



Kia ora koutou,

It hasn't been long since I joined the Apanui School whānau, but I've felt so welcomed and embraced by the students, staff, and the wider community. This school is truly a special place, filled with warmth, kindness, and a strong sense of belonging. On behalf of myself and our whānau, thank you.

Apanui School's values of Manaakitanga, Whakamanawatanga and Whakanuitanga are woven through everything that is done here. They guide, they inspire, and they shape the ākonga, staff and community into the best versions of themselves.

A big thank you to all the staff at Apanui School for your care, dedication, and passion throughout the year. Your hard work and commitment to nurturing our tamariki, both in the classroom and beyond, are greatly valued. From teaching engaging lessons to creating unforgettable experiences and memories, your efforts are truly appreciated by our whānau and community.

I want to extend a special thank you to our Board of Trustees for their hard work and dedication, especially over a year of change. Your leadership and guidance have been invaluable.

As we approach the end of another year, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break. May it be filled with aroha, laughter, and quality time with loved ones.

Ake Runga - Our Best Always

Ngatai Walker
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 13th Dec - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2.15pm
- Monday 16th Dec - It's in the Bag Assembly at 2pm
- Tuesday 17th Dec - Prizegiving at Whakatane High School at 9.30am
- Tuesday 17th Dec - Last day of school for 2024 - School finishes 12pm
- Wednesday 29th Jan - First day of school for 2025



Kids Favourite Moments

- Lani Royal:** *I like playing on the spiderweb with my friends.*
- Sebastian Du Toit:** *I really enjoyed making jokes and sharing them with others.*
- Ryan Larkin:** *I loved going to Mr. Young's Math lessons because he told great stories, made us laugh, and helped me learn new things in Math.*
- Azrah Mathis:** *Having Ms. Boyd as my teacher was amazing—she helped me with my maths and learning, and now I feel ready for intermediate. I've improved a lot in my maths and writing.*
- Koby Perry:** *Playing bullrush with the Principal was the best.*
- Olivia Cao:** *Hosting assembly, singing to the whole school, and doing Jump Jam every week were so much fun!*
- Darius Smith-Pinkham:** *Going to Rangitāiki Kapa Haka Festival was special because I performed Kapa Haka on stage, and my mum was there watching.*
- Ella Wilson:** *I love climbing trees and scooting with my friends.*
- Finlay Hogg:** *Playing soccer and climbing trees with my friends was the best part of my year.*
- Aurelia O'Hagan:** *My favorite experience was learning and playing with all my Kokako buddies and seeing how unique we all are.*
- Sam Harris:** *My greatest memory was meeting and making new friends.*

Every moment counts, and these memories remind us of the joy, growth, and connections we foster every day at Apanui School.

Prizegiving

Years 2-6 Prizegiving will be on Tuesday 17th 9.30-11.00am in the **Whakatane High School Hall**.