



Pirinoa School

Inspired, Confident, Proud Tamariki

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Week 4

Tēnā koutou katoa

Our students have modelled the Pirinoa Pathway this week with a special emphasis on showing total respect and resilience. We have had many staff members away due to sickness and the warmer weather on offer in Australia. A big thanks goes out to Nat Lagah for her efforts this week in the classroom and showing initiative around the school. We trialled Room 1 and 2 in the same classroom for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week. Nat, Angela, and myself took the class to Antarctica on a special voyage to view the wildlife and we were very lucky to make it in the end as the weather turned sour. It's amazing what learning the students can achieve with three adults in the room and an imagination. The class were excellent in regards to their learning and behaviour and completed a variety of interesting activities based on their experience to the South Pole. I know it may seem busy with the classrooms combined. However, the highest number of students we had in the classroom this week was 30 and the national average is around 30 for every school day of the year with only one teacher. Many schools are now having over 60 students in one room with two to three teachers. As a principal, I focus on quality teaching first and then aim for the smallest class sizes. As we move forward to 2020, we need to be flexible with our classroom arrangements as we are unsure of what the Ministry will allocate to Pirinoa School.

Pirinoa School is part of a group of fourteen schools from the South Wairarapa who work together. This week many principals and leading teachers across the South Wairarapa have viewed Nat Lagah's Teaching Inquiry which she has completed over the last year. Pirinoa School has been highly regarded by many of these leaders and I consistently have teachers and principals wanting to come and witness first-hand how learning happens at Pirinoa School.

Last Thursday many senior students took part in a football tournament in Featherston. Sonya and I had to work hard to stay quiet on the sidelines as things heated up in our last game! We ended up drawing against South End School in our last match and went undefeated for the four games we played. Excellent team work, skills, and enthusiasm team.

Kapa Haka has progressed well over the last few weeks. Once again Jo is taking the lead and showing the school how to take pride in where they are from. Our senior students have shown maturity when demonstrating the actions and leading the juniors. Well done Tamariki and ka rawe Jo!

Room 3 looks like a science lab at the moment with all of the exhibits displayed around the classroom. Feel free to come and have a look at the work of the future scientists of the Wairarapa.

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Matt Jackett
Principal



Dear Mum,

Tomorrow we are going to Antarctica. I want to see the penguins.

Love from Kymani



We went to Antarctica on a boat. It was a rough trip. The water was making a big wave. We are staying at Scott Base.

ROOM 1 NEWS

I have been away for a couple of weeks due to illness but am back on board in Room 1. The students have enjoyed being part of Room 2 for some of the time. In response to a virtual tour, Caeden wrote "I brought my passport and ticket to the Captain. In Wellington, we sailed off. Suddenly we hit a storm and we hit some ice. Then there was snow and we got there. Wow!"

ROOM 2 NEWS

This week Room 1 and 2 took a trip to Antarctica.

After a rather stormy boat journey across the Southern Ocean, led by Captain Jackett, we arrived safely and set up camp at Scott Base.

On Wednesday we bundled up in all our warm clothes and went animal spotting. We found albatross, seals, orca, blue whales and huge colonies of penguins.

On Thursday we visited a few landmarks in Antarctica, including the Blood Falls and Mount Erebus.

By Friday we were ready to return home. This time we were flying, as the weather didn't look too great for sailing. We had an extremely smooth flight and landed safely in Wellington, just in time for a 3pm home time!

ROOM 3 NEWS

It was a chilly Thursday morning and the Pirinoa soccer team was sitting in the rugby van on their way to Featherston for a soccer tournament.

We walked over to where the briefing had started and started putting on our gear, anticipating what was to come. We played a range of teams from the Wairarapa and many of them were unlucky.

We ran, kicked and laughed our way through the day until it was time to go home.

By Jono

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE & JUICIES

Don't forget Sausage sizzle is every Friday and we now have juices available too - \$2 each. *CAMP FUNDRAISER*

AWARD WINNERS

WEEK 4 LEARNING AWARDS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: Jono Didsbury for showing elite skills on the football field last week. Heidi Didsbury and Willow Macdonald for producing well-rounded and interesting texts about our trip to Antarctica.

ROOM 1: Kymani McRae for showing great manners in class.

ROOM 2: Hunter Kerrison-Jones for his endless help and support around the school this week.

ROOM 3: Manaia Watson-Morrell for showing enthusiasm and learning new things in Maths.

PLAYGROUND AWARD: Miss Lagah



Upcoming Events

Friday 23rd August – Tracking and Trapping @ Mount Bruce (Yr7)

Wednesday 28th August – Room 2's Knitting Club

Sunday 1st September – Father's Day

Monday 2nd September – Technology Starts (Yr 6-8)

Friday 6th September – Onesie Day

Wednesday 11th September – Room 2's Knitting Club

Thursday 12th September – Hockey Tournament

Friday 13th September – Science Roadshow

Friday 13th September – Talent Show

Tuesday 24th September – Kapa Haka Festival

