

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Talofa Lava, Nǎ hǎo, Salut, Namaste, Bonjour, Bula Vinaka, Guten Tag, Goeie Dag, Shalom, Cześć, Hello, Cìào, おはよう (Ohayoo), 안녕 Ahn Nyeong, Olá, Privet!, Xin Chào, Salam, Goedendag, Chom Reap Sour, ស្អប់ Suosdei, Ayubowan, Ẹnléó

Last night Whaea Alisha, Mrs Jenkins-Martin and I attended the Massey University, Auckland campus Children's University graduation alongside 30 of our ākonga and their whanau. We were one of 4 lucky schools in Auckland to be a part of Children's University in 2025 (after its pilot year in 2024). Find out more [here](#).

Ākonga in Te Awa had the opportunity to be a part of this fabulous initiative that promotes curiosity and a wide variety of learning experiences. Children's University engages ākonga in out of school learning activities recognizing that learning happens in different ways and in all sorts of places. A wide range of activities can count towards their learning such as sports and arts activities, visits to local museums and places such as the Botanic Gardens and a wide range of activities available for individual completion on the CU portal. Participants logged their learning activities and hours and graduate with a range of awards, certificates and even Children's University diplomas and degrees (earnt over several years). Seeing our graduates so excited in their gowns and caps to cross the stage and be awarded their certificates and awards was a proud moment. It's not every day you get to shake the hand of a university vice chancellor!

Many thanks to Ms Lynn Fothergill for being our Children's University Co-ordinator who has supported and encouraged this large group of participants throughout the year. Unfortunately she wasn't able to attend the graduation but I know how very proud of our graduates she is!

Congratulations to our Children's University graduates and thank you to their whanau who supported them. I can't wait for next year!

Next week we have a number of our celebratory end of year events - Junior Celebration of Learning, Senior Celebration of Learning, Year 8 Graduation and our final assembly on Wednesday. While for many these events are exciting and a time of celebration, some will experience disappointment and other emotions. I encourage parents to check in with their child and help them gain perspective around their disappointment and support them to have pride in their own achievements.

As this is the last newsletter for 2025 I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season. See you in 2026!

Julie Cowan
Principal
Learn Grow Succeed



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Whāia te iti
kahurangi ki te
tūohu koe, me he
maunga teitei



*Pursue your
highest goal, and
only bow to a lofty
mountain*

Letters to Dad - our Musical

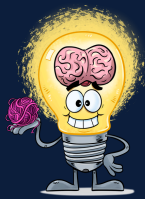
'Letters to Dad' is a musical journey of a young girl who finds herself in trouble for standing up to a bully.

After reflecting on letters to her father who is a teacher, from his class, she learns that everyone has secrets that they are hiding which determine the way they see and interact with the world. With the help of her friends she realises she can change her perspective by sharing kindness and empathy.

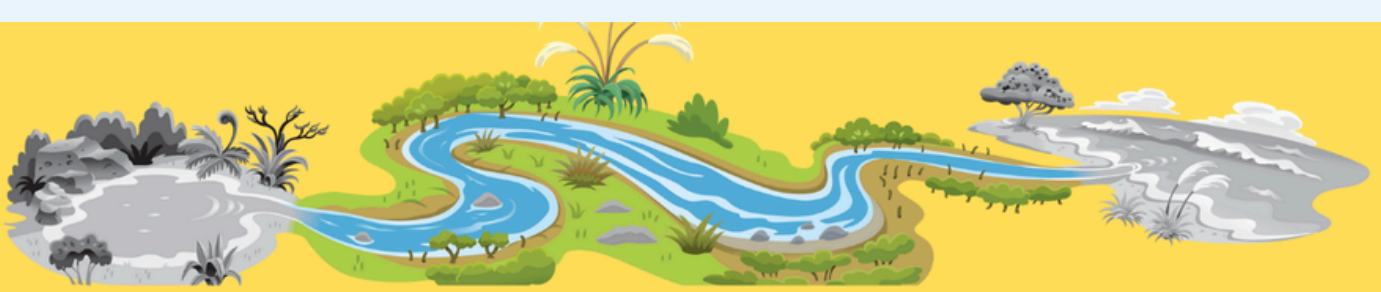
The Choir thoroughly enjoyed working with the students in Te Puna Team to bring the story and fantastic songs to life. What brilliant talent we have in our school.

