



Pirinoa School

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Week 9

Tēnā koutou katoa

The last three weeks have been action packed at Pirinoa School!

The senior room had a very successful camp in the Hawkes Bay. Ice creams, movies, paintball, bubble balls, Splash Planet, Go Karts, aquarium, rock climbing, and a gym session were all on the menu. I was very impressed with the confidence, behaviour, and overall attitude of all the students.

This week on Wednesday our Year 8 leavers went to Wellington for the day. Go karts, mini golf, and Adrenaline Forest were the activities for the day. Our students displayed action, skill, and mental and physical toughness to last the distance. Once again, I was amazed by the approach taken by our Year 8s. They give everything a go, enjoy themselves and their company, and thrive on the challenges in front of them. Some students climbed to over 20m above the ground on a pine tree!

Moving into 2020 we have filled two positions. Angela Aburn who is one of our current teacher aides, will remain as a teacher aide, and Elizabeth Rudd will be our new teacher in Room 2. A huge thanks goes out to Janie Malton and Tara Woodhouse for their support and dedication to their jobs over the years. I'm sure you will both keep in touch with the school and I wish you all the best for 2020.

Writing this final letter is a difficult task as there are so many positive thoughts to express and people to thank. I remember the excitement I felt when Stu Weatherstone rang me at the beginning of 2017 to offer me the Principal's position at Pirinoa School. Although sad to leave Avalon Intermediate, I was ready for the next challenge. I have had an absolute blast working at Pirinoa School. It has been a pleasure getting to know the students, parents, and people in the Pirinoa community. I have received immeasurable support from everyone and this is what has made the school a special place to be involved with. The principal's position has offered me a different perspective to view education and it has been a huge honour to have had this title at Pirinoa School. As I embark on my next journey, I thank you all again for supporting Pirinoa School and myself, and wish the students, staff, parents, and wider community all the best for their next journey.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Seek the wisdom of the ages, but view the world through the eyes of a child.

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ROOM 1 NEWS

Room 1 had a great trip to the zoo and saw many animals that we do not normally see around the farm or in our backyards. We found out how we can help with animal conservation from Tim, the zoo educator. We have written this persuasive speech to inform you about saving the white cheeked gibbon.

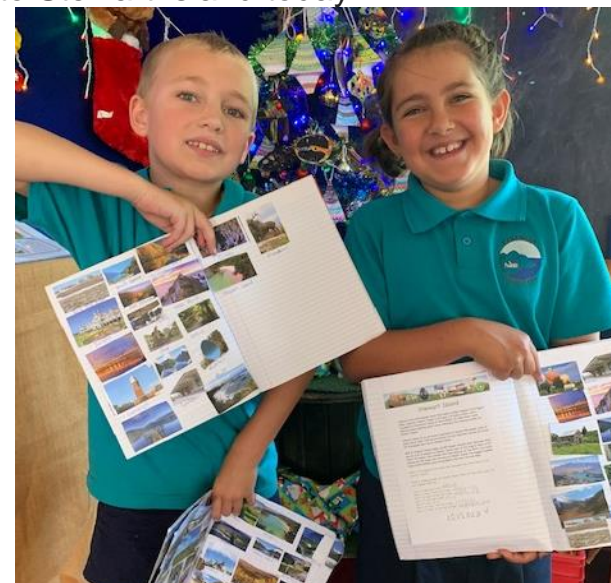
Save the White Cheeked Gibbons

We think people should not chop native trees down, because we will not be able to breathe and monkeys won't be able to live in the trees.

Gibbons are arboreal, they live in trees. They eat leaves and fruit and live in tropical forests around the world. At the zoo we found out that if you buy products like toilet paper and books with the FSC logo on them it will save the gibbons. The logo means people have not cut native trees down. We would be really upset and sad if gibbons became extinct. Buy products with the FSC logo!

ROOM 2 NEWS

We have been working hard in Maths for the last 8 weeks to 'Tiki Tour' New Zealand. Starting in Cape Reinga and working our way down to Stewart Island, we've visited and learnt about 108 places in New Zealand. In each town, we have to do a different maths task. We are very excited that we have made it to Stewart Island today!



AWARD WINNERS

WEEK 9 LEARNING AWARDS

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: All Years 8's for getting stuck into their learning and getting involved in lots of activities during 2019.

ROOM 1: Caeden and Eva for making good decisions in class and in the playground.

ROOM 2: Heidi Didsbury for using her initiative and independently catching up on some of her learning tasks this week.

ROOM 3: Isabella Lanceley for helping to lead the school while room 3 was on camp.

PLAYGROUND AWARD:

ROOM 3 NEWS

Hi. I'm Maiyah Fellerhoff from Pirinoa School, and i'm a year 8. This will be my last time writing for the school newsletter, so i thought i'd make it a good one.

I'm going to start this off with reciting some lyrics from smash mouth's all-star.

You'll never know if you don't go. You'll never shine if you don't glow.

Keep trying, folks. You'll get there. :)



