

# Newsletter Term 3 Wk 5

## 2019



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,



As we continue to review and refine our local curriculum, we are also looking at how we can improve our reporting and communication systems. Over the past five years we have implemented a number of modern and innovative approaches to teaching and learning. During this time, we have noticed that some of our reporting methodologies have not kept up with this change. After much research, we have decided to explore an online portfolio tool as a way to push out real time reporting and include parents and whanau in the learning cycle. During the latter part of Term 3 and all of Term 4 we will be introducing Educa to the year 5/6 students, teachers and parents, with a view to rolling this out across the school in 2020.

Portfolios are an invaluable tool to track the learning of your children. However, with your busy lives, you are often rushed to read and hear about your child's day. Online E-Portfolios allow you to access your child's portfolio from your home or work computer at any time. You are able to make comments, read learning stories and newsletters, and share this information with other family members you have given authorized access to.

Educa is a secure web-based portfolio system specifically designed for New Zealand. It significantly improves communication with parents and whānau. The idea behind Educa is to provide a secure and interactive environment where teachers and parents/whānau can share learning stories, photos and videos, and collaborate on children's learning. Educa has also released apps for both the iPhone and the Android, which are available for parents to follow children's learning on the go.

### Rotary Young Leaders Awards

A huge congratulation to Neve and Finn who were nominated for and received a Rotary Young Leader award. Their citations below say it all!





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SCHOOL

**Term Dates 2019**

<b>Term 1</b>
Thurs 7 Feb to Fri 12 April
<b>Term 2</b>
Mon 29 Apr to Fri 5 July
<b>Term 3</b>
Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept
<b>Term 4</b>
Mon 14 Oct to Fri 20 Dec

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**Finn**

Finn shows leadership through his willingness to give anything a go! He is a Peer mediator- he gives up his lunchtime once a week to help younger students. He is a very competitive House captain, he's part of our school Kapa Haka group, where he has taken on leadership, he is a road patroller and is on our School's Student Council. Finn shows leadership and confidence, and he is a good role model for our younger students. Congratulations Finn Keep up the good work.

Mā mua ka kite a muri

Mā muri ka ora a mua

*Those who lead give sight to those who follow,*

*Those who follow give life to those who lead.*

**Neve**

Neve is thoughtful and kind to other students and is always willing to help other people out. Neve is a House Captain, she is a peer mediator, a road patroller, and she is also on our school's student council. Neve has a very lovely kind and quiet way of leadership. Her leadership is in what she does, and her willingness to interact with anyone else in the class, and school. Congratulations Neve.

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**Skiing**

A huge well done to the students who participated in the recent Central Plateau Ski Champs at Whakapapa.



Brodie Mettam, Tommy Mettam,  
Ben Thompson, Corbin Dykes,  
Saskia Tunley

## Perseverance

## Attitude

## Understanding

## Ambition

Ski gear makes it hard to make out exactly who is screaming past but I can confirm that these two speedsters are indeed Pauatahanui School students.



### Student teacher

A huge welcome to Tyler Stevens who is spending 5 weeks in Room 9 with the year 7/8 class and Becky as part of her teacher training. I am sure that Tyler will have a wonderful time in Room 9 and will learn a great deal from our highly effective and experienced teachers.

### North Porirua Kahui Ako Maori Leadership initiative



This week 4 of our senior students will be involved in an exciting leadership initiative where the North Porirua Kahui Ako is coming together to provide experiences where Māori students and peers feel culturally connected to Te Ao Māori. The aim is to help prepare and engage young Māori people in becoming leaders of Te Ao Māori in their lives, home, school and community and to be active and positive contributing leaders.

The group will consist of approximately 40 students from across the 10 schools that make up the Northern Porirua Kahui Ako.

The group will meet approximately 2 times each term. The focus of each hui will be on developing leadership skills and promoting Māori culture within their school and wider community. One of the great things about this group is that it will involve a range of students, from different schools and age groups coming together to work collectively and support each other.

### Potty Planter's Sale

The Potty Planters are gearing up for their yearly - HUGE - plant sale. This plant sale brings in a significant amount of money for the school each year. It is separate from lamb and calf day although they work together to coordinate some things.

They are now looking for volunteers for the plant sale day. They really can't do it without your help, they need people to run the tills, carry the plants and direct the parking on the field (plant knowledge is not necessary, just be prepared to be busy and have a laugh).

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Can you please email [jengstuff@icloud.com](mailto:jengstuff@icloud.com) or text 027 5744 950 to let Jen know if you can help.

