

Newsletter Term 3 Wk 3

2019



Friday 9th August 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Nasty bugs

There have been a couple of nasty bugs going around that have knocked many of our students for 6 over the past 4-5 weeks. We were hopeful that the bugs would have taken a break over the holidays, but no- they have come back with a vengeance! This week we have had approximately 50 students away each day with cold and flu like symptoms. A high fever seems to be one of the commonalities to the illnesses.

In response we have increased the level of cleaning that our cleaning contractors undertake every day and have ensured that all working surfaces and touch points are wiped down with an anti-viral product every afternoon.

Unfortunately, the illness that is going around has coincided with the biennial swimming programme which has resulted in some students missing some of the sessions.

School Swimming

The feedback I have had about the swimming sessions from the instructors and the teachers has been great. Having the sessions run consecutively over 10 school days has meant that students have been able to build on the skills they picked up the day before and really make great progress.

Some students who on the first Monday basically sunk when they tried to do backstroke were able to confidently swim a length of backstroke by the end of their sessions.

Students who were scared of water on day 1 where splashing around and putting their heads under after just a few sessions. The seniors loved the water safety aspect of their sessions with the boats and kayaks being a real highlight. Next week we will be sending home a progress report card from the swimming instructors for all the students who participated in the swimming programme.

Thank you to those of you who have given feedback about the timing and organisation of the swimming programme. We will be sending out a brief survey over the next couple of weeks to gather some feedback so we can continually improve the programmes that we offer.

We have just completed the biennial pool based swimming programme for the whole school. Unfortunately, coinciding with this, we have also have experienced widespread illness during this period.

When booking the swimming lessons, we endeavour to keep the cost per child as low as we possibly can to cover the costs of the buses, swimming instructors and also pool entry fee. Most of these costs are fixed (apart from the pool entry fee, which is minimal) and will still need to be paid irrelevant of the actual numbers swimming. While \$7.50 per session for a swimming lesson taught by a qualified instructor, including transport to and from the pool is good value for money we do appreciate that when this is multiplied by 10, or more if you have more than one child involved, the costs can add to the financial pressure that families face.

The BoT have acknowledged that there are some families who will be invoiced or who have paid for swimming, yet their children missed a majority of the lessons due to illness.

If your child missed a majority of the swimming sessions due to illness and you would like to discuss a refund for the sessions missed or a reduction in the amount you will be invoiced, please contact Manuela or Bradley and we will see what we can do.

Manuela- office@pauatahanui.school.nz

Bradley- principal@pauatahanui.school.nz



PAUATAHANUI
SCHOOL

Term Dates 2019

Term 1

Thurs 7 Feb to Fri 12 April

Term 2

Mon 29 Apr to Fri 5 July

Term 3

Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept

Term 4

Mon 14 Oct to Fri 20 Dec

Phone: 234 7659

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Outdoor Learning Spaces

A highlight of next week will be a visit from Robin Christie. Robin is the owner of Childspace and the author of Design-Build-Play. Robin will be visiting to give the team some inspiration and advice as we plan how we are going to incorporate some amazing outdoor play and learning spaces into our environment.

It is envisaged that this will very much be a community project so watch this space for more information about how you could be involved.



Sample image

Lamb and Calf Day 2019

As mentioned earlier this week, Lamb and Calf Day 2019 is on and things are ticking away behind the scenes to make this happen.

As the number of days left until Lamb and Calf Day decreases, so does the urgency around pulling the school community in to help ensure the day is a success.

Such a huge event takes the whole school community. Please make sure the 2nd November is blocked out in your diary. If you know you will be away on the day, there are a range of things that you will be able to help with as we plan and organise in the coming weeks.

Please look out for a separate Lamb and Calf Day communication next week that will highlight some jobs that need doing and set some dates for some key organising meetings.

**Term dates for 2020**

The proposed term dates for 2020 are listed below.

The BoT are in the process of finding out a bit more information about how the Teacher Only Days that were announced as part of the the Primary Teacher's Collective Agreement and related accord can be used. It is likely that 2 of these days will be scheduled in 2020. We will let the community know about these days as soon as we know. These days will not impact on the start or finish dates.

