### NORSEWOOD & DISTRICTS' SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 11th May 2023 | TERM 2 WEEK 3
Give it a Go, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teamwork

#### **EVENT CALENDAR -**

#### MAY

Sunday 14th NORWAY DAY

**HUNTING Competition** 

Thurs 18th Sharing assembly—Rimu

Friday 19th PINK SHIRT DAY

Wedn 24th Rimu library visit/Young Leaders Day

**JUNE** 

Thurs 1st Sharing assembly—Kahikatea Monday 5th King's Birthday—school closed

Tuesday 6th School Cross Country 1pm

Wedn 7th Cross Country pp

Tues 13th School speeches 11.30

Wedn 14th Interschool Speeches and BOT mtg

Thus 15th Sharing assembly—Rata

19—20th Whanau meetings & mid year reports

Thurs 22nd Interschool Speeches
Thurs 29th Matariki Day Hangi

#### **GREAT CARD WINNERS**

Neveah - Showing GREAT teamwork to awhi and

maraaki.—(This week's book winner)

**Qearah** - Being quiet, cleaned up and ready to

learn immediately after the lunch bell.

<u>Ty-Mani</u> — A positive and helpful student to volunteer help

teer help

**<u>Hannah</u>**— For working well with Mrs Scott

### **REMINDERS** -

- ⇒ "Take a Kid Hunting" competition this weekend
- ⇒ Piano lessons are available during class time for your children on a Monday morning. Enquiries' to Ruth Appleton 027 881 0445 or on Facebook: Musical Melodies
- ⇒ **COVID** is still in our community. We have Covid testing kits in the school office if you need one
- ⇒ Please name all clothing clearly
- ⇒ Keep collecting Yummy Stickers for our school
- ⇒ Please ensure you have School Loop on your phone

#### **ABSENTEES**

Please notify the office of your child's absence, either by phoning the office on 3740870, texting 021 0885 9015 or use the "absence" function on Skool Loop

## Principal Chat

#### Ora Koutou / Welcome / Velkommen

Unveiling our beautiful waharoa (entrance) was a highlight of this week. Master carver Jeff Bryan has done a wonderful job re-telling our school story in this carving. Thank you to the parents, staff, student and wider community who attended the 5.30am unveiling. If you get a chance, come and have a look at our special school taonga. Well done Nevaeh, for stepping up and leading us into the school with your karanga.

Last Friday we had Vas the magician come to school with his performance , based around healthy eating. He was impressed with our students' knowledge and they were all entranced with his magic skills.

This weekend is a busy one for many of our students. Norway Day is important in our community as we celebrate our Scandinavian heritage. This will start at 10am at Johanna's World with the flag raising and singing the National Anthem. It would be great to see some students there as they have all been practising their singing. Our Scandi Troupe needs to be at school at 9am. Also this weekend, is our Hunting Competition. Thank you Michelle and Jackie for the time and huge effort you have both put into making this a success. This starts at 1.30pm at Matthews Park.

Please keep in mind that our 150<sup>th</sup> is coming up and we are still needing volunteers to help us organise this.

As mentioned last week, there is quite a bit of sickness in the school at the moment. This includes COVID. Please keep your children at home if they are unwell.

Yesterday our ERO partner visited the school. ERO has changed its approach and instead of coming in for a short time, they now partner with a school to work towards goals over three years. This means we have ERO visit every term. This has proven to be a positive and helpful experience as we move forward.

Rata is visiting Te Miro tomorrow. Students will need appropriate clothing for the weather.

This term has already been extremely busy for everyone. Communication through Dojo or email is a great way to make contact with class teachers. However, please stay kind when communicating with any staff as we are all here for our wonderful tamariki and the home/school relationship is an important part of your child's school journey. I hope to see many of you on Sunday. Fingers crossed for decent weather.

Nga Mihi, Ka kite anō

Angela McQuarrie, Principal



# **Our Waharoa**



At sunrise, on Tuesday morning, our school Waharoa was unveiled followed by a mihi at 8.45am for the whole school. Koka Hiraina lead the mihi and talked to our tamariki about their connections to it. Our local carver Jeff Bryan, carved this beautiful whakairo. This was a very significant occasion for our kura.









Vas the Magician also visited this week





