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Principal's Comments:

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Tēnā Koutou te whānau o Waitara Rawhiti. Greeting to the families of Waitara East School.

Room 4 had an exciting time at Owae Marae on Wednesday where they shared cultural experiences with some of the Inuit Band, who are performing at the Womad festival this weekend. The band members comments can be read on stuff.co.nz.

This morning I spent time with several children who volunteered to be trained as Waitara East School Mediators. They will be wearing high vision vests in the playground and will be there to support any children who have minor bothers, wanting to join in with games, or make friends, ... These children are giving up one playtime and 1 lunchtime each week to support our tamariki.

Next week we have Whānau Hui / Parent Teacher Interviews. This is Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Starting at 3.15p.m. It is a normal school day for children. Notices went home this week, if you have not returned the notice please ring Margaret in the office and she will book you in. This is an opportunity where both Whānau and Staff can meet and build relationships. Discussions around connections and how your knowledge could help support the school curriculum focus this year- Te Awa / The River. We will also cover contact details and literacy and numeracy progress.

Next week is also Senior Bike Week. This is where experts come in and educate our children about road safety when riding bikes. This will lead into the school triathlon for our Year 4-6 children on Thursday. Children can choose to do this in a team of 3 or individually. Children are organising themselves today and Monday Teams will need a member to supply a bike and helmet. The events are Run, Swim and Bike (in that order). A notice will be going home with more information on it.

To all those going to Womad I hope you have a fun weekend.

Graham Sands.

Other news:

Every morning Room 2 starts off their day with singing. One of the songs that is their favourite is called "Individuality:

Hamiria Doorbar wrote: "We sing Individuality because it is about who I am and who you are. We always try to do our best. We always sing this song in the mornings. We really enjoy it but it is not just doing our best it is also about having fun. This song shows MANA."

Tayan Morrell wrote: "Individuality is about aroha. Aroha means showing respect for each other and yourself. I have been singing hard. Individuality is my favourite song."



Danielle Love Ahu: Angitu. I like it when everybody sings loud and strong. Whether we lose or win we do it as a team. It is fun to do it we show respect to one another."

Also Room 2 had two visitors in their classroom this week. One was the author of a new book "Tamanui, the brave Kokako of Taranaki.

Deijah Martin wrote the following:

'On Tuesday special guests came into Room 2. Their names were Rebecca Beyer and Linley Wellington. They read us a story called Tamanui the Brave Kokako of Taranaki. Rat and Possum

tried to kill the Kokako Tamanui's family. Tamanui had to try and find a new home. Tamanui got caught in a net by hunters so they took him to a new family.

Kia ora Whanau,

I am going to be at the school on Tuesdays at 2.30, please come and see me if you have any health concerns for your tamariki.

I can help if you have concerns with toileting, hearing and vision, skin conditions (can provide free product), growth and development, behaviour, headlice (free treatment), and any general health concerns you may have for your tamariki.

You can contact me on 0272816463.

Nga Mihi

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