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11th August 2023

Week 4

Principal Report

WOW two weeks in a row and we have snow on te maunga and surrounding hills. There was also snow on Putauaki and along Ngamotu Road by the Million Dollar Highway. So wrap up warm this weekend. 🌨️

Our Camo Fever Disco was a huge success with nearly all of our children attending. They danced the night away and had a fantastic time!



Liam and Johannah won the prize for the best in theme costume and the Dawsons won the prize for best dressed family.

Well done!!



Teacher Professional Development

The teachers are currently reviewing the Numeracy programme with the target being our students having the ability to reason and apply mathematical concepts in real life contexts. This is done in partnership with our 'Learning Pit' to support our students being able to realise they are learners and how to keep going when they find things hard. More explanation about our 'Learning Pit' approach next week.

As well as this, Miss Harris has been using the techniques of the 'Better Start Literacy Approach' programme in her class.

"The Better Start Literacy Approach is a structured approach to literacy instruction for Year 0 to Year 2 classrooms, to support children's early reading, writing and oral language success. It has been developed by our team specifically for our New Zealand educational and

cultural context and controlled research trials have proven its effectiveness. It includes the systematic teaching of critical phonological awareness skills and letter sound knowledge skills through fun, games-based activities, activities making explicit links to the reading and spelling context, and structured small group reading sessions using the new Ready to Read - Phonics Plus early readers series. In addition, the approach includes explicit teaching in vocabulary skills and in building children's oral narrative and listening comprehension skills through quality children's story books. The Better Start Literacy Approach follows a structured phonics scope and sequence that is used in the class and small group reading teaching."

This has been working exceptionally well and we are seeing some amazing results from our children. We now have Mrs Trumper, with Whaea Rora and Whaea Sarah, completing the training. This will ensure continuity across our junior classes in literacy and give our tamariki a fantastic start to their reading and writing.

Science Roadshow

Next Monday the whole school is travelling to Reporoa for the Science Roadshow. We will be leaving school by bus at 10.00am and be back at school at approximately 12.45pm. We will have lunch when we return to school. **Please ensure your child/ren have footwear, warm jersey/jacket, a good morning tea and water bottle packed.**

School contacts

Please see below contact information if you need to get in touch with our staff for any school matters. Do not use social media messaging or personal phones for contacting our staff for school matters.

Teachers are available Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 4.00pm, outside of class time, if you need to get in contact with them.

School Bell Times

School Starts	8.55am
Morning Tea	11.00am
Second Block	11.30am
Lunch	12.30pm
Third Block	1.15pm
School Ends	3.00pm

If your matter is pressing, please contact the school on 3666 814 in the first instance or Rick 021 304 622 if it is urgent. See our contact details next page.

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Reporting to Parents Consultation

Remember to have your say about how we report to parents. Get those consultation letters back to school soon.

Shave for a Cure

Today is the day. Pictures next week. Woohoo! We have been amazed with all the generous donations, what an amazing community we have! Thank you!!

PTA Meetings

Would you like to come and see what we're up to and join our amazing crew? We would love to see you at our next PTA meetings. All are welcome.

- 22nd August 7.00pm
- 6th September 6.30pm



Meetings are held in the staffroom.

Pet Day - Saturday 14th October

It is that time of year again where children get excited to choose their pets for pet day. Our school Pet Day will be held on Saturday 14th October and Group Day on Friday 20th October - Mamaku School hosting, venue TBC. Lambs and Calves animals need to be born between 20th July and 1st September. More information will follow in due course. If your child is interested in raising a lamb or calf, please check out the booklets on our website, under Communications > Publications.

House Points

Each week we will be giving out a house cup to the house that's in the lead. Students can earn house points by following our school rules, being on task and even when they get caught being awesome.

Our house leaders are:

Tarawera - Connor McMillan & Josh Roberts

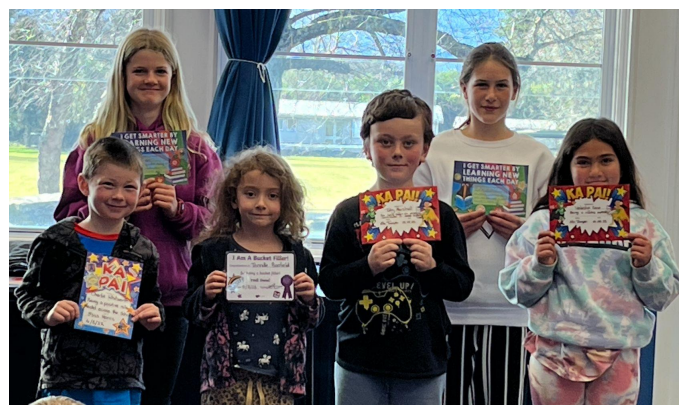
Kakaramaea - Holly Rogers

Congratulations to our house winner last week..

