



Our focus this term  
is being a  
problem solver  
from our Thinker  
Harekeke

**6th November 2015**

**Empowering children  
for their future**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

School life continues to hurtle along. One of the joys of this end of the year is the reflection of how far learning has come for our learners. There have been celebrations as learning has come together to craft some high calibre work, and to record movement in skill levels. Not all of this will be reflected in standardised testing. In the fields of writing, reading and maths, teacher judgement and samples of work also influence National Standards decisions. So more than one piece of evidence will inform teacher judgements.

While marking against National Standards is a requirement the most important assessment of progress is reflecting on the journey travelled. We hope that you can see and hear evidence of increasing skills and knowledge as you talk to your child, and you are able to see evidence of the big gains they make in their Mana book.

I love being in the staffroom when the teachers come in excited at tasks that demonstrate fabulous thinking as Mel has this week, excited at the writing her class has been doing. It feeds our souls seeing your children move in their learning, as we can't help but get excited when your children progress. That is a difference between teachers and other professions; we cant help but become involved in the learners in our care.

Looking forward to 2016:

Thanks for the senior camp responses, we are full steam ahead. So if you have offered your services we accept! Rotorua here we come!

I am currently organising with a group of local schools to have John Parsons, a cyber safety expert coming to work with our schools. He will work with children, staff and the community. We will be inviting the wider community to his evening session. His message is powerful, and definitely useful, and I am sure you will be more empowered to cope with the challenges of protecting your family.

We are currently planning to work more closely with Te Aroha Cluster schools on writing judgements. We are looking forward to further building on our knowledge to ensure we are doing the very best for your children.

Rosemary Hendrikse

***Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.***  
**Chinese Proverb**

# MANAWARU Playcentre

405B Manawaru Rd in the village

Come and play with your children (ages 0 - 5) and explore our fabulous centre featuring many different areas of play. We provide great opportunities for educational development and a place to enjoy some adult conversation.

Monday and Friday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

3 free visits

Phone Kristen on 07 8891 951  
or 027 213 8313 or email  
Manawaru.playcentre@gmail.com



Whānau tupu ngātahi - families growing together

## WARDVILLE JUNIOR TENNIS

Sign up day for the tennis season was on Thursday, 15th October.

Tennis lessons are available for primary, intermediate and college (-16 years) students at 3:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. with teacher - Laura Fisher as coach. The cost is \$35.00 per child. For further enquiries please contact Louise Wenzlick on (07) 888 0090.

## WOMEN'S SELF DEFENCE COURSE

Runs for 6 Weeks

From: 11<sup>th</sup> November – 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Cost: \$40.00 for the course  
Location: Scout Hall, Honi Street, Te Aroha  
Time: 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Nights  
Ages: 13+

The Aim of this course is to allow women to learn Self Defence skills, through the Martial Art of Taekwondo, in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

For more information or to register your interest contact Bailee Foulds on (027) 847 0891

## TE AROHA ATHLETIC CLUB

2015-2016 Season has started

Competition Night:

Tuesday nights at 6.00 p.m.



Pre-school, primary and secondary ages  
Herries Park, Te Aroha

Enquiries phone:

Owen Roper (President) 027 311 0411  
Catherine Came (Club Captain) 027 255 9920  
Gaye Klaassen (Secretary) 022 3606 221

or visit the website  
[www.sportsground.co.nz/tearoahaathletics](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/tearoahaathletics)

# Morrinsville Dog Walk

Sunday 15th November  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
Morrinsville Polo Grounds



**FREE  
EVENT**

Dog Obedience & Agility Demo  
Best Dressed Dog • Best Dog Trick • Spot Prizes  
face painting • meet our vets • coffee & food  
Dog Walk starts at 10.15am



For further information visit [www.anexafvc.co.nz/events](http://www.anexafvc.co.nz/events)

AnexaPets

## CALLING FOR ALL OLD MOBILE PHONES



It's that time again to rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have at home. It is estimated that each year up to three million phones become obsolete in NZ, of those only 2% are recycled.

Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and the environment benefits as well keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School.