

Newsletter - 1 December 2017

Kia Ora Whanau

Last week I was lucky enough to sneak away up to the Raukawa Falls and spend a night with our students on camp. It was fantastic to see everyone having a fabulous time. The students were given many challenges that pushed them out of their comfort zones. A huge thank you to Mr Parrott and Mrs Fairweather for all their organising as it is a massive job, with a mountain of paperwork to complete before the wheels on the bus even start moving. A special thank you to the parents and Mrs Maxwell who took time out of your busy lives to come along and help. If it wasn't for you giving up your time the camp wouldn't have been as successful as it was.

As we head into the end of 2017, we start to cast an eye into 2018. I have been investigating our classroom structures for 2018 and working out how many children we have in each year level. I have noticed that we have a high number of children that will be in year 5&6 in 2018, currently it's sitting around 34 children. As a rural school one of our benefits is small class sizes, 34 children is too many. So with that in mind, the Board of Trustees have agreed to pay for a sixth teacher in 2018. This is fantastic, as our roll will start around 117 next year and is likely to peak at 130 by this time next year. We have advertised for this position and Mrs Karen Arnst is our successful applicant. Karen has taught here throughout this year in many different roles. She will teach one of the year 5&6 classes from 9am to lunchtime and I will take them for the afternoon. On Fridays the year 5&6 students will all come together and Mrs Fairweather will take them. Mrs Fairweather will continue to take the other year 5&6 class.

A swimming pool update - an upgrade for our swimming pool is close to starting however this won't happen before the start of this swimming season. As a school I don't want to stop children from learning how to swim so if your child is to participate in swimming next year they will be required to wear **Aqua Shoes**. If your child doesn't have these then they won't be able to swim. The reason for this is that we can't stop injuries occurring to our children while they are in the swimming pool but when their feet soften the odd tile can give them paper like cuts to the bottom of their feet.

We don't have Wheels Wednesday anymore, your child can bring their wheels any day of the week. The rule that we do have is that they need to wear the correct safety equipment and this includes a helmet. No helmet no wheels.

Have a wonderful week
Your Principal Troy Anderson

Welcome to Room 5

Room 5 has been inquiring about animals. We researched farm animals, and now we are researching about pets. We visited Wet Pets and the SPCA to learn more. Come in and read our information.

We wrote stories about being one of the pets. Here are two of our stories.



My name is Cookies and Cream. I am eating vegetables for dinner. I am cleaning myself before I go to sleep. After that I am having a sleep and last, in the morning, I'm having cheese. I love cheese so much. Not rotten cheese though – that's yucky! I love seeds too. I don't like mice traps because when we were hunting for food, we did not see the trap and we went in it and my mum got snapped and she died. I was really sad. I could not stop crying, so the SPCA came to pick me up.

Iaisha S



My name is Fudgey and I am a goldfish. I like to swim in the water, and I am five years old. I only swim in fresh water and clean water. Dirty water is yucky and makes me sick. My friend AJ is in for tag and I got tagged. Now I am in for tag. "Tag, I got you Rocky". Now Rocky is in for tag. "OK. Once Rocky tags one of us, we will go and have our lunch and then come back and play tag." "OK, lunch is over. Let's go back to play tag. Come on, friends, tag is nearly over." After tag we will be playing Hide and Go Seek.

Adam G

NOTICES

GARDEN JUDGING—For those of you who have grown gardens as part of our Ag Day, we will be judging them on 5th December starting around 9.30am. So make sure they are tidied up and weed free and we will be collecting the diaries when we visit.



NITS—Reminder to keep an eye out for these little critters and to treat your child's hair when required.

SCHOOL SORES— Please be aware that school sores are around at school. If your child has any sore that does not appear to be healing you might have to visit your doctor to get it checked..

YOUNG ACHIEVERS—Raukawa Camp

On Wednesday 23 November I went to Ruakawa camp with my class from room 2. It was a long car ride and some kids felt sick. We stopped at Kowhai Park on the way to camp and again on the way back. At camp I did rock climbing and low ropes. I went on the water slide and saw the Ruakawa waterfall. At night we had dinner in a hall and the food was yummy. I shared a cabin with Shauna, Tayla, Rebecca, Riki-Lee and Zara. We played spotlight and there was lots of screaming. I stood in sheep poo in the dark. The best night was sitting around the fire toasting marshmallows. My one caught on fire. My favourite people at the camp were Abby and Josh and Robyn who was like a mum. I would love to go back to Ruakawa camp for summer camp.

By Grace Wood



ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, can you please let the office know. This can be done a number of ways, either by phone or leaving a message, by email or on the school app. Also if your child is leaving school or returning then they need to come to the office to sign themselves in/out on the vistab which is located at the front desk. I know some of you inform the teacher but I need this information as well as this will save me from the many phone calls that I have to make on a daily basis.

TALL POPPIES

We have three children participating in the production



The Golden Tablet, held at the Globe Theatre on Tuesday 5th December starting at 7pm. If anyone is interested in going, I have 3 tickets available. Please see the office if interested.

MANAWATU ART & GARDEN TRAIL

20th & 21st January 2018

Tickets : \$25.00

Tickets available from:

Feilding Art Centre

Palmerston North i-site

Feilding Promotion

Harrisons Garden World

Oderings

Eventfinder

Facebook page (Manawatu Art & Garden Trail)



DATES

CLEANER WANTED
On call school cleaner
wanted. 3 hrs a night.
Contact Troy on
3248614

Last day of school information

18th December

- Free sausage sizzle at 12.30pm
- Prize giving at 1.30pm
- Reports for Year 4-8 will be sent home with students
- Class lists will be sent home with reports
- Stationery lists will be sent home with students. They are available online or instore from Office Max from the 18th Dec. School will collect a 10% rebate of all purchases

Term 4 dates Mon 16 Oct—Mon 18 Dec

Term 4

Fri 8/12 **Assembly room 7 & 6 sharing their learning**

Thurs 14/12 **EOY trip—Levin Aquatic Centre**

Mon 18/12 **Last day of term**

EOY prize giving @ 1.30pm

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Wed 31 Jan **School starts at 9.00am**

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