



# Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi

Portland School will provide the opportunity for everyone to reach their potential in a safe and caring environment.

## Ngā mihi nui ki ō mātou Poari

We would like to acknowledge and thank Alice Dombroski, Krista Ho, and our staff representative Marama Flay-Alker for their time, energy, and mahi given to our Board and kura over the last 3 years. Each of them has contributed their skills, perspectives, and aroha to support the growth and success of our kura and ākonga. As they have chosen not to stand for Board re-election, we want to express our deep gratitude for the commitment and dedication they have shown throughout their service. Their efforts have made a lasting difference, and we are truly appreciative of all that they have given.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou — thank you for your tautoko and the important role you have each played in strengthening our kura.

Ngā mihi nui

Thank you  
very much.

## KŌRERO TUMUAKI

Kia ora e te whānau,

Kua tata te mutunga o Wāhanga Tuatoru ki te Kura o Tikorangi!

As Term 3 comes to a close, we take this opportunity to reflect on the mahi, achievements, and special moments that have filled our kura with energy and pride. It has been a busy and rewarding term of ako, auahatanga, and whanaungatanga — learning, creativity, and connection.

## Ngā tino kaupapa o te Wāhanga Tuatoru – Term 3 Highlights

### Inquiry - Hāngarau (Technology)

Our inquiry focus of Hāngarau – Designing, Creating, and Evaluating has been a real hit this term. Each whānau has explored different aspects of technology through engaging, hands-on projects such as creating classroom sensory items, designing board games, making signs, and producing videos for kura. Our tamariki have been challenged to think critically (whakaaro nui), work collaboratively (mahi tahi), and bring their ideas to life through real-world problem-solving and innovation.

### Oma Roa Whenua (Cross Country)

He rawe ki te kite i ā mātou ākonga e whakamātau ana i te oma roa — it has been wonderful to see our students giving cross country a go, whether through training at kura, choosing to compete at Waiotira, representing at the Northland Cross Country event, or simply having fun training for our whole-school oma pārekareka (fun run) in Term 4. Ka mau te wehi!

### Ngā mihi – Acknowledgements

#### Pōro whutupāoro & Pāhiketepōro (Netball & Basketball)

He mihi nunui ki ngā mātua, whānau, me ngā kaiāwhina — a huge thank you to all the parents, whānau, and helpers who have supported our netball and basketball teams this season. Your time, energy, and encouragement have made a real difference for our tamariki, both on and off the court

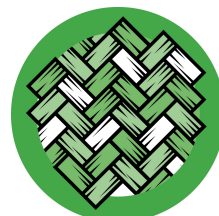
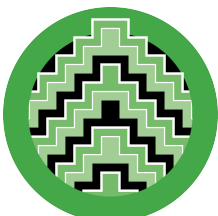
#### Kaimahi o te kura (School Staff)

To our awesome team of kaimahi — koutou kua eke panuku, kua eke tangaroa — everyone has gone above and beyond for our tamariki. Your dedication, aroha, and hard work are at the heart of everything we achieve together as a kura.

As we wrap up Term 3, we want to thank you all once again for your aroha and tautoko throughout the term. We wish you and your whānau a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another exciting term of ako in Wāhanga Tuawhā.

Rachel Bycroft

Tumuaki





# Pānui - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

## Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi Out of Zone Enrolments 2025

The Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi Board of Trustees has determined that there will be four enrolment periods for out of zone students in 2025 coinciding with each school term.

The deadlines for receiving out of zone applications for each school term will be:

- October 29, 2024 for Term 1, 2025
- March 14, 2025 for Term 2
- June 6, 2025 for Term 3
- August 22, 2025 for Term 4
- **October 8 2025 for Term 1, 2026**

Prior to these deadlines the Board of Trustees will determine and publish the number of places (if any) that are available at various class levels for out of zone students.

