

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back for 2025! The school always feels much better once our tamariki are back.

It has been such a great start to the year- rested staff and excited children eager to get back to school.

It has been brilliant to have almost 90% of our students here every day so far. Whilst it may seem the first few days of school are "fun" and optional - they are crucial for setting up the connections in a class, getting to know the routines and creating relationships between students and with staff. Students who miss these days often come back feeling a bit confused and embarrassed as they do not know how things work or where things go- so it is essential to be at school at the start of each year and term. Let's see if we can get 100% here at the start of next term.

### Term One dates

Check out our key dates for the first 5 weeks of school. We would love to see as many whānau as possible at these.

### KIVA

KiVa is a Finnish word for anti-bullying and is a programme brought to New Zealand by Wellington University after an in-depth research project on bullying in New Zealand schools. It has a proven positive impact on reducing bullying in schools and focuses on three things:- Prevention (through in class lessons), Intervention (through the KiVa team) and Monitoring. All claims of bullying are followed up by staff. This has been part of South for over 10 years and this week we trained all new staff and refreshed those who had been trained previously. To the far right is a poster with a helpful graphic to better understand the process.

Have a great week

Ngā mihi nui  
Caroline

## TE PUĀWAI'S BACK

We have had a busy few days in Te Puāwai, setting up our classroom expectations, making new friends and getting stuck into some learning.

We have been getting to know each other through various activities, writing stories

and recounts, creating our All About Me art pieces, adding to our TECH skills, staying active while taking part in Inter House Sports and consolidating our maths knowledge while learning about perimeter. What a great start to the new year!



## CALENDAR

DATE 2023	EVENT
Thurs 6 Feb	Waitangi Day
Fri 7 Feb	Swimming Yr 4-8/Assembly
Tues 11 Feb	School Whānau Picnic 5.30pm
Wed 12 Feb	Kowhai Technology/Swimming Yr 4-8
Fri 14 Feb	Pohutukawa Technology/Swimming Yr 4-8
Tue 18 Feb	Whānau Hui 6pm
Tue 25 Feb	Te Manawa Trip
Wed 26 Feb	Announce Head Students 2.30
Thurs 27 Feb	Te Manawa Trip
Mon 3 March	Teacher Only Day
Fri 11 April	End of Term 1
Mon 28 April	Beginning Term 2

## TE TIPU'S NEWS



We've had lots of new students join us from Te Kākano and other schools, so Room 7 thought we would share some of our favourite things about South School and being in Te Tipu.

"There are lots of kind people to make friends with and there are lots of teachers to help you. It's easy to get round the school because it's not too big, but there's enough space that we're not crammed in. There's also lots of water fountains around to give you energy when it's hot and PE equipment to use at break times. I like seeing the colourful bits around the school representing the houses," Reid.

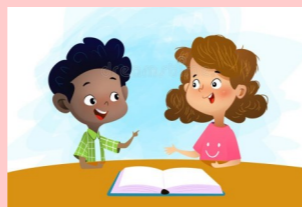
"I love the Inter House sports games", Kajun.

"I like the teachers. They're fun. We do a Colour Fun Run," Tessa.

"We have wardens and patrols to help us cross the roads so we don't get hurt," Lincoln.

"There's lots of fun stuff like Nature School and Inter House Sports," Noah.

"I like the mufti days and pyjama days. I like camp, there's lots to do...and I don't have to see my brother!" Layla.



## REMINDERS

- ⇒ DSS Dental Clinic ph 0800825583
- ⇒ Follow us on Facebook

Remember!!!

## Te Kākano Students Welcome Back

It's so good to be back at kura after our long holiday and even better to welcome new classmates and get straight into our learning play! Te Kākano tamariki are learning the classroom routines and rules for morning tea and lunchtime play as well as exploring their learning spaces through play and getting to know new friends. We love having whānau join us in our learning and you are most welcome to Stay and Play with your tamaiti on the following days:

Term 1: Monday  
Term 2: Tuesday  
Term 3: Wednesday  
Term 4: Thursday

This year, we will be learning more about our history as South School celebrates turning 125 years old! We would love to hear from whānau who have attended our school share stories with us about their time here. If you have any photographs or other keepsakes that you wouldn't mind sharing with us, please speak with the Te Kākano teachers.



## HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED???

PLEASE LET THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW.



TERM 1

## UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 7 | STUDENT LEADERS' ASSEMBLY

FEB II | SCHOOL PICNIC 5.30PM

FEB 18 | WHĀNAU HUI 6PM

FEB 21 | HEAD STUDENT SPEECHES 2.30 PM

FEB 25 | TE MANAWA TRIP RM 4,5 AND 11

FEB 26 | ANNOUNCE HEAD STUDENTS

FEB 27 | TE MANAWA TRIP RM 1,2,3 AND 10

MAR 3 | SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STRUCTURED LITERACY PD

## Reporting bullying in schools

When bullying is reported, KiVa follows this process:



\* Best practice indicates there is benefit in waiting to inform the whānau of the accused bullying student or students until after the follow up meetings with the KiVa Team. This allows those students to retain autonomy through the process and take responsibility for their actions as they contribute to a positive solution.