Term 1

Start- 3rd Feb (Monday)

Finish 9th April (Thursday) with 10th April being Good Friday

Public holiday: Waitangi Day 6th Feb (Thursday)

Term 2

Start 28th April (Tuesday) with Monday 27th being Anzac Day

Finish 3rd July (Friday)

Public holidays: ANZAC (observed) 27 April, Queen's Birthday 1 June

Term 3

Start 20th July (Monday)

Finish 25th September (Friday)

Term 4

Start 12th October

Finish 15th December

Public holiday: Labour Day 26th October

Bradley Roberts

Principal

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE**School Crossing****Help keep our kids safe**

Due to work commitments, we now have an opening for a parent helper to support road patrol on Tuesday mornings 8.25 - 9am.

As the village becomes busier, keeping our kids safe on the crossing is so important. Whilst we now have our wonderful school patrol on in the morning, we also need a parent there, to supervise and help keep everyone safe. This is a great way to support the school and only takes up 35 mins of your time, once a week. The Team are also very supportive of swapping days and covering each other when you have sick kids, appointments and work commitments.

Can you help keep our kids safe by joining our team? If so, please email jane@effectivespeaking.co.nz

Pet Lambs

Elli has recently joined Room 8 and would love to raise a pet lamb for the famous lamb and calf day. If any stock owners have a spare lamb to rehome, could we be considered to adopt it please?

Text Trudy on 0226393300.

Reporting Absences

You can call, email or use the school loop app to report your child being absent from school. Can you please make sure that you give us a reason for the absence, as our student management system requires this type of information.

STUDENT COUNCIL

It's Disco time!

When: Wednesday the 21st of August

Time: 3.30 – 4.15pm Juniors (yrs 0 – 4)

4.30 – 5.30 Seniors (yrs 5 – 8)

Theme: P.A.U.A

Princesses, Animals, Unicorn, Action heroes
or anything else that starts with P, A, U and A.

Sausage sizzle and other food is available to purchase.



