



# Homai School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 1 2023 No. 4

Ramēre 11 Maehe 2023

Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Aweh, Kia orana, Namaste, Talofa lava and warm greetings to all our friends and whanau. A special warm welcome to all our new families joining us this year. We look forward to working alongside you and your child or children.

## Teacher & Principal Strike Action 16 March 2023

### NZEI TEACHER AND PRINCIPALS STRIKE.

**ALL SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 16TH MARCH, 2023.**

Our tamariki needs a quality education. And we want to give that to them. Unfortunately, the funding for our schools is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive.

We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession.

Principals and teachers in primary and area schools have considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective collective agreements. The offers did not meet our expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.

You may have seen that we voted to take industrial action on 16 March. It's the last thing we wanted to do. And the decision was not taken lightly. We felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support, building the case for better investment in our tamariki.

### STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 14TH MARCH.** Parents will come into school with their children to set learning goals.

Student Learning Conference times are 15mins per student:


- **Tuesday 14th March from 8am-7pm**
- **Wednesday 15th March from 3pm-5pm**

Parents will need to download the skool loop app so they can book their appointment with their child's classroom teachers. All the information is shown below. If you need help please come and see the office or classroom teacher for support.

**Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide**

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the "Select your schools" this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the "select schools" button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the "go back" button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



**Booking Interviews with THE SKOOL LOOP APP**

Download The Skool Loop App. A simple 100% free download. In Google Play & App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed.

- 1 Tap the Interviews button
- 2 Select the teacher(s)
- 3 Select a date
- 4 Select a time
- 5 Complete booking form
- 6 Success notification & email confirmation

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## AROHA CULTURAL DIVERSITY CELEBRATION FESTIVAL

We will be having our annual cultural festival on **Thursday 30th March** from **11am-1pm**. All students will be performing in a cultural group and will be presenting an item on this day. We know that it is a busy time for parents and whanau but we would love to see you come and see your child perform. The name **AROHA CELEBRATION** is to acknowledge some of our staff who will be leaving Homai School at the end of Term 1.



We will be farewelling some staff members at our Aroha Celebration Festival, Mrs Nirvana Rao, Levi Johnson and Florance Mouatt. We hope you can make it to farewell some of our amazing staff members.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Well done to all our students who applied for student leadership positions. Congratulations to our Student Leaders for 2023:

**Head Girl - Tatiana Foliaki**

**Head Boy - Peteleema Toma**

**Deputy Head Girl - Anaya Prasad**

**Deputy Head Girl - Patience Stowers**

**Deputy Head Boy - LJ**

**Deputy Head Boy - Avaan Kumar**

**Prefects -** Rovandali Makesi, Taraiana Mita, Eli Heka-Head, Pratik Lal, Trey-Zhan Green, Elshaddai Williams, Conrad Everitt, Sanaa Ali, Araisa Pesamino, Ayaan Prasad

**Sports Monitors -** Sahadi Shofi Rahman, SJ, Raymond Salevao, Kiana Noho, Dillan Thompson, Nicholas Tuineau, Esther loelu

## Property Update

We are having more steel trucks and concrete trucks coming into our school for our New School buildings.

Thank you to our parents for ensuring the safety of our children as they walk in and out of school.



The building project is going well and the foundation we can clearly see how big the building is going to be with all the steel beams that have been installed. The students are excited to see their new school classroom buildings getting built.



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After school programmes for our students are offered by skids. Palwinder, Marryann and their team do an amazing job with our tamariki. You may even qualify for an OSCAR subsidy through WINZ. If you would like to enrol your child with skids please go online and complete the forms. <https://www.skids.co.nz/book-with-us/>

**Breakfast Club:** Our breakfast club is FREE and is based in the school hall and starts from 8.15am-8.45am with the amazing Whaea Helan. ALL students are encouraged to come to breakfast club to get a great start to their day and eat with their mates!



**Important Dates for Term 1:** There are many extra activities that happen over the term and some activities are regular throughout the year. Here are a few to remember:

**Newsletters:** These come out to the eldest and only in hard copy each fortnight in Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.

**Whole School Assemblies:** These also happen fortnightly during the same weeks as the newsletters come out. All whanau are invited to attend any of these assemblies.

**Wellbeing Wednesdays:** All staff and students are expected to be off site by 3pm each fortnight Wednesday. This is an opportunity for our staff to work on their wellbeing. There are a few staff members who will remain onsite until the last child is picked up. Please do not be late picking up your children.

Date	Activity
Tues 14th March	SLC - Goal Setting Sessions with whanau 8am-7pm <b>(Students hybrid work from home)</b>
Wed 15th March	SLC - Goal setting sessions with whanau - 2.45pm-5pm
Thursday 16th March	NZEI Teachers & Principal STRIKE <b>School Closed</b>
Fri 24th March	Whole School Assembly
Thurs 30th March	Whole School Cultural/Diversity Festival 11am-1pm
Thursday 6 Apr	Last Day of Term - 2pm finish



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<b>Term 2 Dates</b>	Monday 24th April - ACCORD Teacher Only DAY
	Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday
	School re-opens for Term 2 on Wednesday 26th April



**Sports Coaching:** Last year our students did an amazing job on the sports field. This year we would like to ask if any parents or whanau would be interested in coaching sports for our tamariki this year, please contact the school office or email Whaea Tracey who is our sports coordinator. We appreciate all the support we can get to give our

students lots of opportunities.



We are so blessed to have such amazing tamariki and supportive whanau at Homai School. Thank you whanau for ensuring that students come to school everyday. We have 87% of our students attending school on a regular basis. We want to improve this goal to 90% and I know we can achieve this as school is very important for our students.

Our students have been learning about Mental Wellbeing through our MITEY program and we are also engaging in the Mahi Pai Te Reo program which is super exciting as we normalise Te Reo at Homai School.

Our Year 6 students have had a day out at Polyfest enjoying the beats and cultural movements of Aotearoa and the Pacific. I am sure they would have had an amazing time.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Fa'afetai lava, Arohanui  
Christina Patea  
(Principal)



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## ROOM 10 NEWS FLASH



**Room 10 learners were learning to write their letters on whiteboards.**



**Room 10 are digitally literate learners.**



**We are learning to write simple sentences about the book we read.**



**We are making shapes using ice cream sticks.**



**We are cutting out shapes.**



**Skylahh from Room 10 was the winner of the hamper pack draw at the Whanau Evening**



**Room 10 splashing in the pool and having fun.**



**We visit the school library every Tuesday.**



**We are learning about our Kakahu.**



**Room 10 enjoying their lunch.**



**I am learning about how I can show my emotions by expressing my feelings.**



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