Tarawera!



Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌
Last week's certificates went to...



Charlie Whitworth - Positive attitude in class.

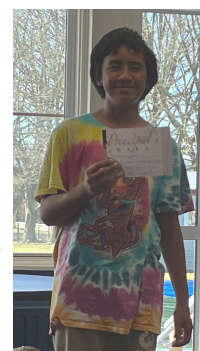
Tennille Banfield for being a bucket filler.

Toby Marshall for being an amazing contributor in our class.

Natasha Kena - You are a maths superstar!

Holly Rogers for showing critical thinking skills during class discussions.

Esther Sterkenburg for asking questions to gain new knowledge and understanding in mathematics.



Last week's Principal Certificate went to... Cypress Poumako-Bartlett for whanaungatanga.



Dates to Remember

Mon 14 Aug	Science Roadshow
Fri 18 Aug	Cultural Festival
Tue 22 Aug	Fluoride Programme, Puberty Talks PTA Meeting 7pm
4 - 8 Sep	Scholastic Book Fair week
Tue 5 Sep	Board Meeting 7pm
Wed 6 Sep	PTA Meeting 6.30pm
Thu 14 Sep	Cluster Winter Sports
Fri 15 Sep	Cluster Speeches
Thu 21 Sep	Last school day
Fri 22 Sep	Term 3 Ends / Teacher Only Day
Mon 9 Oct	Term 4 Starts
Sat 14 Oct	LRS Pet Day
Tue 17 Oct	Board Meeting 7pm
Fri 20 Oct	Group Day

TERRIFIC TUPU

Tupu has been working hard on our Calendar art during visual arts time. The kids learnt about what they wanted to be when they grow up, drew their place of work and finally they drew their work uniform/outfit. It was a long process but they are coming out really nicely.



Ted Reid - Architect



Diesel Johnston - Rapper

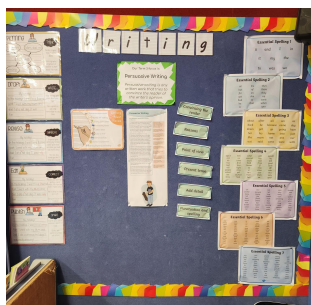
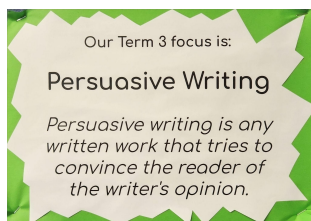
Bucket Fillers



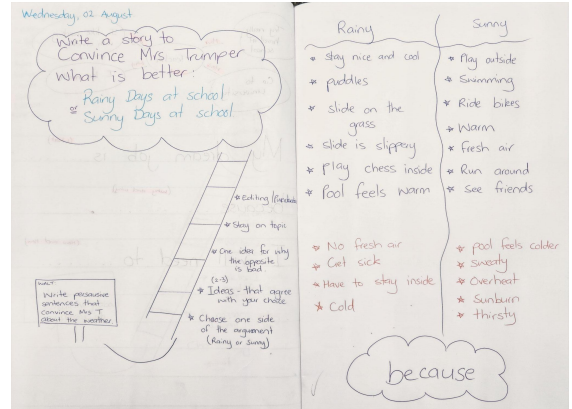
Tupu has been learning about being bucket fillers. Everyone carries around an invisible bucket everyday, and each day we hope to fill our own and others by being kind. If we are unkind and hurtful we dip into others buckets, so if we ever accidentally hurt someone we should apologise and make sure they are ok.

MAHURI

It's been a very busy week with all our regular teaching programme this week as well as adding in extra Kapa Haka practise, an awesome school Disco and then Shave for a Cure today. We only have one week until the Cultural Festival, held at Reporoa College, so we are sneaking in as much practise as we can. Our writing focus this term is on 'persuasive writing'. The

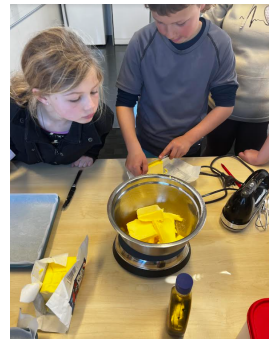


children are enjoying trying to persuade me on their opinions around different topics. This has led to some excellent discussion and oral language as well. We will be using these persuasive skills later in the term when we begin writing our speeches. I hope you have a relaxing weekend, mid-term is nearly here!



