

NEWSLETTER NO. 13

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Principal's Comments:

Ngā míhí kí a koutou, Greetíngs to you all,

It is great to have the sun shining again, and the mountain has had a covering of snow. A great time to spend the long weekend catching up on all those outdoor jobs we have been putting off.

Thank you to all the whānau who brought kai, helped set up, helped clean the hall, or just supported our tamariki playing against Mangorei School yesterday.

Congratulations to our Mana netball team. They are so far unbeaten in all interschool matches, this year. We have one more interschool match, which is against Puketapu on Friday 24 June.

Yesterday we also had Kylie Coomey, who is contracted to the Ministry of Education, visit our school to conduct surveys with our staff and children about our MANA programme and inquire into how ingrained it is at Waitara East School. When Kylie and I collated the results, it told us that out of those randomly surveyed we had a 100% success rate. This indicates to us that our tamariki know the MANA way at Waitara East School. Well done to the Staff, Whānau and Tamariki keep up the hard work.

We have Ranui today, this is a day of celebration. We celebrate all those children who have been showing the MANA way consistently throughout the term. Every 5 weeks we have this celebration (Ranui). These children will get an ice-block and the afternoon with free time outside (2.00-2.45p.m.).

As part of our Health Promoting Schools Project the Waitara group identified an area of safety. This was the crossing point on North Street opposite Manukorihi Intermediate. Over the next two weeks there will be work carried out to change the shape of the road. Please be careful when driving or walk past this area. Thank you. Next week the Junior School is going to Owae Marae for the day. Whaene Denise has also sent home information about the day. If you are available please come along. Finally, over the past few weeks I have been interviewing students to gather student voice to help our teachers identify, from our children's' eyes, all the great and wonderful things they do to help raise student achievement. The information gathered is very warming to listen to.

Have a safe long weekend and see you all on Tuesday.

<u>Graham Sands.</u>

Other important notices

For homework this week our class had to come up with something that could either fly or move on its own. Our class got this idea from a weird story that we were reading in the classroom.

I made an aeroplane out of aluminium cans. I got some help from my nans boyfriend and together we built an aeroplane. The best thing I like about it is that the propeller actually spins around and it moves on its own.

My plane is hanging up in my classroom if anyone wants to come and see it.

Jack Verlaan Room 9



Start of project



Finished project





The comment below was emailed through to me this morning by Mangorei Principal—Michael Carr. He received it from one of his parents whose child was playing here yesterday.

Zoë loved representing Mangorei School today in her first interschool exchange. It would be cool if you could please pass on her comments to the school. She was really impressed with how courteous and respectful the kids were and what an awesome welcome they gave. She also said that the soccer team were very good sports considering they lost to quite a big amount ie never grumbled and said well done whenever Mangorei scored. Thumbs up to them, I think they deserve to know it didn't





go unnoticed!