Current out of zone places available:

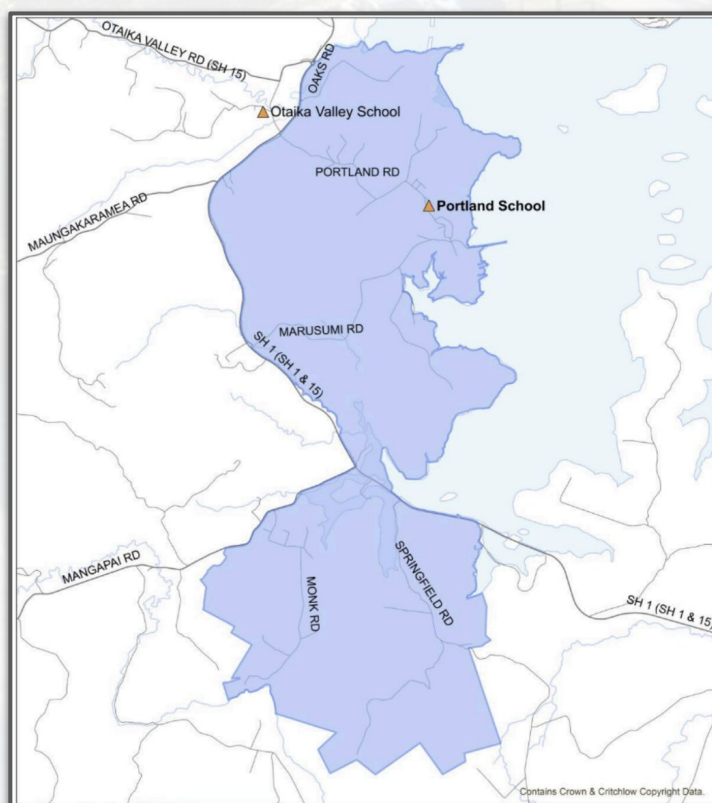
**There are currently 10 out of zone places available at Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi for Term 1, 2026**

Applications for enrolments will be processed in the following order of priority:

1. This priority is not applicable at this school, because the school does not run a special programme approved by the Secretary for Education
2. Siblings of current students
3. Siblings of former students
4. Children of former students
5. Children of Board employees
6. All other applicants

If there are more applicants in the second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group must be by ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary under Section 11G(1) of the Education Act 1989. Parents will be informed of the date of any ballot by notice in a daily or community newsletter circulating in the area served by the school. Applicants seeking second or third priority status will be required to give proof of a sibling relationship.

For all out of zone applications for enrolment, please contact Carol in the school office (phone 09 4322897 or email [admin@portland.school.nz](mailto:admin@portland.school.nz)) to arrange an enrolment interview with the Tumuaki or Tumuaki tuarua.





## Creating a Bilingual Space at Portland School – Te Kura o Tikorangi

Over the past 3 terms, we have been on an exciting journey exploring the creation of a bilingual space at Portland School – Te Kura o Tikorangi in response to numerous whānau requests.

Our mahi began with research and visits to all the kura in Whangārei who already have bilingual settings. From these visits, we gained invaluable insights into structure, progressions, achievement, and outcomes. It was an enlightening, inspiring, and encouraging process that showed us this pathway is not only possible, but also achievable for our amazing kura.

Alongside this, we engaged in robust consultation with our community. We held hui, shared surveys, and had open kōrero with whānau, kaiako, students, and community members. The turnout was fantastic, and the overwhelming support, positivity, and encouragement confirmed for us that this is the right direction for our kura and its incredible ākonga.

We also connected with the Ministry of Education, who have been nothing but supportive, providing guidance for our next steps. One of the most validating discoveries was realising that through our current structure, we are already operating at a Level 3 bilingual standard – between 30 and 50% of our learning each week through a Te Ao Māori lens. This makes the transition a natural and easy progression with no major changes and, building on the amazing mahi we already do while holding fast to the priorities our whānau value most.

Moving forward, we will continue our strong current focus on Structured Literacy and Mathematics, while further increasing the use of Te Reo Māori across the kura. Our local curriculum will continue to drive inquiry and learning, ensuring we honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and provide the very best education for our tamariki.

Looking forward to 2026 – we have wonderful kaiako and kaimahi who have all started upskilling their reo, and have all committed to continue to increase their use of te Reo Māori throughout the kura, and more within certain classroom spaces.

We want to thank you all for your involvement, support and encouragement in making this kaupapa an achievable reality for our kura.



# Pānui - What's happening in our kura.

## CROSS COUNTRY - WAIOTIRA

On a partly cloudy Thursday morning, our keen *roopu kaioma* – a spirited team of 18 runners – proudly represented our kura at the Small Rural Schools Cross Country hosted by Waiotira School.