RAKAU

Kia ora koutou katoa,
Rakau has had another excellent week of learning. A huge mihi to our school community for supporting our Camo Fever Disco fundraiser on Wednesday night. As always, your support with our fundraising is greatly appreciated. Last Friday for passion projects, the baking crew were very privileged to have one of our top baking mum's in to help! Bianca Sterkenburg came in and showed us how to make her delicious Oaty Caramel Slice.



We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to Bianca for sharing her knowledge with us. Here are some photos of the process!



10/08/2023

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

A few cases of head lice have been detected in our school. Anyone can get head lice, mainly through direct head-to-head contact but also from sharing hats, brushes and other personal items. Head lice are a problem in many communities and do not reflect poor hygiene or social status. Please do your part to prevent the spread of head lice by checking your child(ren) daily for the next few weeks, and on a regular basis thereafter. Lice infestation is much easier to treat if caught early. If you should discover a case of head lice, please notify your child's teacher.



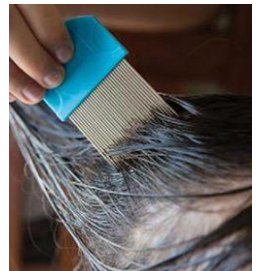
Chemical treatments

Chemical treatments or wet combing are the usual ways to treat head lice. Talk to your pharmacist, doctor or nurse for advice. Ordinary shampoo or soap will not kill head lice. Do not use fly spray, kerosene or animal treatments, as these may harm children.

- Chemical treatments use a special shampoo or lotion (containing insecticide) that kills the head lice and the eggs. Follow the instructions that are supplied with the chemical treatments.
- Always do a second treatment 7–10 days after the first. This is to kill any head lice that may have hatched after the first treatment.

Wet combing

- Wet the hair and scalp with conditioner (this makes it easier to see the head lice).
- Use a fine-toothed comb to check for head lice and eggs and to comb them out. It's best to use a fine metal comb, or a special head lice comb you can get from a pharmacy.
- Comb the full length of the hair, from the scalp to the ends. Work your way around the head so that you have combed all of the hair.
- If you see any head lice or eggs, clean the comb by wiping it on a tissue or a paper towel, or rinse the comb before you use it again.
- After you have combed all of the hair, rinse out the conditioner.
- Repeat the wet combing each week until you don't find any more head lice or eggs.



Stop head lice from spreading

It's not possible to completely prevent head lice because they're very common. But there are things you can do to stop head lice from spreading.

- Brush hair every day. This may help kill or injure head lice and stop them from laying eggs.
- Don't share brushes, combs, headbands, ribbons, hair clips, helmets or hats – anything that touches someone's head.
- Having short hair – or wearing hair in a ponytail if it's long – makes it less likely you or your child will catch head lice.
- Children should hang their clothes on their own hook at school.
- Children should keep their clothes apart from other childrens in swimming or sports changing rooms.
- If you do get head lice in your family, everyone should be treated at the same time.
- Let the school and any other close friends know that your child has been treated for head lice.

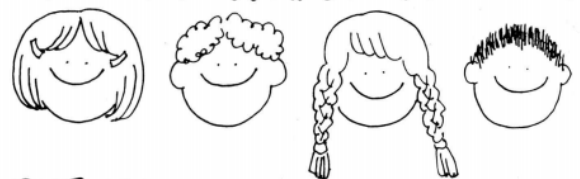
Remember - Anyone can get head lice:

- Check your children's hair every week for head lice.
- If you find head lice or eggs – you need to treat them.
- Repeat the treatment: 7–10 days later for chemical treatments and weekly for wet combing.
- For more information, talk to your pharmacist, doctor or nurse.

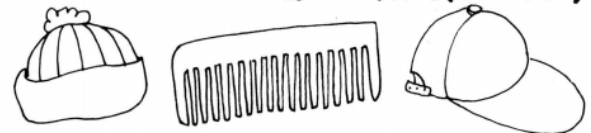
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SHARE THE FEELINGS DEEP INSIDE,



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PET DAY 2023

Please use this form to indicate if your child will be bringing a pet to Pet Day 2023

Calves and Lambs must be born between 20th July and 1st September 2023

Child's name: _____

Circle one
Calf / Lamb / Kid / Domestic Pet

if Domestic Pet
Type: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

We are also having domestic pets. On the day, all animals must be in a cage or suitable container, or secure on a lead at all times. Cats and dogs need to have up to date vaccinations. Young puppies and kittens that are not fully vaccinated are not able to come to Pet Day and large dogs must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Please return this form to school by 18th August 2023