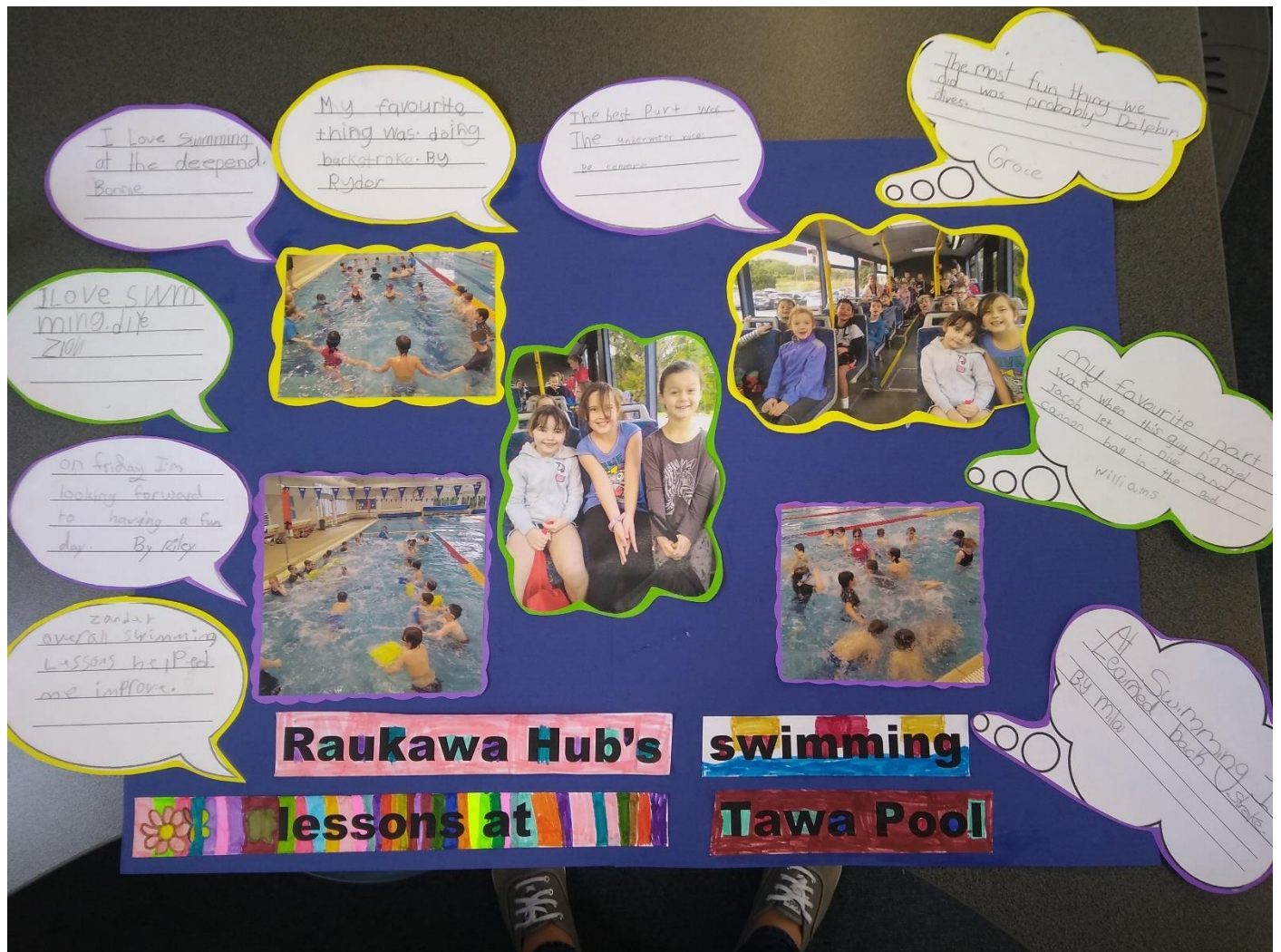
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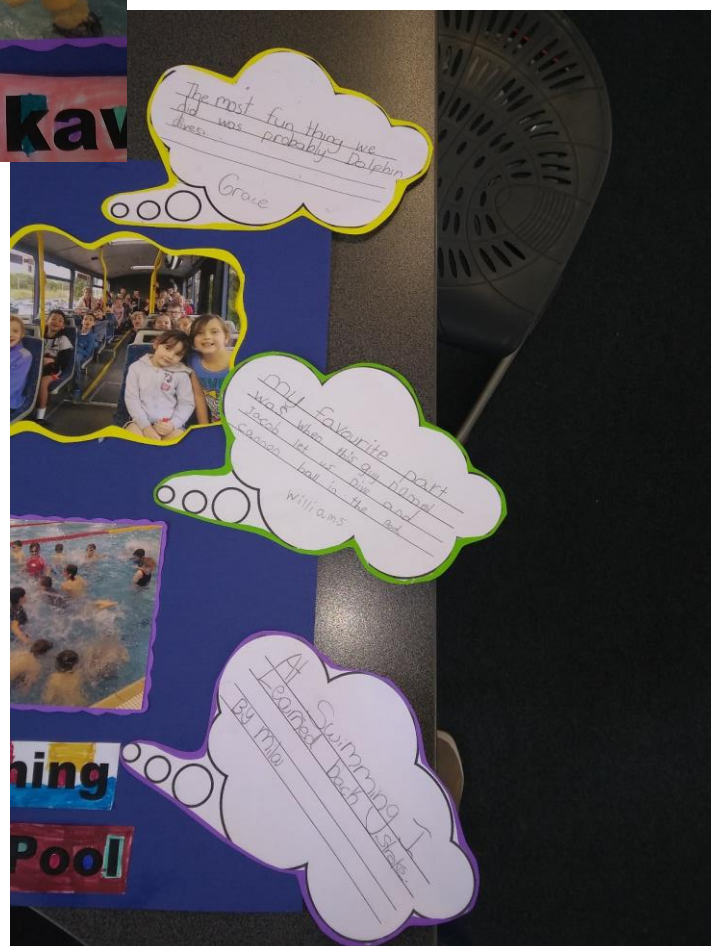
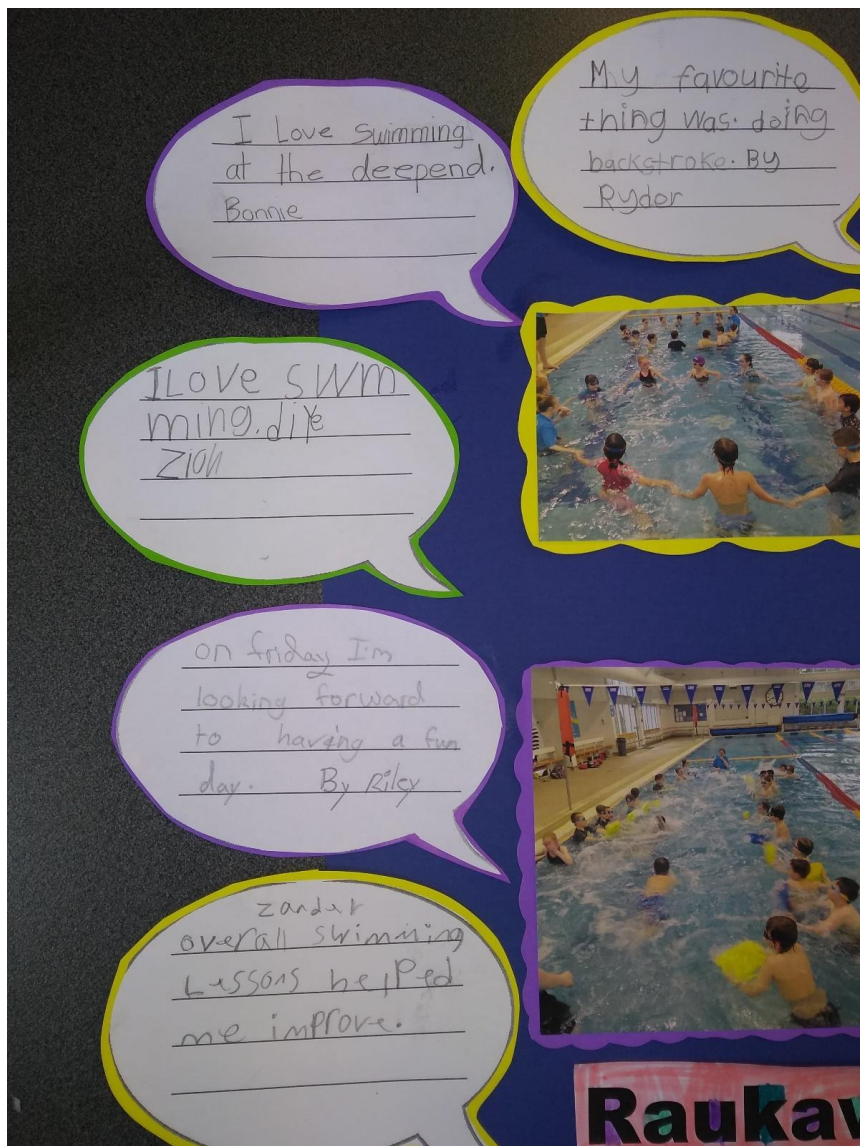
HIGH FIVE

