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### Whakamiha – Mana Motuhake – Manaaki

#### From the Principal...

##### Kia ora whaanau

It is a real privilege to be writing to you in my first newsletter as the Acting Principal of Conifer Grove School. I am excited to be part of this community, and I look forward to working in partnership with you to support the success and well-being of our tamariki. Our school-wide focus for the term is **Manaaki**. Manaaki speaks to caring for, supporting, and uplifting one another, and fostering a strong sense of community and belonging. At Conifer Grove School, we don't just talk about manaaki – we aim to *live it*. We want to care for each other, encourage each other, and maintain an environment where all members feel seen, safe, & celebrated.

**New Staff:** We are thrilled to welcome Kay Stables and Alisi Andrews to our Tipu Teaching Team. Both Kay and Alisi bring a wealth of knowledge and experience working with children in their early school years. We are lucky to have them join our teaching whaanau.

**Whole School Cross Country:** Friday 25 July from 10:30am  
More information about specific race times will be sent to whaanau. Students come to school dressed in **Whanau colours** (clothing appropriate for running in - including running shoes). They will need to bring a **drink bottle** and **warm jacket/jumper**. Spectators are welcome (there will be a spectator area in front of Room 24/25). Any students leaving school after the cross country event *must be signed out by their caregiver at the office*.

**Teacher Only Days:** A reminder of our MOE approved Teacher Only Days this term on Monday 28 July & Friday 5 September - *teachers are involved in professional learning - there is no school for students on these days*.

**Uniform:** Do you have any uniform items your children have outgrown? If so, please send them to the office to pass on to other families in need.

**BOT Elections:** Information regarding this year's Board of Trustees Elections will be shared with whaanau soon. Becoming a Board member is a powerful way to contribute to our school's direction and growth. We encourage those interested in governance, equity, and student achievement to consider putting themselves forward.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. I look forward to connecting with you over the coming weeks – whether at the gate, in the playground, or at our upcoming school events.

*Ngaa mihi nui, Lee-Anne Maxwell, Acting Principal*



#### Term 3 Teacher Only Days: Mon 28 July and Fri 5 Sept

#### 2025 DATES TO NOTE:

22 July	Whole School Powhiri 10:15
25 July	School Cross Country 10:30
28 July	Teacher Only Day - <b>no school</b>
29 July	Yr 7 Netball Champs
31 July	Scholastic Issue 5 orders close
31 July	BOT Hui
1 Aug	NC Yr 7/8 Cross Country
2 Aug	Rosehill College Info Day
12 Aug	Parent Info Evening - Literacy 6pm
13 Aug	NC Yr 5/6 Cross Country
13 Aug	Yr 6-8 Mathex
18 Aug	New Entrant Cohort 6 start
18 Aug	Whole School Assembly 10:15
4 Sept	Junior School Assembly
4 Sept	BOT Hui
5 Sept	Teacher Only Day - <b>no school</b>
9 Sept	NC Basketball
11 Sept	Father's Day Raffle Draw
12 Sept	Senior School Musical Walkabout
15 Sept	Whole School Assembly 10:15
15-19 )	Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori
Sept )	Paapua Sports Camp
19 Sept	Term 3 ends

#### 2025 TEACHER ONLY DAYS

28 July	Teacher Only Day - no school
5 Sept	Teacher Only Day - no school
28 Oct	Teacher Only Day - no school

#### 2025 TERM DATES:

TERM 3	14 July - 19 Sept
TERM 4	6 Oct - 16 Dec

#### 2025 BREAK TIMES:

School starts	9:00am
Morning break	11:00am- 11:45am
Lunch break	1:15pm - 2:00pm
School finishes	3:00pm

#### Medications at school:

- \* Complete a Medicine Authority Form
- \* All medications to be handed in to the office by an adult please.
- \* Any required medications are kept safely in the office and dispensed by the school office staff
- \* No medications/inhalers to be kept in students possession.

**Class Photo / Portrait Photo orders** are currently being processed by Photolife - As soon the delivery arrives we will send your orders home with your child.

#### TEAM NEWSLETTERS:

Please click on the Team logos below to read view the Term 3 Team News



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## STUDENT OF THE TERM TERM 2 2025

Awarded for displaying our school values in all curriculum areas.

Pihinga	Amanat K.	Room 13	Thomas A.
Room 2	Zoe H.	Room 14	Alex M.
Room 3	Ayla N..	Room 15	Sithma A.
Room 4	Angad H.	Room 16	Brooke M.
Room 5	Finn C.	Room 17	Wilson R.
Room 6	Anayah S.	Room 18	Kaidan C.
Room 7	Herishikaesh K.	Room 19	Joel P.
Room 8	Agam S.	Room 20	Ayna R.
Room 9	Thomas-Henry A.	Room 21	Anoop K.
Room 10	Casper G.	Room 22	Gardenia C.L.
Room 11	Aria P.	Room 24	Gurnaj K.B.
Room 12	Adhira L.	Room 25	Heidi T.

## KAIARAHĪ AWARDS JULY 2025

**Oliver F. Theo P. Rubani K.**

**Kiarra P. Anton R.**

For displaying Responsibility  
(Mana Motuhake)

**Miss Jeffrey**

For your amazing Jumping June  
organisation/fundraising efforts!

