Newsletter Term 2 Wk 4 2019



Friday 24th May 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

What a busy two weeks we have had since the last newsletter. Thank you once again to the teachers and the school community for ensuring our students get to experience a broad and engaging curriculum. Being able to access learning experiences outside of the classroom is so essential as we work hard to make sure the curriculum is contextualized and learning is integrated, or woven, through the curriculum areas.

I know the students have thoroughly enjoyed the recent trips to Te Papa, The Mud Challenge, National Young Leaders Day and the walks down to the local estuary. Next week we have the cross country and we even have some of the classes off to see the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra play STARWARS. How cool is that!

It has been very pleasing to see a very healthy number of parents stand for positions on the Board of Trustees. The sign of a healthy school is a willingness for the community to take on these important roles. I look forward to working with the new BoT over the next three years.

Just a quick reminder to the community that the school will be closed next Wednesday 29th May as primary principals, primary and secondary teachers will be striking as part of the campaign for better working conditions and better outcomes for all students in New Zealand. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the community for the messages of support and your understanding around this drawn-out matter.

Bradley Roberts **Principal**

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Cross Country/Fun Run

We still need some parent helpers for the day and the postponement dates. If you are able to help, please follow the link and fill in the form. Thank you!

Google Form for Helpers

Cross Country Trophies

Can all cross country trophies please be returned to the office as soon as possible.



Pak n Save Receipts

This is the last term Pak n Save is doing the promotion, so let's keep on collecting.

Every time you spend money at Pak n Save Porirua—keep your receipt and bring it into the office. Make sure the receipt has your children's class number on it.

Only receipts for the current term will be accepted.

The class who spends the most money/per child over the term gets a wee treat and our school gets a commission. Thank you Pak n Save Porirua for supporting our school!

Totals to Date	
Room	Total (per child)
1	\$97.11
2	
3	\$79.66
4	\$28.52
5	\$11.28
6	\$144.83
7	
8	
9	\$59.46

HIGH FIVE

Last week's assembly certificates went to

Liam Hegan
Katherine Saysell
Ethan Wickham
Katie-Jean Hall
Karli Esterhuizen
Jesse Oldfield
Lucy Dench
Indi Halsey Pilalis
Harrison Burke
Felix Drake
Rose Sheffield
Dylan Carson
Marcus Sayers
Max Steffens-Smith
Evie Haughton

TAINUI HUB

Te Papa trip

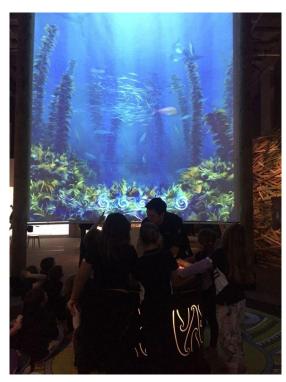
Last week Tainui Hub went to Te Papa. We got to look at the new exhibition.

Yesterday we went to Te Papa. We went with Room 5, 6 and 7. We saw the new exhibition. We went there because we are learning about how to look after the planet. I saw the squid and also I saw a black noisy pig. -David

Yesterday we went with Room 6 and 5 to Te Papa to look at the new exhibition because we are learning to respect our world.

-Tyler





We have been enjoying checking out the inlet and seeing what lives there. We have been talking about what might make the animals not want to live there and what we could do to help.



WHITIREIA HUB

The Wonder Project

By Alani and Giarna

In Room 9, we are lucky enough to build water rockets from a set called the Wonder Project!!

We have ambassadors from Transmission Gully helping us with the project and also a couple of parents from our class. Their names are James (from Transmission Gully), Blair and Lisa. They have been helping us from day 1 and we are very fortunate have them helping us with this project! Each set has everything you need to launch a rocket into the sky. Each rocket (if you do it correctly) can go up to about 30m above the ground!

To make our water rockets we started by getting into groups of 3. After that we had to bring in a 1.5 fizzy drink bottle, and don't pump them up to no more than 60 psi or we could risk seeing the bottle explode! We had to make sure that we didn't take in water bottles as their plastic is too thick to successfully launch. Next we had to join up our group with two other groups to form a group of nine. We had to build our launchers from scratch and with all the bits, we made it. This time we didn't add fins as it was a trial run but next week we will be experimenting with fins! When we got ready for the launch we put x amount of water in our bottles to see how high it would go.....

It went high!!!!!!! But unfortunately It went high but not necessarily straight! Next week we are going to try out our pumps again and adding fins and a pointy top on our rocket to help it go straight. We are looking forward to some very successful launches in the future.



National Young Leaders Day

Wednesday 22nd, Room 9 was so lucky to be able to go to NYLD. We had organised some awesome parents to transport us to and from. Hundreds of other schools came to this special event so we had to be on our best behaviour. To start off this amazing experience of course we had to start off with a bang. We listened to some awesome trendy songs in the car ride there.

First off Christian Gallen talked about his experience with dog food and how he ate it instead of Luncheon. Next up the wonderful Hana Tapiata shared an amazing speech about how to be a good leader, you have to be able to listen to everyone. After that Ronnie Taulafo shared an amazing speech as he talked about his story and how it is good to have conversations to find out who we were. Dr Lehan Stemmet shared his speech about standing up to bullies and mean people as you may make them change as well they might stand up for you after. Finally, Kings shared some words about his music career and how he achieved fame. He is such an amazing rapper and performer. Charlotte got to ask Kings a question which was so cool.

To finish Kings had an outstanding performance as he sang two songs including his hit song 'Don't Worry bout it' as we all had a party at the front singing and dancing to his song. Some of us even got to High Five him. Overall we had a spectacular time and are so grateful to have had an experience like this.

By: Ellie and Kaea

RAUKAWA HUB

This term in Raukawa hub we have been doing a lot of STEAM activities. STEAM activities are project-based tasks where the children need to apply science, technology, engineering, art and maths skills. This term we have worked on balloon powered cars, super hooper gliders and amazing food chain dioramas! Raukawa hub thinks STEAM is so <u>much fun</u>!!!







KAWHIA HUB



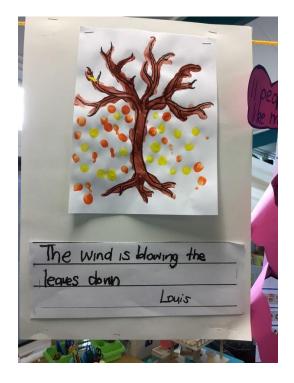


Kawhia have been on a leaf hunt this week. We have been looking at all the different shapes and colours falling down around us.

This has lead to some awesome art and writing.









SKITEAM FUNDRAISER

The school ski team is organising a movie fundraiser. Please get in touch with Jacquie Mettam or Sandy Dykes if you would like to purchase any tickets.

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