins. End of year is here and all of the remaining belongings are going to the second hand shop!

Tomorrow, if fine, the lost property will be displayed on the courts.

Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing that is lost is unnamed.



## Auditions 2023

Hamilton Civic Choir will be auditioning for new members Monday January 30th, 2023

to book a time or find out more, please email [secretary@hamiltoncivicchoir.org.nz](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncivicchoir.org.nz)

### Holiday programmes:

UniRec is hosting a summer holiday programme. The programme promotes physical activity and health. Activities include sports, skill development, swimming, education and fun games.

Who: 8-12 year old

When: 16-27 January 2023

Where: Uni SOE Gym and Pool

Time: 9am - 3pm Weekdays

Cost: \$70 per day or \$300 per week

Contact: [michiel.badenhorst@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:michiel.badenhorst@waikato.ac.nz) for more information and a link to the booking system.



Ages 5-13

Eastlink Community Hub 60 Old Farm Road, Hamilton East, Hamilton 3216

9 AM - 3PM  
\$40 per day

Week One  
16th-20th January

Week Two  
23rd-27th January

Join in with some action packed sports with this holiday programme! With new sports coming to you daily there is no better time than to try something new or get better at a game. Each day will feature sport specific sessions in the morning and afternoon split into age appropriate groups, to learn skills, develop confidence, and make new friends. Alongside sport we also have loads of fun activities such as arts and crafts and chillout zones.

*Bring lunch, snacks, water bottles, your sports shoes, and a willingness to give things a go!*

Book online [www.youthtown.org.nz](http://www.youthtown.org.nz) or call 0800 004 566

Andrew Campbell

Principal