Many more photos to see on our school Facebook page

Cheryl Weijermars, Director



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Te Awa Bounce Trip: Tuesday 9th December

On Tuesday, 9th December, Te Awa team had a beautiful shared kai to celebrate our year together. Afterwards, we had our EOTC experience at BOUNCE Takanini. We had an hour of games and problem solving challenges, and an hour on the trampolines and adventure equipment. It was an awesome time, made possible by so many great whānau helpers. Here are some of the MANY cool pics that were taken on the day - we hope you enjoy them!



Celebrations of Learning

Monday 15 December in the School Hall

- Junior Celebration of Learning (Te Puna, Years 0-3) starts at 9:30 am. Doors open 9:15 am. The Junior Celebration of Learning will feature a short performance from the senior Pasifika group
- Senior Celebration of Learning (Te Awa and Te Moana, Years 4-8) starts at 11:15 am. Doors open at 11:00 am. The Senior Celebration of Learning will close with a performance from Te Roopu o Hinemoana

Junior Athletics Tomorrow

Information about tomorrow's junior athletics day was shared to Te Puna families yesterday via HERO, and can also be found via [this link](#).

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Everything you need to know...

Friday 12th December - 9:15 am - 12:30 pm

Venue: Reremoana School

- We still **need volunteers** to support us on the day. If you're available please email sarahh@reremoana.school.nz - High school students welcome.
- Children can come to school in their **house colours**, please just make sure their clothing is appropriate for sports.
- **Sausage sizzle** - orders closed - there will still be sausage sizzles and water available to purchase on the day.



Hats

At this time of year we appreciate that some school hats have gone missing/are not able to be found.

Until the end of the year we will allow children who do not have a school hat, to wear a non uniform hat, as we feel that being protected from the sun is more important at this stage. Although children without hats are directed to play in shaded areas, staff often find them playing in the sun.

We would prefer that the non uniform hats are not expensive labelled hats, as we are not able to take responsibility for them if they get lost.

From the start of next year we will require uniform hats to be worn.

2ND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

WITH THE END OF THE YEAR APPROACHING, THE OFFICE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY 2ND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS.

THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TO DROP UNIFORMS OFF ON:
18TH DECEMBER 9-10AM
2ND DECEMBER - 1-2PM



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Term 4 Important Dates

Updated Weekly

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10 8-12 Dec				Lost Property out after school	Jnr Athletics Day Reports released
Week 11 15-17 Dec	Jnr and Snr Celebrations of Learning	Meet new Teacher Yearbooks go home Y8 Graduation	Last day - Final Assembly 12pm, school ends 1pm		

2026 start and finish dates:

Monday 2 Feb – Tues 15 Dec

Term 1 ends on April 2nd.

Term 2 runs from April 20th to July 3rd.

Term 3 is from July 20th to September 25th.

Term 4 begins on October 12th



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Message from the Board of Trustees

As Presiding Member of our newly appointed Board of Trustees, I am delighted to begin our work with the school community. Though our time together has just begun, we are committed to supporting the school's mission and working closely with students, whānau, and staff.

A Big Thank You to Our Teachers

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our wonderful teachers for all they do for our tamariki. This year has brought extra challenges and change, and their dedication, patience, and care have been extraordinary. We may not always see all that goes on behind the scenes, but the impact on our children and community is deeply appreciated



Community Consultation on Policies

Earlier this term, we invited feedback on our Bullying and Harassment and Behaviour Management policies. We hear your feedback and will be taking it into account as the board reviews updates. While not all suggestions will be included, your input is helping us ensure the policies are clear, fair, and support a safe and positive learning environment. The policies will be finalised at the Term 1 board meeting.

Looking Ahead

As we settle into our roles, our priorities include:

- Learning more about the school's programmes and community needs
- Supporting initiatives that enrich student learning and wellbeing
- Strengthening communication and collaboration with families, staff, and students
- Laying the groundwork for a strategic plan to guide future growth

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with everyone to make it a successful and rewarding one. Wishing all families a safe and happy holiday season.

Emma Saxon

Presiding Member | Reremoana School Board of Trustees

Join us for the Annual Wattle Downs Residents Picnic

Sunday, 14th December 2025

- 11am to 3pm at the Wattle Downs Golf Course

Fun free activities for everyone to enjoy!

Rock Climbing Wall, Scooby Doo Multi Play Games, Bouncy Castles,
Face Painting, Santa, Rock Painting, and lots of fun.

Food and drink will be available from The Wattle Downs Cafe, Bar and Restaurant