**Keep up the great work!**

## JUMPING JUNE

A huge thank you to all our wonderful families for your incredible effort and support during our *Jumping June* event last term. It was a fantastic 2 days filled with energy, enthusiasm, and heart—and thanks to your involvement, we were named one of the **top 5 fundraising schools in New Zealand**! With over 200 schools taking part across the country, that's an amazing achievement we can all be proud of.

Together, we raised a phenomenal **\$26,205** for the **Heart Foundation**, helping support vital research and resources to improve heart health for all New Zealanders. What an awesome cause to get behind!

Ka pai to everyone involved—your generosity and community spirit truly made a difference. A HUGE thank you to Miss Aimee Jeffrey (Room 13) for organising this fundraising event!



## 2025 BOT ELECTIONS

The boards of all state and state integrated schools are required to hold elections every three years, and this will be happening again in Term 3, 2025.

**The School Board is an important part of our school as they set the strategic direction for our school, consult with our school community about our school, ensure the schools funding is spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our School.**

**Our board is made up of five elected parent representatives, the Principal, and a staff rep elected by the staff.**

Our election will be online, run by Election Pilot (MOE accredited). Nomination and voting forms will be sent out to all eligible voters by email directly from Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you, nomination and voting papers will be sent by post so no one will miss out.

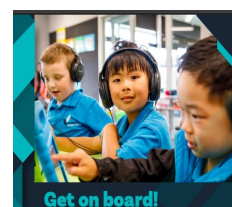
School Board Elections must be held in accordance with the provisions in the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Schooled Election Pilot to enable the provision of elections services for our school or kura as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Conifer Grove School only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz)

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process, and **our election date is Wednesday 10 September, 2025.**

### BOT Election Timeline:

Fri 18 July	Call for nominations
Wed 6 Aug	Nominations close 12 noon
Wed 13 Aug	Voting starts
Wed 10 Sept	Election date
Tue 16 Sept	Votes counted, Results declared
Wed 17 Sept	New BOT takes office



## ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS:

Make our schools safer and don't be THAT Karen !

Things you can avoid to make school zones safer:

- Parking across a driveway
- Getting kids to run across the road
- Stopping in the middle of the road
- Parking on yellow lines
- Being rude to AT parking officers

C'mon Auckland, together let's bring a bit more "Nice Karen" to the school run and avoid getting a fine! Let's make our roads safer one nice drop-off at a time.

Link to video on YouTube - [School Safety 2025](#)



Link to AT school gate webpage - [Safety at the school gate](#)

## Birthday Celebrations

Due to allergies, dietary and individual requirements, we do not encourage sharing of food items outside of specific organised events where these can be considered in advance. **Please do not send food or cake** to celebrate your child's birthday - these can be acknowledged and celebrated as a class in other ways. A small, sealed treat that can be taken home at the end of the day (such as a lollipop) is acceptable.

Thank you



## CONIFER GROVE SCHOOL

TONGAANUI

HUA KAIWAKA

KIWI TAMAKI

TE MAHIA

# CROSS COUNTRY 2025

FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

SENIOR RACES  
BEGIN AT  
10.30 AM

JUNIOR  
RACES BEGIN  
AT 11.20 AM

MEDAL  
CEREMONY  
BEGINS AT  
12.50 PM

STUDENTS COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR  
WHAANAU COLORS

## TERM 3 Girl's Friday Night Football

7-Aside

Sneakers or Boots can be worn  
(boots recommended for safety)

No uniform required

(bibs provided for the night)

1 - 2 games per night

5.30pm start

8th August - 12th September  
McLennan Park, Papakura

AGES  
10 - 12

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and improving  
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Takaanini and  
Papakura

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10 August 2025



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say on AT  
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buses to  
replace vans  
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## SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

### 2025 CONIFER GROVE SCHOOL UNIFORMS

#### Unisex uniform items for all students

##### SUMMER

Black lightweight sport short  
Schooltex Green Polo Shirt



##### WINTER

Green Polar Fleece  
Red Fleece lined Jacket  
Black track pant



##### Sports Uniform

Red Sports Tee  
Black Sport Shorts  
(Year 3-8 only)



##### Sunhats

Yr 0-6 Red Bucket Hat  
Yr 7+8 Green School Cap  
(compulsory Term 1 and 4)



##### Footwear

Black Sandals OR  
Black Shoes + black socks  
(NO Crocs, jandals, slides please)

#### Uniform Guidelines:

**Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform.**

New uniform is available to purchase at The Warehouse, Takanini store.

Please note that if coloured vests/t-shirts are worn underneath your child's polo shirt, it is not to be visible.

- Please name each item of clothing clearly with your child's name in TWO places.
- Hats are to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 (after Labour Weekend).  
Red Bucket hats for Year 0-6 students, green caps for Year 7 & 8 students only
- Black sandals or black shoes (with black socks) NO Crocs, jandals, slides please
- Nail polish is not to be worn and long hair should be tied up with brown, black, red or green hair ties.
- No jewellery to be worn other than a small pair of stud earrings.

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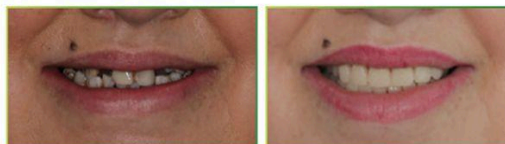
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