3 weeks ago Dani Starr, Cameron Starr and Blake Miscall ran in the Wellington cross country champs with Blake and Cameron winning their u12 boys and u10 boys age groups and Dani coming 7th in u12 girls. Last Sunday they ran in the NZ cross country champs where Dani again finished 7th, Cameron coming a very credible 8th running up a grade in the u12 boys and Blake finishing a very close 2nd. Dani and Blake are travelling down to Hanmer Springs at the end of the term with the Wellington team to compete at the inter regionals



RAUKAWA HUB





TAINUI HUB

Tainui was lucky enough to have Alan (Liam's grandad) and Rosemary visit us with a vintage car for part of our social studies unit. We looked at what was different and the same as our car. We also used the car to do some descriptive writing and then write a thank you letter to Alan and Rosemary.

Broom a car came to school. It was British racing green! It is 92 years old. It made a funny noise! The wheels are ginormous but my car has small wheels. It is Alan and Rosemary's. - Mason

Wow. Today Liam's Grandad brought a vintage car to school. It was shiny and fancy. The car had no seat belts. It was dark green! - Riley

Dear Alan and Rosemary.

Thank you for bringing your shiny vintage car. My favourite part was seeing that the petrol came from under the seat.

Love from Sam.

Dear Alan and Rosemary.

Thank you for bringing your vintage car. My favourite part was going inside the shiny car.

From Emma.



WHITIREIA HUB

Students in Whitireia have been adding phrases to sentences, as part of VCOP sentence development.

The book was soaked; as the rain tumbled down furiously. - Sofia

The triple chocolate-flavoured ice-cream, in a cone, melted rapidly from the scorching blaze of the camp fire. - Felix

My ice-cream, chocolate as always, melted down my arm. - Jimmy

The pukeko prowled for its prey; every noise scaring him. - Harry

Kayaking

Splash, splash
Water going up my back
Paddle, paddle
I glide towards a stream of bubbles
CRASH!
I hit my friend
WOOSH!
Twisting, turning
Sliding, churning
All I see is waves
My kayak turns into an underwater cave
Splash, splash
Water going up my back

-Ellie Reece

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KAWHIA HUB



Greedy cat

Room 7 and 8 have been reading books by Joy Cowley. We painted Greedy cat and wrote stories about him being sneaky, cheeky and greedy.....

