



Ake Runga : Our Best Always

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Our Apanui School logo beautifully represents the Mātaatua Waka with Whakaari (White Island) in the background, a powerful symbol of our heritage and connection to this region.

The Mātaatua Waka, one of the great voyaging waka, carried our Māori ancestors to the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Guided by the skilled captain Toroa, it landed in Whakatāne more than 700 years ago, marking the beginning of a legacy that continues to inspire us.

Yesterday, I had the privilege of paddling in a waka hourua (double-hulled canoe) with a group of students, and whānau. It was a cool experience that required us to come together as one crew. We paddled in unison, counting to 12 before switching sides, and faced challenges like wind, passing boats, and buoys as we navigated the river.

This experience reminded me of how our school operates as a crew on a waka and how Toroa would have felt leading that waka. At Apanui School, we strive to paddle together in harmony, following systems that guide us forward, much like the counting to 12. Along the way, we encounter obstacles, but together, as a united crew, we overcome them.

From my time here, it's clear that the Apanui School crew—our staff, students, and community—move with a shared sense of purpose and deep love for each other, our kura, and our wider whānau. Like the Mātaatua Waka, we navigate challenges and celebrate achievements together, forging a path forward as one.

Ake runga

Ngatai Walker
Principal



Book for Simon

Please sign Simon Akroyd's book. It will be outside the admin block in the morning and the office during the day. Thanks to those who have expressed their gratitude for all Simon has done at Apanui.

Jandal Day

Every term we support a charity by having a Mufti Day. This term we are supporting Surf Life-Saving NZ's Jandal day on Monday 2 December. Wear mufti and bring a gold coin. Help keep NZ beaches safe.



Upcoming Events

- Fri 29 Nov Whanau day - wear house colours
- Fri 29 Nov School Disco
- Mon 2 Dec Mufti day for surf life saving
- Thurs 5 Dec Year 6 Leavers dinner
- Fri 6 Dec School assembly hosted by Takahē and Weka
- Tues 10 Dec Team one picnic and prizegiving
- Mon 16 Dec It's in the bag assembly
- Tues 17 Dec Prizegiving
- Tues 17 Dec Last day of school 2024 - school finishes at 12pm
- Weds 29 Jan First day of school 2025