Keep the Sunday the 27th of October – 8.30am till 2.00pm free and come help Potty's in supporting Pauatahanui School



## Lamb and Calf Day 2019

### Preparing for November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Leading up to Lamb and Calf Day there are a number of things that we ask of our school families to ensure this key day in the school calendar is a huge success.

**Cakes-** A week or so before November 2<sup>nd</sup> you will be sent home a Cake box. We ask that each family fill this box with a cake or other baked items. This is always a hit and the competition for the best decorated cake is always fiercely contended.

**Raffles-** Every family will be sent home some raffle tickets to sell prior to Lamb and Calf Day. There are some great prizes lined up this year so I am sure these will sell like hot cakes.

**Grocery items-** In the weeks leading up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> November we will be asking each family to donate a grocery item and a bottled item for the raffle hampers and spin the wheel prizes.

**Helpers list-** We rely on all families to help out on the day. We realise this does cause some logistical issues for some families so we have some split shifts available. Contact details for every family have been passed onto the person responsible for helper's list- you will be contacted soon!

There is a separate Lamb and Calf Day communication coming home today with lots of additional information.

**There's a fine line  
between a numerator  
and a denominator.\***

\*Only a fraction of you will understand this.

**Bradley Roberts**  
Principal

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

**Scholastics Lucky Book Club**

Can we please have all orders back before Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**School uniforms and second hand clothing**

We have collected several unnamed uniform items (Poloshirts and Jerseys) here in the office. If you are missing something, please collect it as soon as possible. If these are not reunited with the original owner, we will give away any unclaimed pieces for a \$5 donation.

Lost and Found items will be on display on the day of assembly weather permitting.

## WHITIREIA HUB / MATHSWELL COMPETITION

**The Mathswell Competition**

By Louisa and Leisha

On Wednesday Week 4, was the Mathswell competition for the year 5s and 6s. It was held at Paremata School. Six students from Whitireia hub were selected to be in the team.

There were two teams, one team did multichoice questions, and the other team did problem solving questions. At the very start, there was a Kahoot, which is a quiz. Our school got in the top 5 in the quiz for a bit, but then we dropped back down.

Each team had 20 minutes to answer as many questions as possible. It was really tricky! The Multichoice team answered 30 questions, but only got 15 questions correct. The Problem solving team had to answer 20 questions, answered 7 and only got 4 correct. In the end, the winning team was Churton Park School (Mr Stanley's new school!). After both the quizzes, we played another Kahoot, but this time we weren't in the top five at all. The best part was that we all got free pens, and all had loads of fun!

Here are a couple of the questions from the evening for your weekend challenge, to see how you would have gone!!!

***There is a two-digit prime number. When you add both digits together the sum is 11. The tens digit is greater than the ones digit. What is the product of the two digits in this prime number?***

***There are 10 people at a party. Everyone at the party shakes every other person's hand once. They don't shake their own hand. How many handshakes were made at the party?***

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**Multichoice Team**



**Problem Solving Team**



**Thanks Ms Deller!**

## **Year 7 and 8 Mathswell**



**WHITIREIA HUB**

VCOP is a writing strategy which focuses on one sentence per day, to improve and up-level this. Here are two examples of students' efforts:

Emeline shuddered as she slowly entered the hole in the cliff, whereas the helpless seal pup lay motionless, like it had just seen a ghost.

**Felix - Rm 2**

Trembling vigorously, Emeline crept towards the pup, as it lay on the cold stone; weak and desperate for food.

**Ellie - Rm 2**

**WHITIREIA HUB / SWIMMING SPORTS**

**Senior School Swimming Results 2019**

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a placing at the senior school swimming sports. The first place getter from each event will receive a certificate at the next school assembly. A massive thank you to all the parent volunteers on the day. Your help made the swimming sports run very smoothly and is much appreciated.

Ngā mihi, Maria Breuss-McBride

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
<u>Year 5: Girls</u> Freestyle 25 metres Backstroke 25 metres	Piper Lang Piper Lang	Louisa Egley-Turner Louisa Egley-Turner	Leisha Hodgson Leisha Hodgson
<u>Year 5: Boys</u> Freestyle 25 metres Backstroke 25 metres	Will Parsons Will Parsons	Felix Drake Felix Drake	Ollie Scott Corbin Dykes
<u>Year 6: Girls</u> Freestyle 25 metres Backstroke 25 metres	Saskia Tunley Saskia Tunley	Mackenzie Hall Mackenzie Hall	Dani Starr Anika Myers
<u>Year 6: Boys</u> Freestyle 25 metres Backstroke 25 metres	Lewis Parker Lewis Parker	Harrison White Harrison White	Jimmy Mills-Gray Josh Lawrence
<u>Year 7/8: Girls</u> Freestyle 25 metres Backstroke 25 metres	Ellie Hatherill Ellie Hatherill	Charlotte Scott Riley McAlister	Riley McAlister Charlotte Scott
<u>Year 7/8: Boys</u> Freestyle 25 metres Backstroke 25 metres	Izaack Rowlands Teddy Cooling	Finn Fraser Ethan Clark	Ethan Clark Izaack Rowlands
<u>Open Events</u> Breaststroke 25 metres Girls Boys	Ellie Hatherill Lewis Parker	Charlotte Scott Will Parsons	Alani Hodgson Harrison White