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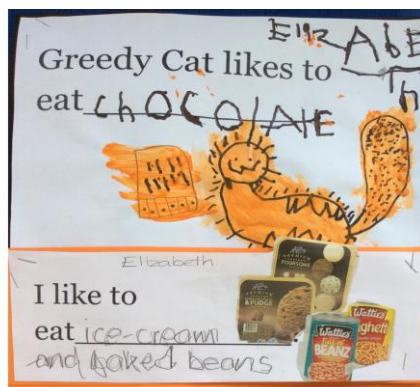
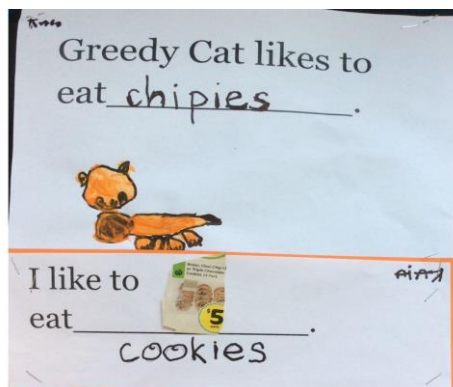
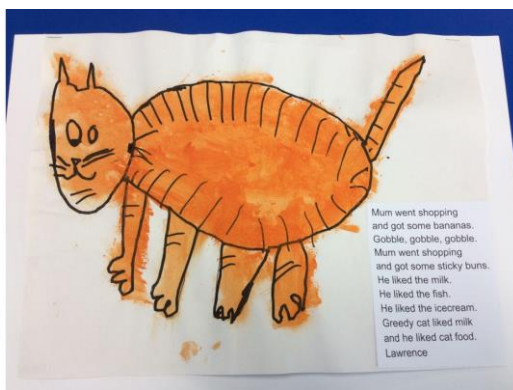
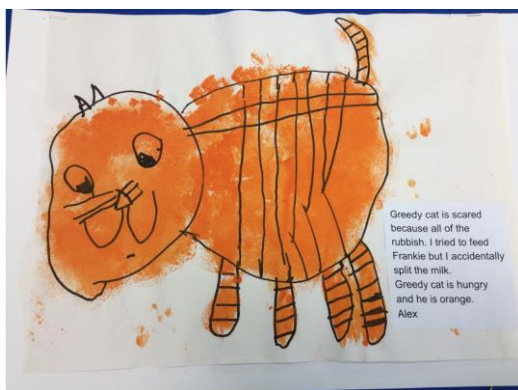
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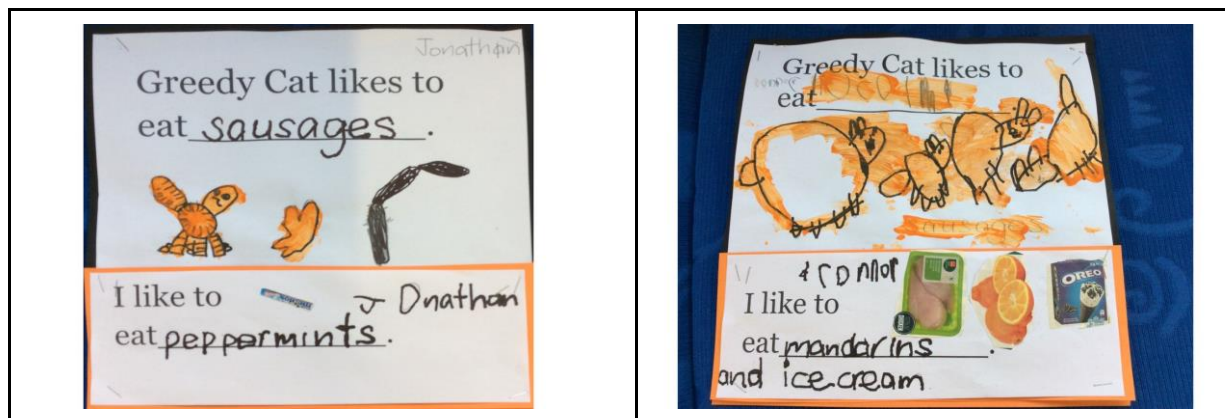


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