

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2026

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KURA Ō MŌRERE



TERM 1 WEEK 5

Kia ora

First and foremost we would like to thank all the whānau that came along to our hāngi evening. Every year we enjoy seeing families come along for a picnic together, seeing parents and grandparents enjoying our school and reconnecting with past students.

This year we had a great response to our working bee. Our major areas for clearing up included the wetland, orchard, and the sandpit garden. These areas are looking great again thanks to the parents and students who came along to contribute to our school. Also, a big thanks to Josh and Isaiah who helped with preparing and cooking the hāngi with our staff. It is wonderful to build relationships with our whānau and to spend time reflecting on life.

We had 3 Air New Zealand representatives come to help with our working bee. We received a grant from them to finance our solar project in the wetland. They were happy to come along and contribute to our wetland development.

Over the last few weeks we were able to celebrate receiving swimming lessons for all of our students. Stuff.co.nz has been fundraising with Swimsafe New Zealand to fund lessons for children. We were one of the lucky schools to have the funding shared with us. These swimming lessons will take place in term 2 at Fulton Swim School. These lessons will take place during school time.

All of our students also have their new school hats. These were partly sponsored by the Taranaki Cancer Society. These hats are the required bucket hats which give the best sun protection during term 1 and term 4. The hats will be stored at school and used during the school day.

Please keep checking HERO for the latest classroom news and sports team information.

Ngā mihi

Hamish Hislop



MILO FANTAILS FOOTBALL

Moturoa Football Club are excited to be running the MILO Fantails programme for the third year! Term 1 2026 is underway, and the programme is open to all girls aged 7–12 years. The cost is \$40 for the term. Participants do not need to currently play football – this is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence, and stay active in a fun and supportive environment.

Sign up today:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/471815>

Sessions run Fridays, 4:30–5:30pm at Onuku Taipari Domain, Ngamotu Road, New Plymouth

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DATES AND EVENTS

2026

Term 1

9 March

2 April

Term 2

20 April

Taranaki Anniversary

Term 1 Ends

Term 2 begins

SUMMER SOCCER

What a great start our 4 teams have had. The sun has been shining and lots of awesome football has been played. While it is a short season for Term 1, it is awesome to see so many children getting involved in this fun programme. Thanks to Keri, Clorissa, Nicole and John who have stepped up to lead the teams each week. A HUGE thank you to Joe's Garage for their kind donation of vouchers for each team for player of the day. We are thankful for their kindness and generosity.

SCOOTER AND BIKE SKILLS

Last week we had the Year 3 and 4 scooter skills program at school. All students had the chance to learn how to safely ride their scooters and to identify dangers when riding on the footpath. We also had our Level 2 cycle skills program for Year 6 students. This built on the Year 5 and 6 cycle skills program from last year. These students were learning how to be safe when cycling on the road. We are fortunate to have our past Associate Principal (Peter Horne) and past Principal (Mike Clarke) helping the Cycle Safe team. One key message to all the students involved was that helmets are very important to protect riders from head injuries. We highly recommend that all students riding to school wear a helmet.

