



# Kuratau School

Kimiha Te Matauranga Kia U Ki Te Pono  
Through Seeking Knowledge Comes Truth

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

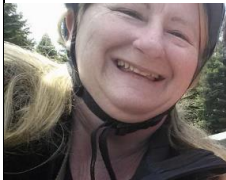
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of School Year 2016
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	BEGINNING OF SCHOOL 2017
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY

Kuratau School Starts Back on:

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR ☺

**PRINCIPALS CORNER** – On behalf of all of us here at school we wish you a happy Christmas and New Year. We are pleased with our 2016 progress against National Standards with Maths 72%, Reading 76% and Written 80% at or above National Standards. We start the 2017 year on the 1<sup>st</sup> February with a full role. The year will start with a whanau camp at Poukura Marae and ends with a whole school cam at Waihi Beach, BOP. We have contacted a Kapa Haka tutor so we can perform in the Tuwharetoa Festival. We intent to employ Brett Donaldson as a sport & outdorr pursuits instructor in 2017. Shar Joyce is leaving us after 8 years. Thank you Shar for your input. Nora Maaka is taking over this position teaching Year 5's while Mrs Hunt takes the Year 6/7/8. Be safe, Be Happy. See you in 2017.



## FAREWELL TO MS JOYCE

This year we are saying "GOODBYE" to Ms Joyce who has been with the school for the past 8 years. She is heading to Napier to join her partner Mark. Thank you for all your contributions to Kuratau School and we wish you all the very best for the next stage in your life. Good luck on your new big adventure. We will miss you ☺



This year we say "FAREWELL & GOODBYE" to 11 year 8 students. Billie, Ripeka, Ben, Tommi., Bailey, Kee's, Connor, Maxwell, Laykhana, Ngahiko and Trenyce. These tamarki are going on to a variety of colleges and locations such as St Peters in Cambridge, Wanganui Girls, Hirangi, Tongariro, Taupo-nui-a-Tia and Tauhara.



Farewell Year 8's

Goodluck on your adventures.

The staff, BOT and tamaki wish you all the very best in your future endeavours and look forward to you all popping in to say hello in the future. We know that you all are going to achieve such amazing things and be successful in whatever you undertake in the future. Goodluck everyone. We will miss you all! ☺

## Check out what our kids have been up to in the past 2 weeks.



River Trail & Craters of the Lake



Whole School - Daily Athletics



Room 3 & 4 - Exploration Adventures



Senior Classes – Room 1 & 2 Would like to thank Cath and all our parent helpers who made it possible to do the River Trail and Craters of the Lake rides. You rock parents!

Every day after lunch the whole school has been participating in a variety of athletic events, ong throw, short throw, long jump, high jump, sprinting and relays.

Room 3 and 4 have been learning about frogs and exploring the stream running beside the school where frogs are coming to the surface and making some really loud sounds. They were able to catch one to show the kids up close. It was then released back into the stream. Can you spot the frog?

## COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

**Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust** Presents "Whats Happening" over the summer holidays. Christmas Carols in the hall 6 pm Christmas Eve, \* New Year's Eve family concert, New Year's Eve afternoon 3 pm to 7 pm at the Omori Estate Winery, \* Fishing competition 1st and 2nd of January, \* Fun Run 4th January  
For further enquiries contact Colleen at the Omori Store or look on the website [www.omorikuratau.com](http://www.omorikuratau.com)

## TURANGI DOJO RESULTS

Kata - 3<sup>rd</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> Kyu U/150cm (3): = 3<sup>rd</sup> William Sok, Kumite - 3<sup>rd</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> Kyu U/150cm (3): = 2<sup>nd</sup> William Sok, Black Belt Girls (3): = 3<sup>rd</sup> Danica Bell.  
Senior Spirit Trophy - Danica Bell for her strong spirit throughout training and competition.  
Dojo Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Tangiariki, Danica, Shania (competed against youth adults)

## TURANGI SWIMMING CLUB

End of year award

Most Outstanding Learner  
Annalyse Walters



Elyse Johnson is 3 years old, she is the sibling of Blake in Room 4 and daughter of Casey and Jamie Johnson. This year she was diagnosed with an aggressive strain of brain tumour, the size of a golf ball, called diffuse intrinsic pontine gliomas. It causes nausea, dizziness and she has lost the ability to walk, talk and can have trouble eating. The tumour is too large to be operated on. The family needs help to pay for the ongoing treatments and medication she requires. If you wish to donate please go to <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/littlelyse>

# Kuratau School Prize Giving 2016

<b>Room 4</b>	Academic Excellence	<b>Aliana Watson</b>
	Excellence in Attitude	<b>Frankie Hapeta-Colling</b>
Certificate for Excellent attendance	Aliana Watson, Stella Needham, Sonja Delamere Pari Gage, Amelia Steel, Cameron Billings.	
<b>Room 3</b>	Academic Excellence	<b>Daniel Fletcher</b>
	Excellence in Attitude	<b>Grace Hura</b>
	Science Award	<b>Jack Billings &amp; Harrison Knight</b>
Certificate for Excellent attendance	Treyce Waru, Teagan Dodunski, Daniel Fletcher, Frida Gardiner, Mya-Lee Grattan, Aspyn McLaughlin-Bachelor, Jack Billings.	
<b>Room 2</b>	Academic Excellence	<b>Jasmin McManus</b>
	Excellence in Attitude	<b>Emma Speedy</b>
Certificate for Excellent attendance	Michelle Hendry, Zoe Singers, Jasmin McManus, Mani Ngata , Autumn Waru, Annalyse Walters, Felicity Bridge, Ericka Delamere Pari Gage, Oscar Dodunski.	
<b>Room 1</b>	Academic Excellence	<b>Maxwell Singers &amp; Tommi Joyce</b>
	Excellence in Attitude	<b>Ben Rowland</b>
Certificate for Excellent attendance	Billie Flight, Ripeka Taewa, Danika Bell	
<b>Honours for Academic Excellence</b>	<b>Maxwell Singers &amp; Tommi Joyce</b>	
<b>Wylie Cup for General Endeavour</b>	<b>Ripeka Taewa</b>	
<b>Sports Award</b>	<b>Jorja Neill</b>	
<b>Year 8 Leavers</b>	<b>Trenyce Rixon</b>	<b>2yrs 3mths</b>
	<b>Bailey Hardwidge</b>	<b>6yrs 1mth</b>
	<b>Laykhana Fox-TeRangi</b>	<b>2yrs</b>
	<b>Connor Gage</b>	<b>8yrs 1mth</b>
	<b>Kee's Phillips</b>	<b>8yrs</b>
	<b>Maxwell Singers</b>	<b>5yrs 10mths</b>
	<b>Ben Rowland</b>	<b>4yrs 3mths 10days</b>
	<b>Billie Flight</b>	<b>7yrs 5mths</b>
	<b>Ripeka Taewa</b>	<b>7yrs 2mths</b>
	<b>Ngahiko Patena</b>	<b>1yr 3mths</b>
<b>Tommi Joyce</b>	<b>7yrs 5mths</b>	

**Congratulations to all our award winners. Well done.**



From the BOT and all the staff at Kuratau School we wish you a very 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy and safe New Year'. See you all in 2017 ☺



