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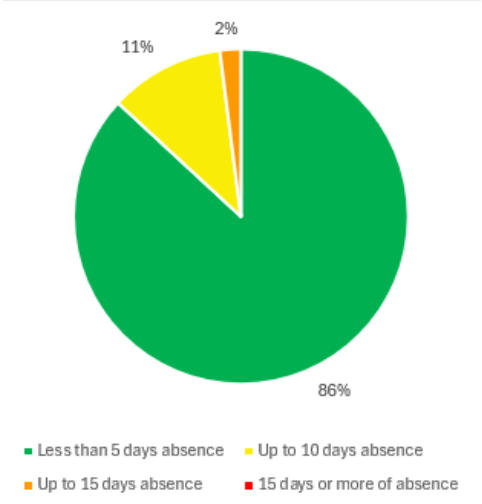
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19 November 2026 Term 4 Week 6

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assembly - Friday 2.30 pm
  - Room 2 - 20 Nov
  - Room 6 – 4 Dec
- Tech – Rm 5 – Mondays
- Interschool Athletics – Wed 25 Nov
- Junior Tabloids – Fri 27 Nov
- Ki O Rahi Tournament
- Thanksgiving Celebration – Mon 14 Dec (Prizegiving)
- End of Term 4 – Tues 15 Dec
- Start of Term 1 2027 – Mon 1 Feb

ATTENDANCE



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



There are some amazing writers coming out of Room 4 this week. Awesome work, Bryn, Milla, Maci & Betty.





PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Kia Ora



This fortnight, we are learning that being fair doesn't always mean everyone gets exactly the same thing. It means recognising that everyone has different needs and deserves a fair chance.

You can help at home by:-

- Encourage taking turns and sharing fairly when playing games or choosing activities.
- Talk about fairness and why everyone doesn't always need the same things.
- Help your child understand why siblings or friends might sometimes need different rules, extra help or support.
- Encourage kindness and inclusion by making sure everyone feels welcome and gets a fair go.
- Practise being a good sport by following rules, accepting decisions and winning or losing graciously.
- Model fairness by listening to everyone's opinions and treating others with respect.
- Praise your child when they show fairness, kindness or understanding towards others.

"Fair isn't everybody getting the same thing. Fair is everybody getting what they need to be successful!"

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki i ngā wā katoa
May God always bless you.
Megan



FOOD BASKETS

Food baskets have been put into classrooms to collect items for our Thanksgiving celebrations food baskets.
Items can be delivered to classrooms and will be donated to St Vinnies.

Room 1 – Christmas Treats
Room 2 – Baking Items
Room 3 – Christmas Treats
Room 4 – Pantry Basics – gravies, breakfast,cereals, pasta, rice, soups, jams, tea, coffee etc
Room 5 – Cleaning Products & Toiletries
Room 6 – Pantry Basics – Canned items

Thank you for your support of those in need in our community.

This Christmas, we are supporting St Vincent de Paul to help families in need. We are asking our school community to consider donating **new toys or books** to help make Christmas special for local children. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. Every contribution, big or small, will make a difference. Thank you for helping us share the spirit of Christmas through kindness and generosity.



HELP WANTED!

ARE YOU ABLE TO SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO HELP OUT ST VINNIES IN THE STORE?

PLEASE POP IN AND SEE THEM.

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a lot of lost property in the school office, particularly expensive jackets.

Please have a look as anything that is not school uniform will be donated to St Vinnies at the end of the term.



JUNIOR TABLOIDS

Friday 27 November
Huia Range School
9.45am

All students in Years 0–3 will be attending the Junior Tabloids at Huia Range next Friday, joining children from other local schools for a fun morning of games and activities.
Our Senior Leaders will walk with the junior students to Huia Range after attendance has been taken and will help run the games and activities throughout the morning. This is a great opportunity for our senior students to demonstrate their leadership skills while ensuring our juniors have a fantastic time!
All students will need to wear their school uniform, including a school hat and sneakers. Please ensure your child has sunscreen applied before coming to school and brings plenty of food and a full water bottle. School lunches will be delivered to Huia Range for those who receive them.
Parents / caregivers are more than welcome to come and watch during the day.

INTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

ABSENCES

Please can you inform the office of any absence prior to 8.45am. This is really helpful to keep things running smoothly in the office and prevent us from wasting your time in the mornings. Thank you.

CLASSESS FOR 2027

At the end of the year, we will farewell 21 Year 8 students. As enrolments throughout the year have not quite matched this number, we will operate five classrooms instead of six in 2027. This adjustment reflects our current roll and will ensure staffing and class structures continue to meet the needs of our students.

- New Entrant – Year 1- Mrs Rae Larsen
- Year 2 & 3 – Ms Sarah Newell
- Year 3 & 4 – Ms Maxine Haigh
- Year 5 & 6 – Mrs Helen Collier
- Year 7 & 8 – Ms Leah Thompson.

Class lists and transition visits will be organised towards the end of the term.