

Newsletter - 19 May 2017

Kia Ora Whanau

As I sit here in my office and write this piece for the newsletter, I can't help but think about our upcoming ERO visit. It's a very exciting time for us as we get to tell/show them our story. We get to explain to them the path that we are on, while also explaining what we are doing to accelerate learning and how we plan to implement equity and excellence. As a school I believe that we are in a great place now. We are on the right path to success and their visit will give us a real snapshot of where we are at and what our next learning steps are.

We had an ALiM meeting for the parents of those students that have been tagged as needing a boost in their learning of mathematics. There was an amazing turnout where every parent who I contacted turned up. It was very much appreciated by the staff and I thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to come and listen to us. Our school focus is on student achievement, it's at the forefront of everything we do and to have parent support like that was very heart-warming and it shows that we all need to work together for our tamariki.

As a Board of Trustees we have been looking into getting a new provider for our entire uniform and we will slowly integrate this over the next 2 years. With the new provider they have produced a quality track pant. We have ordered a range of sizes and they will be available to try on and purchase in about six weeks. These track pants are optional for 2017 but will become compulsory in 2018. So what that means is if your child is going to wear any track pants in 2018 it has to be the school track pants. Here is an example of what they will look like. The price for these track pants is \$40, purchased from the office.

Your Principal
Troy Anderson



Welcome to Terrific Twos (Room 2)

We have been learning to write descriptions. This week we wrote descriptions of this picture. Here are some examples of our work.



One of the puffed, powerful players has the rugby ball. Sprinting to the try line she goes. The other player dives in for the tackle. "That ball isn't going to the try line without a fight!" she thinks. Their legs are bright red because of the multiple previous tackles. In the background there are at least 9 other players running after the ball like dogs chasing a stick.

By Maia

I can see the girl trying to tackle the other girl like she is trying to ram her onto the ground. The players are getting ready to catch the flying torpedo that is going wild. Their legs look like they are going to turn to lava. The confident girl arrives and solidifies her face as if it was made of concrete. The other girl says, "Oh no! I am going down." She hits the 10° ground as if it was a big freezer full of ice grass. She hits the stadium ground and dirt comes out of the ground like someone had planted a grenade right there.

By Matt



Since the beginning of the year, the students in Room 2 have been using the Night Zookeeper programme to support their learning in writing. They can also access this programme at home if they want to do some extra writing. Some of our work can be viewed at - <https://www.nightzookeeper.com/edu/class-blog/57fa10bab35d25030093160d> Have a look and leave us some comments on our work.

Notices

Teacher Only Day—remember that Monday 22 May is a 'Teacher Only Day' and so you need to make alternate arrangements for your child/ren. School will **not** be open on this day.

Found—I have had a school shirt handed to me. If your child has lost one please come and see me in the office.

Key—Have had a car key handed into the office on Tuesday 16th. Found outside rm 1. Please collect from office if yours.

Feilding and Districts Art Society—Children's afterschool art programme. Please see the notice board for more information.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Navarro L—metaphor poems

Stephen F—metaphor poems

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

Matilda R—thinking about others

Holly K—hearing great sounds when writing

Blake R—trying his best at everything

Navarro L—huge improvement with STEPS programme & reading

Sara-Ann K—showing great teamwork

Ryan D—fabulous Young Achievers work

Annika C—working hard to improve in reading

Matthew K—progress in maths



YOUNG ACHIEVERS WORK

By Ryan D

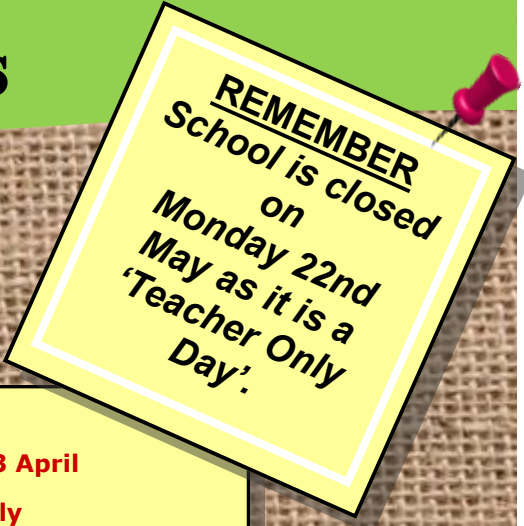
Sanson Triathlon

Friday 24th of March 2017 near the end of term one. Te Kawau "fun" Triathlon at Sanson School, is an activity that represents teamwork and having confidence in yourself.

To start the day off our parents help transport bikes and children over to Sanson School, when we got there it started to rain, then we all got wet. 7 to 12 years and up were allowed to participate in this race that included a swim, bike and run. While our parents were sorting out the bikes and the tent, we all gathered on the mowed, wet and muddy track to see where we had to go. The instructor told us for the individuals, swim 6 to 18 widths, bike 1 to 4 laps of the big field, run 1 to 4 laps of the small field, teamed (3 children in one team), 2 to 10 lengths, bike 1 to 5 laps of the big field, run 1 to 5 laps of a small field. The bike transition area was the hardest part of the race to transition in, as you had to run with your bike and then pass sign that says "mount your bike then" then on you go. There was a BBQ with some nice snacks to keep you going.



DATES



REMEMBER
School is closed
on
Monday 22nd
May as it is a
'Teacher Only
Day'.

2017

Term 1 dates Wed 1 Feb—Thurs 13 April

Term 2 dates Mon 1 May— Fri 7 July

Term 3 dates Mon 24 July—Fri 29 Sept

Term 4 dates Mon 16 Oct—Fri 15 Dec

Term2

Mon 22/5 TEACHER ONLY DAY

Thurs 25/5 **School Cross Country**

Fri 26/5 **Rm 5 sharing their learning @ assembly**

Fri 2/6 **TK Ripa Rugby**

Fri 9/6 **Rm 7 sharing their learning @ assembly**

Fri 16/6 **TK Cross Country**

Fri 23/6 **Rm 1 sharing their learning @ assembly**

Sun 25/6 **Matariki week begins**

Fri 30/6 **TK gymnastics**

Fri 7/7 **Rm 6 sharing their learning @ assembly**

Last day of Term 2

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