And wow, did we shine! 🌟

Our tamariki showed every one of our school values out on the course, giving it everything they had. Our *kaiako* couldn't be prouder 😊.

Among the four kura competing, **five of our runners qualified for the Whangārei Primary Schools Cross Country Event** – an incredible achievement for our small but mighty kura!

**Ngā mihi nui** to our awesome whānau who showed up in full force (and full volume! 🙌), to Matua Tyson Brass for being our onsite manager, Natasha McDonald and our TMP whānau for the generous koha of a van, and to Sarah Lang for helping transport our tamariki. Your support means the world.

**A massive congratulations to our place-getters:**

- **7yr Boys:** 🥈 *Te Ruinga Kaka-Robson*
- **8yr Girls:** 🥇 *Hana Flay-Alker*
- **8yr Boys:** 🥈 *Kiwa Tahitahi* | 🥉 *Corbyn Cassidy-Te Tai*
- **10yr Boys:** 🥇 *Jimmy Sketchley*

We are so proud of each and every one of our runners – ngā mihi mahana!



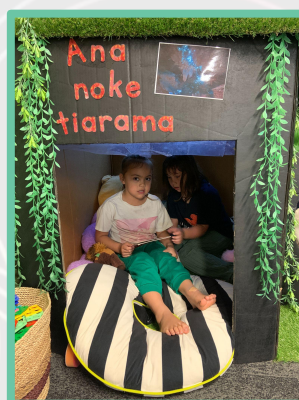




## Te wiki o te reo Māori ki Te Kura o Tikorangi

We live te reo Māori every day at Te Kura o Tikorangi. Therefore, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is an event we look forward to as a chance to put our reo into action through kēmu and friendly competition. It is also a time for us to come together as a kura, to share waiata and pukapuka. Throughout te wiki, our tamariki will be celebrating te reo Māori, strengthening their connections with one another, and continuing to kōrero Māori while using new kupu they learn. We will also take time to look back, honouring how far we have come and celebrating fifty years of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

**Ake, ake, ake!**



TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI  
**AKE AKE AKE**  
A FOREVER LANGUAGE

### Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 2025

Join us this September to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week).

Born of activism, the week grew from a single 'Māori Language Day' set up in 1972. The seeds of a full week dedicated to te reo Māori were planted in 1974. By 1975 Te Wiki had found its footing and was off! Its growth and gains are what we celebrate 50 years on.

Te Wiki takes place from 14 – 20 September 2025.



## Pānui - What's happening in our community!



Due to all the rain we've been having, our field is boggy and muddy, therefore we have decided to postpone our run to give our fields some time to recover.

We will now hold our cross-country fun run in the first week of Term 4. We'll let you know the new date and time closer to the event. We are sad to have to do this, but we want to make sure the field is safe and firm for all our tamariki.

## CROSS COUNTRY - BARGE PARK

What an incredible effort from our five tamariki who participated in the WPSSA Cross Country held at Barge Park on Thursday 27 August. They didn't just face tough competition but the wind, rain, and thick mud. Their positive attitude and sheer determination were outstanding and a true reflection of our school values. We are extremely proud of their resilience and spirit.





Pānui - What happened in our kura

# Skin infections in tamariki

Find out about common skin infections and how to prevent and manage them.



Scabies



School sores



Boils

**KidsHealth**

[www.kidshealth.org.nz](http://www.kidshealth.org.nz)

Accurate & reliable information for NZ parents & whānau about the health & wellbeing of tamariki & rangatahi in Aotearoa



# Pānui - What's happening in our community!



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Our community and school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://portland.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is **portland** and password **potential**.

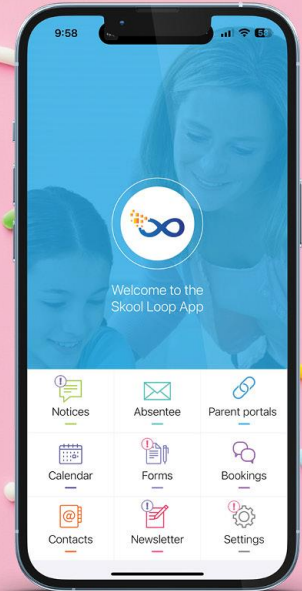


## Pānui - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

All our school news in one place

*Download Skool Loop today*

**Simple free download:** In Google Play & App Store search '**Skool Loop**' and choose our school once installed.



Kia ora e te whānau,

We're excited to let you know that we're making the move towards using Skool Loop as another way to stay connected with each other.

