

Newsletter - 22 March 2019

Kia Ora Whanau

It was marvellous to see you all at the Parent Teacher interviews this week. It was a great opportunity to catch up with many of you and also introduce myself to those new parents that I haven't meet yet. The feedback that I am getting is that the interviews have gone very well, 10 minutes is long enough and it was great have the inclusion of the Team Kea & Ruru.

Our classroom house points behaviour system is working well. For those that are unaware, in each classroom there are ice block sticks for each house, when children are meeting their classroom expectations they are rewarded by getting points for their house. Each ice block stick is worth one point. These points are tallied up every fortnight and are shared at each assembly. The winning house will get a treat in week 10. Currently Aorangi are on 204 points, Ruapehu are on 166, Tongariro are on 164 and Ngauruhoe are on 125.

Your Principal
Troy Anderson

CLASS WORK—TEAMS KIWI & HUIA

Team Kiwi Inquiry Unit
NZ And ME

In Team Kiwi we are learning about New Zealand and our family.

With the family part of it, we have done family trees and learnt about our ancestors. With the new Zealand part of it, we have had to name maps of the North and South Island. We have been learning about important places in New Zealand . At the moment we have been researching famous places throughout New Zealand . Some of the places we did not even know about. In week 9 we are going on camp to Wellington to find out more history of New Zealand and what it was like when settlers first arrived here.

For our family history Mrs Arnst showed Team Kiwi a grid of what a family tree looked liked and brought her family tree in to show our class so we had an idea to look at. Miss Tornquist brought her dad's family tree in to show as it was massive.

Zara made one at school it wasn't even half the size of it.

By Zara and Mason.

More class work on following pages

NOTICES

School assemblies -These start at 2.30pm every 2nd Friday unless we have told you different.

Scholastic Book Club - last day for ordering book club is Tuesday 26 March. Please ensure you have put your orders in so they can be here before school breaks for the holidays.

TK Hockey - see notice board for more information or visit our facebook page.

Junior Netball Te Kawau 2019 - see notice board or visit our facebook page for more information.

Absences - if your child/ren are going to be away from school PLEASE notify the school office. We have a number of ways to let us know: phone, skool loop or email.

Swimming gear - we have a number of aqua shoes outside the office. Please have a look to see if they are yours.

Team Kiwi has been working on making our writing more interesting. These examples from Zoe & Aidyn show how descriptive words make our writing come alive.

The Peaceful Pool

I was just searching through a jungle like forest when I came across an amazing set scene. I pulled away a tree branch to see a beautiful, unique waterfall. The sunlight would just beam down on the little pool to see it's true colours.

The little pool was a nice light, aqua blue. I turned to a very tall tree, and watched sticky, golden sap run down it. The waterfall was as white as marshmallows and fluffy clouds. The waterfall smashing down on the pool, caused a light cold mist blow through the air.

The morning dew would make the dirt sloshy and damp. The trees were drooping straight over the glossy pool. I could hear leaves and sticks cracking as I walked closer to the edge of the pool. As I stepped back I could hear trees and bushes rattling behind me.

The sun was slowly going down, I thought in my head " I think it's time to head back now".

Written by Zoe

The Forest Pool

Wow! Look at this! What a view! I can see the waterfall trickling down the jagged slimy rocks. The sunlight beaming down onto the crystal clear water as the tangled vines sway in the wind above me. The light green trees move with the breeze above the water.

I watch as the water from the waterfall crashes into the pool below which sends ripples through the once calm water. I touch the silky smooth water but it's cold so I pull my hand away quickly and I instantly grab the sticky trees. Now my hand is covered in tree gum. I can hear the birds chirping in the trees and the cicadas making a racket. I hear the loud water running over the jagged rocks. I smell the salty aroma of the water.

By Aidyn A

In Team Huia we have been working on retelling the story of Te Ika a Maui. We are making them into slideshows. Here is an example of our stories with some of the images we have made.

Maui and the Giant Fish

Long long ago in the pacific islands, there lived a boy called Maui. He had four foster brothers. His brothers were jealous of Maui's powers and made plans without him knowing.

One day Maui overheard his brothers planning a fishing trip without Maui. He ran and got his grandma's jaw bone and then hid in the boat overnight so he could go along with them.

Later the next day his brothers started their trip not knowing Maui was there. Suddenly Maui bursted out of his hiding spot. The brothers were angry at Maui, so they didn't give him any bait for fishing.

Maui punched himself in the nose with the jaw bone and blood poured out. He put the blood on his grandma's jaw bone. He threw it out. He caught a carving of the humongous fish. He yanked on his line and his brothers didn't help. Instead they held on to the sides of the boat.

Suddenly a gigantic fish came up and Maui told his brothers not to touch it but they ignore him. They started hitting the fish with the paddles. The more they hit, the more mountains they made. Then the marvelous fish got hit by the brothers and turned it to land. This is how the north island of New Zealand, Te Ika a Maui was formed.

By Kate, Lucas, Izaak and Maddelyn

CERTIFICATES



PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES

Cameron G - for his amazing work at swimming and awesome technique.

Keira K - for working super hard and is always on task. Well done Keira.

CLASS CERTIFICATES

Team Kiwi

Mikayla M - giving everything 100%

Aidyn A - great descriptive writing

Team Huia

Team Kaki

Zac McC - For always giving things a go and having a positive attitude.

Madison F - For your amazing efforts in your swimming.

Team Tui

Buster C - great attitude towards his writing

Isla N - looking carefully at text to answer questions

Team Kea

Eli T- Showing kindness to others when they need it.

Madeleine G- Being a fantastic role model and trying her best at everything.

Team Ruru

Kylee M - An amazing start to school! Keep up the great work

Rodney C - An amazing start to school! Keep up the great work





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Gumboot Up on Friday 5 April!

(WE WILL DO THIS ON THURSDAY 4TH AS STUDENTS ARE AWAY FRIDAY 5TH)

We're asking you, your teachers and parents to wear gumboots to school in support of Gumboot Friday. Put your gumboots on and bring along a gold coin donation (if you can). All funds raised on the day will help provide free counselling to kids who need it.

Gumboot Friday is a new initiative by New Zealander of the Year, Mike King, and I Am Hope. We're aiming to raise \$2million for kids who need some mental health support. You can find out more about Gumboot Friday at www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday

Please encourage your friends, family and community to #GumbootUpNZ on 4 April!

DATES

Scholastic book orders to be in by Tuesday 26th March

Reminder to keep those camp payments coming

2019

Term 1 dates **Mon 4 Feb—Fri 12 April**

Term 2 dates **Mon 29 April— Fri 5 July**

Term 3 dates **Mon 22 July—Fri 27 Sept**

Term 4 dates **Mon 14 Oct—Wed 18 Dec**

Term 1

Mon 25 Mar TK Cluster swimming sports @ Makino Pool

Fri 29 Mar Teams Kaki & Tui sharing their learning @ assembly

Thurs 4 Apr Mufti /Gumboot day

Fri 5 Apr TK Triathlon @ Sanson Sch

Wed 10—Fri 12 Apr Year 6,7 & 8 camp @ Silverstream, Wellington

Thurs 11 Apr Junior Tabloids, NE -2

Fri 12 Apr Last day of Term 1

NO ASSEMBLY

Mon 29 Apr Term 2 starts

Fri 3 May Yr 7& 8 vaccinations

Fri 10 May Assembly

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