



We will also be working on our pepeha. All children will introduce themselves as part of their speech. Pepeha is a way of introducing oneself. It identifies who we are, where we're from and where we belong. Pepeha is used in a Māori context and has a formal basis, but the idea is universal. Everyone has a pepeha which links them to their ancestors. It identifies important places like your maunga, awa and marae. In a Māori context standing and sharing our pepeha is common practice. Discovering who we are and where we're from is an important part of building our sense of identity and belonging. The children will be bringing their pepeha home to practice. There are a number of different ways to structure your pepeha; some people use tōku (indicating that something belongs to them, or that they belong to it), whereas others use te (a singular 'the') following the proper noun. There is no one way of doing things, people need to do what feels right for them. Please ensure that your child's pepeha reflects the kawa of your iwi/whānau where appropriate.

### **PLAYGROUP NEWS:**

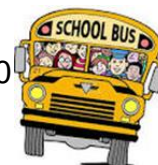
Rere Playgroup starts up again this Wednesday 9am-12pm!  
We are starting the term off with a shared morning tea.  
For more information contact Deana Cook – 8670847

### **EOTC:**

We have the Rural Schools' X-country 18<sup>th</sup> September. This is held at Tiniroto School. We will soon begin training for this event. As it is a winter sport and the ground underfoot is damp and muddy the children can expect to get dirty during training so please send them along to school with a change of clothing. If they are too muddy they will not be able to get on the school bus.

### **BUSES:**

Your drivers this week are Wharekopae- Paula Reedy, phone 8673585, 027 787 9840  
Taumata – Kay Twigley, phone 8670866



### **BOT NEWS:**

The next Board meeting is to be held in the school Library on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Please let Jodie Cook know if you intend to come and see what happens at Board/Governance level of the school.

Ngā mihi maioha

Katrina Dekker  
Principal