

Newsletter - 4 May 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

It's unbelievable how fast this week has gone!!! It's great to be back at school and getting stuck into teaching and learning. As a staff we are currently reviewing our Literacy programmes, while also working on getting a better understanding of good writing practice. This aligns well with our Acceleration Learning in Literacy PLD that we as a staff are involved with and also our junior literacy programme 'cracking the code' that is lead by Liz Kane Literacy. These programmes are well researched and are both evidence based. On Thursday the 17th of May at 2.15pm - 3pm Liz Kane is going to hold a parent afternoon to explain what 'cracking the code' is?, why we are doing it?, how it works? and also answer any question you have. It will be great to see parents/whanau of children that are in Mrs Miller's and Miss Sheridan's class there.

You would have noticed that I've uploaded some photos on our facebook page about our children being active during break times. We, as a staff, are all talking about the low level of behaviour issues we are experiencing during break times and we have put this down to all the children being busy playing. We have year 7/8 children climbing the big oak tree, we have children playing on the playgrounds, in the sand pit, for the first time we have children biking on the fenced off bike track, children playing netball, tackle rugby and others just busy playing their own games. This is just fantastic. It's very rewarding. With that in mind a massive thank you has to go to Nick Walkley for his time and effort during the holidays for helping me with the vision of fencing off the bike track and for making some little adjustments. A huge thank you also to Mike Tate, from Thor Fencing LTD for donating the fencing materials and for putting up the fence. Lastly, a big thank you to Amey's for donating the gate and materials for making the courts and the bike track easily accessible. If it wasn't for your time and effort the children of Rongotea School would be missing out.

During the holidays we commemorated ANZAC Day and were involved in our local ANZAC service. Our head students Brianna Marshall and Nai Tahuri both had the honour of speaking and did an excellent job. The school and community are very proud of you both, well done.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Your Principal
Troy Anderson

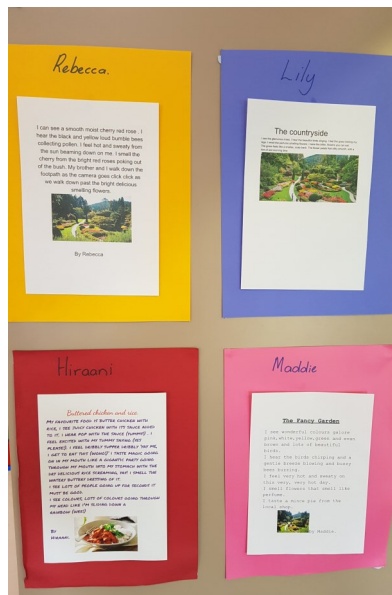
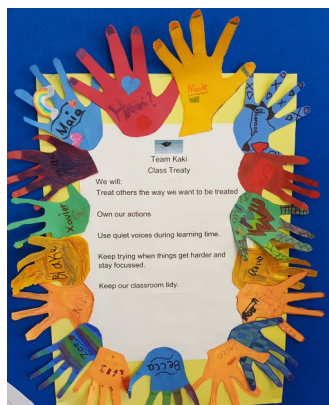
Welcome to Team Kaki

It's great to be back at school to catch up with our friends. In Team Kaki this week we have been busy learning our spelling words, writing stories about our holiday and making poppies for art. Also this week with Mr Parrott we learnt a new game called ' Capture the Rugby Ball'. At lunchtime we have been busy riding on the bike track, playing tackle rugby and just hanging out with our friends. Have a great weekend.

Team Kaki



By Team Kaki



Notices

Pool Keys—Now that swimming season is over we would like to have all the pool key handed back in to the office. Please remember to bring in bank account details so that you get your refund.

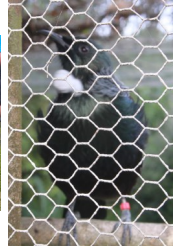
Tackle Rugby—For those children who are wanting to play tackle rugby at school during lunchtime, remember to bring back the signed form. The rule is a change of clothes, and a mouth guard (this is a must). Without these your child will not be allowed to play.

Spare clothes—Please remember to put a change of clothes in the bottom of your child's bag for when your child slips over .

YR 7-8 BLO-KARTS @ SANSON DOMAIN



END OF TERM 1 NGA MANU TRIP



TOP TALENT

Please encourage your children to have a go at auditioning. We have three friendly judges who always give praise and encouragement to the children.



Dates:



Auditions—Friday 25th May anytime between 4-7pm

Show—Friday 8th June 7pm



DATES

2018

Term 1 dates Wed 31 Jan—Thurs 13 April

Term 2 dates Mon 30 April— Fri 6 July

Term 3 dates Mon 23 July—Fri 28 Sept

Term 4 dates Mon 15 Oct—Fri 14 Dec

Term 2

Sun 13/5 **Mother's day**

Wed 16/3 **Yr 7&8 immunisations**

Fri 18/5 **Mufti day—pink day 'Say No To Bullying'**

Tues 22/5 **Life Ed van here until Fri**

Tues 29/5 **School cross country**

Fri 1/6 **Te Kawau Netball @ Rongotea**

Mon 4/6 **Queens birthday**

Fri 15/6 **Te Kawau cross country @ Bainesse**

Fri 29/6 **Gymnastics Yr 1-3 at Sanson**

Fri 6 July **Last day of term 2**

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