

**28th April 2023**

**Tena koutou katoa,**

Welcome back to Term 2!!!

With only three school days this week, it has been a very gentle introduction into the new term for our akonga (learners). Staff started the week with a teacher only day learning with all the other local teachers of the Putāruru Kahui Ako. Tuesday dawned cold and frosty for the dawn service where we were well represented by some of our school leaders and Matua Hill opening the proceedings with karakia. Thank you team!



**Pictured L-R** Shaun Leigh Davey, Kaya Allison, Jake Mathis, Jazell Dashwood, Matua Hill, Dakota France, Maungaatai Keene Thompson

Attendance matters....Yup, we will keep on keeping on about this all year. There have been some good improvements over term 1, in fact Whaea Kate reliably tells me that it is the best attendance in five school terms!! Keep up the good work whānau, remember every day counts.

**Attendance term 2 week 1 (3 Day week): 80%**

**A very strong start! Let's keep it up!**

**Customer Service Course** - Over the last two days a select group of Year 11 and 12 students have undertaken a Customer Service course with an outside provider. They have been learning about teamwork (featured below!!), communication, presentation and diversity. Through some really practical and fun activities these students have learned the skills needed to work successfully in any customer facing environment, and picked up NCEA Level 1 credits along the way. A win win!



**Strike action** - We are again expecting disruptions to the term with the PPTA still attempting to negotiate a better deal for teachers with multiple actions planned throughout the term. These include:

1. Regional strike day (our region is scheduled for Thursday 11th May)
2. Continuation of 'relief ban' which protects PPTA staff and their non-contact time for planning, marking and other non-teaching duties.
3. Rostering home for specific year levels

These dates are listed in the important dates below. If your child is in the year identified there will be no teaching of that year at school for the day. Please feel free to contact us to seek clarification if needed.

**Uniform** - We are again looking to keep improving our appearance with regard to uniform so please ensure that your child is in our uniform when coming to school. Please contact us if there are any issues with meeting our uniform standards.

**Immunisations** - The immunisations for the Year 7&8 students were administered on Thursday 27th April. The students are super glad that this is now over! Thank you to all caregivers/whānau for filling out the permission forms.

**Drivers licencing** - Remember to go and see Mr Abernethy to get on the list to get your driver's licence, and you can join the 100% success rate so far...no pressure!

### **Winter Sports**

**Rugby** - U18 will be training up at the Nola block Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm. If you can't make trainings or have any questions see Mr Rogers.

**Basketball** - Training for senior boys basketball are Thursday lunch times. Junior boys and girls basketball are looking for managers and coaches.

**Soccer/Football** - Friday 3.30 at school.

**Hockey** - Wednesday afterschool in the gym.

### **Next week (week 2)**

**Monday** - Y11,12,13 Outdoor Education Trip

**Tuesday** - *change to previous notices*. A normal school day (our teacher only day has been moved to 2nd June)

**Thursday** - Bio300 trip to Auckland Zoo, no Y11s at school

### **PPTA Strike action - rostering year levels home:**

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Thursday 4th May - Year 11</b>
<b>Week 3 Tuesday 9th May - Year 12</b>	<b>Thursday 11th May - Year 13</b>
<b>Week 4 Tuesday 16th May - Year 9</b>	<b>Wednesday 17th May - Year 10</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Thursday 25th May - Year 11</b>
<b>Week 6 Tuesday 30th May - Year 13</b>	<b>Thursday 1st June - Year 12</b>
<b>Week 7 Tuesday 6th June - Year 10</b>	<b>Thursday 8th June - Year 9</b>