Also, as part of our commitment to being more environmentally conscious, we're aiming to reduce the number of printed notices and forms sent home. Through the Skool Loop app, you'll now be able to:

- Receive and respond to permission slips, newsletters, sports draws and notices
- Report absences quickly and easily
- Stay updated with kura events
- Access our school Facebook page
- Send an email directly to your child's kaiako
- See all our amazing sponsors that enable us to have Skool loop for free
- You can enable the app to allow communication with us to not go towards your data.

Once you've signed up, you will be part of general communication, as well as subscribe yourself to your child/ren's class, so you'll receive any pānui sent specifically to that class.

Download the app now on both the Google Play and Apple App stores. Look for the skool loop symbol.

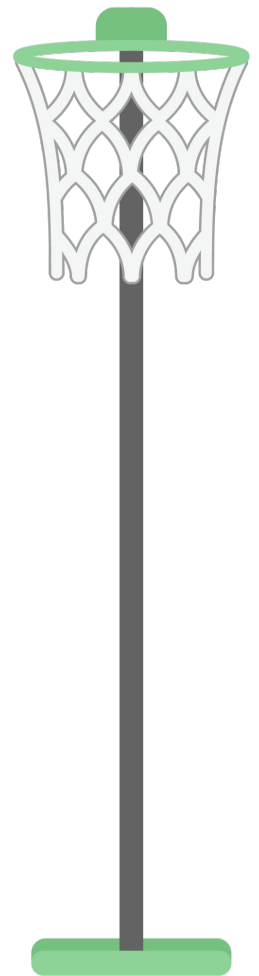
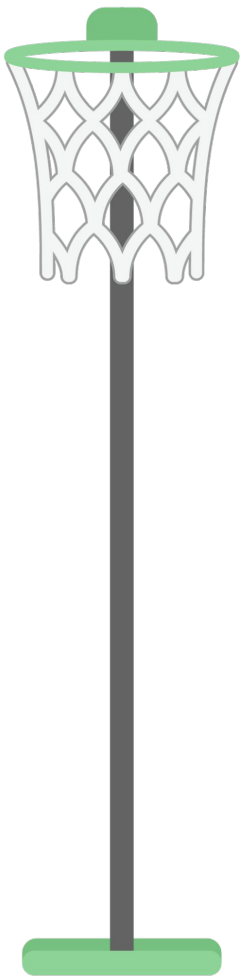


## OUT & ABOUT WITH OUR AKONGA

Ngā mihi nui to our Portland Minis Netball Team on a fantastic season!

It was a real joy to watch our youngest players take to the court, learning new skills, participation in teamwork and having fun Every one of you gave it your all, and it was incredible to see how much you all improved with every game.

The enthusiasm and smiles on your faces each week were the best part of the season. We are all so proud of your hard work and can't wait to see you back on the court again next year!





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# OUR SCHOOL VALUES

At Portland School Te Kura o Tikorangi, our commitment to our kura values is ingrained in every aspect of our day. Our tamariki actively contributed to shaping and designing these values, giving them a sense of ownership and a deep understanding of what our values mean to us.

## Kaitiaki



*I am a Guardian*



## Kawenga



*I am the Best  
I Can Be*

## Pono



*I am Trustworthy*



## Manaaki



*I uplift the Mana  
of Others*



## OUT & ABOUT WITH OUR AKONGA

A massive congratulations to our Portland 1 Netball Kotiro on an absolutely awesome season!

