

Te Poi School



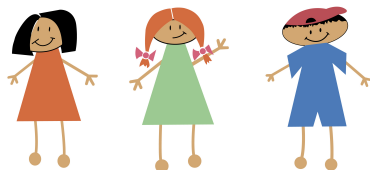
A small school where big things happen.

Turangawaewae

**Our People
Our Place
Our Stories**

This is the schoolwide focus for Term 1. Each class will be sharing, learning and discovering about the people in the school and how our school runs.

Our 3 school characters are central to everything we do.



The Thinker, Learner & Citizen

Each class will be working on class rules, treaties and behaviour plans. The children will be learning how to get along with each other, how to be friends and be friendly, and learning we can't always be friends with everyone but we can always be friendly. They will also be learning strategies to deal with conflict situations, how to support their

friends in the playground and how to react to mean, rude or hurtful behaviours.

Discussion on and around bullying behaviours and how to identify those behaviours will also be worked through in each classroom. Children need to understand the difference between being rude, mean and being bullied.

It is important for students to feel empowered in the class and the playground and each class will be working on how to stand up to people in a positive way to gain a positive and safe result.

We use our 3 characters to positively describe playground rules:

**Be Safe
Be Happy
Be Responsible**

We also use:

**Stop
Talk
Walk**

To resolve playground issues. Discuss these approaches with your child and even try out little scenarios at home.

The Life Education Van visit helps to reinforce our school rules and support the children to develop effective strategies for dealing with a variety of situations.

If you have any concerns regarding playground or classroom behaviour it is crucial that you talk to your classroom teacher as soon as possible. We can't do anything to support your child if we are unaware of situations. If behaviours continue you are welcome to book a time with the principal to discuss strategies and ways to resolve situations.

On a brighter note, our first big community event is just next week.

*Family Picnic
Thursday 11th February
5:30pm*

Join us for fun races, a massive water slide and creek swimming. Bring your own picnic or purchase a sausage from the Dando truck for \$2. It is a fantastic evening and a great opportunity to meet the teachers and families. Bottom paddock at 998b Tauranga Road Maps available in the foyer

Principal's Comment:

Welcome to 2016.

We start the year with a strong roll of 64. We have a number of 5 year olds to come scattered throughout the year. A warm welcome to Cassidy and the Du Preez family who are joining us from Papamoa this year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the family picnic next Thursday 11th February. This is a great evening and we would like to see more Dads take on the mighty water slide challenge this year!

Linda Larsen, Principal

Important Dates – Term 1 Week 1

3rd February 2016

February

- 8** Waitangi Day holiday observed
- 11** Family Picnic 5:30pm
- 18** BOT meeting, 6:30pm in the Library

March

- 9** Parent Interviews 3pm – 8pm
- 15** Yr 3 to 6 small schools combined swim sports
- 18** Interschools Swim sports Yr 3 to 6

More dates to come including a trip to the Wallace Art Gallery in Morrinsville

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS:

A reminder that all lunch orders should be in a named envelope please.

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| All pies | \$3.30 |
| Sausage rolls | \$2.00 |
| Egg or ham sandwich | \$3.00 |
| Ham or chicken roll | \$2.90 |
| Ham/beef/chicken wrap | \$4.20 |
| Apple or custard pie | \$2.50 |
| Choc chip biscuit | \$1.40 |
| Just Juice | \$2.50 |