Butterfly 25 metres Girls Boys	Ellie Hatherill Will Parsons	Piper Lang Lewis Parker	• Ollie Scott
Freestyle 50 metres Girls Boys	Ellie Hatherill Lewis Parker	Charlotte Scott Will Parsons	Alicia Judd Harrison White
Backstroke 50 metres Girls Boys	Ellie Hatherill Will Parsons	Charlotte Scott Lewis Parker	Piper Lang Ethan Clark
<u>House Relay</u>	Bolton	Gray	Stace

The senior school, from year 5 and up, had swimming sports on Tuesday the 13th of August. It was very exciting and we had a good time but before the race started our nerves had kicked in. When we were in the water it felt like we were going really slow, but that was not true, we went faster than we thought. Most of us agree, the best bit was when it was all over and we felt good about ourselves and what we had achieved. Afterwards they cleared out the lane ropes and said we could have a muck around in the pool. Over all we had a good time and are really proud of ourselves. When we had to hop out we were all sad, and were as wrinkly as a raisin! Thank you to the parents who timed us and cheered us on.

**By Dani and Will**

**Excitement of the House Relay**



**Ollie and Corbin between races.**



**Fun afterwards!!**



## RAUKAWA HUB

In the Llamas writing group we've been writing instructions- which of course has to include cooking! We designed biscuits and then decorated them. Here are a couple of examples of awesome instructions written by William and McKenzie.

### How to make a mermaid cookie

By McKenzie

You need:

Food colouring

Icing

Decorations

1. Spread the icing on the cookie.
2. Make the mermaid using icing first. Then make fish, seaweed and rocks out of lollies.
3. Then make the treasure using lollies. You are done.



### U.F.O cookie

By William

You need:

Lots and lots of m and ms

Chocolate chips

Blue icing.

1. Spread the icing in a shape of an u.f.o..
2. Put the m and ms on the shape and fill the spaces in between the m and ms.
3. Put the chocolate chips around the u.f.o like stars.
4. I hope your cookie is out of this World.

**TAINUI HUB**

Tainui have been having a lot of fun exploring the past. Last week we looked at some old items and had to guess what we thought they might be for. We then compared them with the modern day equivalent.

We all guessed that this was an old tennis racquet and were right!



These were old cookie cutters. We thought they might be handcuffs or a lock.



An old "hot water bottle"! We thought this might be a pizza oven, an old pot or an instrument.

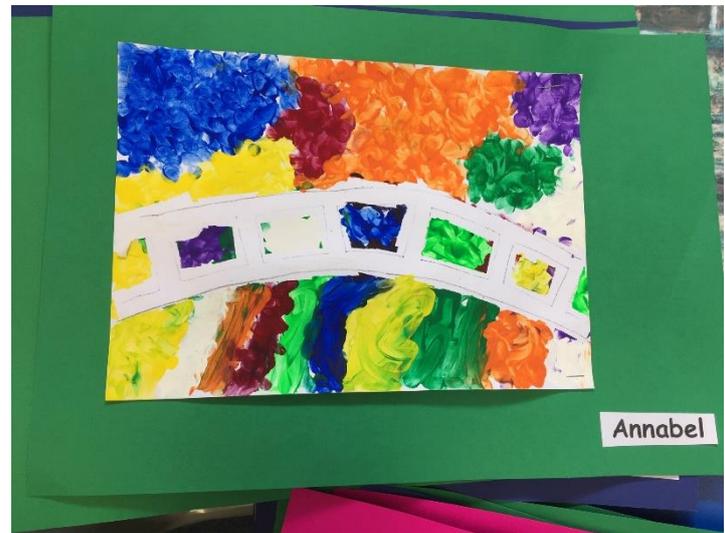


**KAWHIA HUB**

In Kawhia we have been looking at some artists from the past and last week we looked at the work of Claude Monet. We recreated his Bridge over a pond of water lilies.



Toby



Annabel



Kaia



Nixon

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