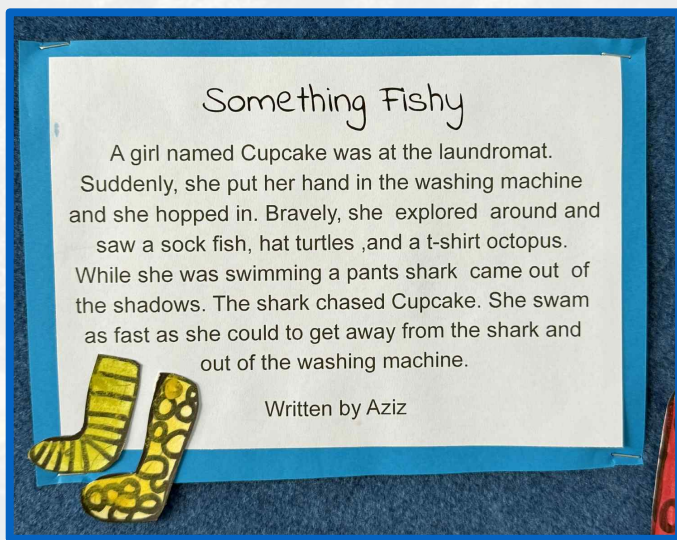
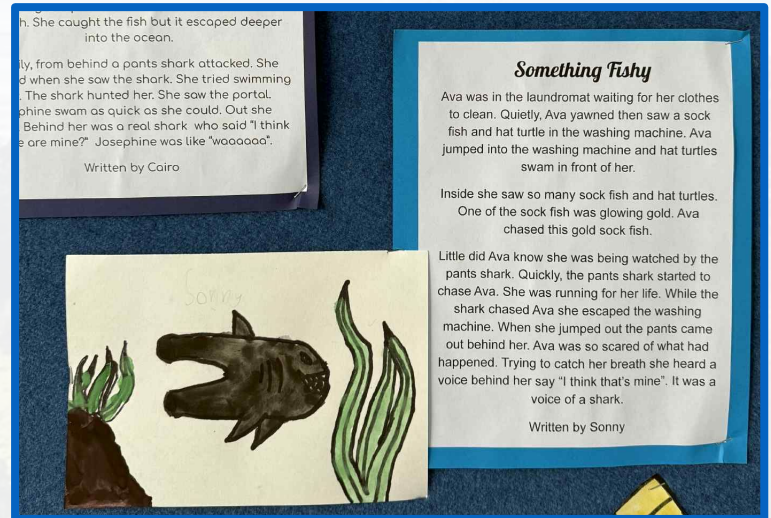
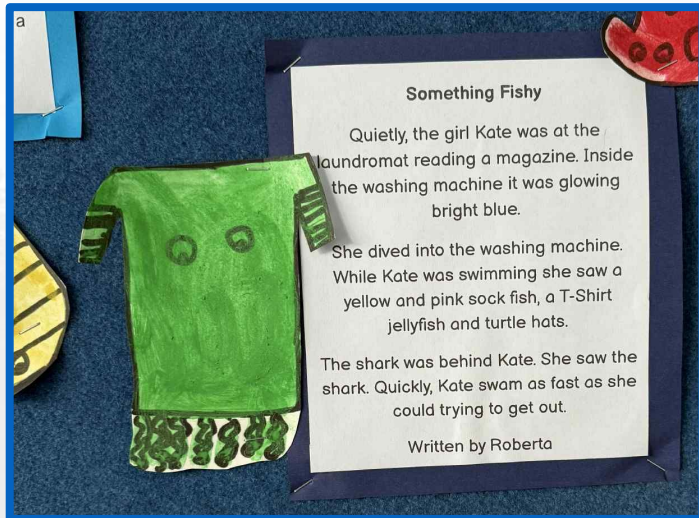
For many of you, this was your very first year on the court, and it was so cool to see how quickly you picked everything up. Your natural talent and enthusiasm were on full display, and it was clear you got better and better with every game.

What a way to end the season with an outstanding 21-11 win against the Ruakaka Tigers! We're all incredibly proud of the hard work you put in. We can't wait to see you continue to grow and develop in the sport, and we might just be watching some future Silver Ferns in the making!

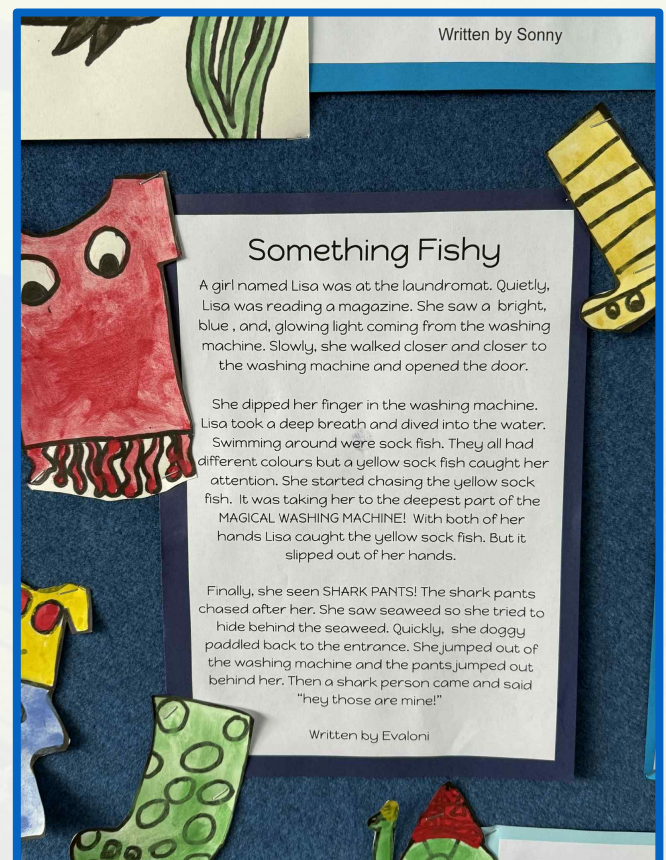
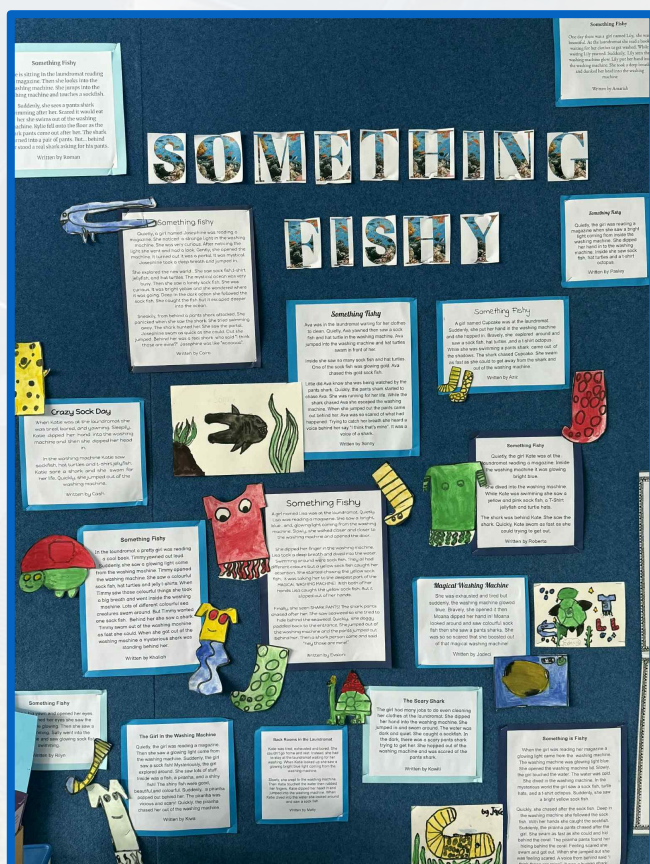




## Matakohe's Something Fishy Writing

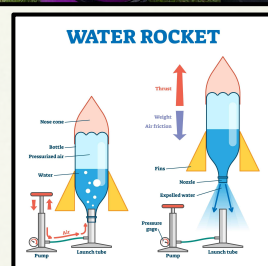


Matakohe have been diving into all kinds of sentence types in their “*Something Fishy*” stories. Check out our wall display and see their writing come to life!





# Whānau Tikorangi - Water Rocket Challenge



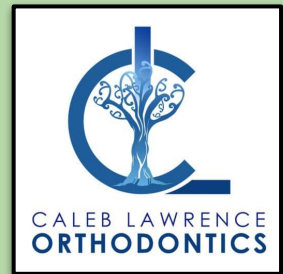


# COMING UP...

End of Term Celebration Hui	Thursday 18th September
LAST DAY OF TERM 3	Friday 19th September
START OF TERM 4	Monday 6th October
BOT Hui - NEW BOARD	Monday 6th October



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