



# Pirinoa School

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## Week 4

Tēnā koutou katoa

The start of the week began with the school being closed due to a power outage. The water pumps were unable to work so we had no water for the toilets to flush or for students and staff to wash their hands. The school contacted the power company and we were told that the power was not expected to be on until twelve noon. Hence the decision to close. My thanks to Wayne the bus driver, the staff and the parents who offered to help with getting students home safely. Overall the systems we had in place to deal with this unexpected closure worked well. Your patience and co-operation was appreciated.

Last week's school trip to Ngawi was a successful outing. Thank you to the parents who offered transport to take the students out to the coast to explore the rock pools and to observe the sea life around the area. The students were well behaved and enjoyed the activities that were planned for them. The senior class stayed the night. They stayed in tents and caravans. They enjoyed biking to the waterfall the following day. We were lucky with the weather. Thank you to Sissy Pickering for her organisation and to the staff for a wonderful learning experience. Classroom work around this trip is displayed in our classrooms.

A huge thank you to Palliser Ridge Farm for supporting our school with a delivery of sausages for lunch orders on Fridays and for fundraising events. The school appreciates their contribution and support.

A group of excited students represented Pirinoa School at the Featherston Cluster Swimming Sports yesterday. We are very proud of all the students for their effort and achievement during Swimming Sports.

As parents will be aware the bus controller (Miss Lagah) and I have been monitoring bus behaviour. We are seeing an improvement. Specific seats have been given to students and the noise level is better according to Wayne. Food should not be eaten on the bus and we ask that students remember this.

Our Year 8 students are learning about what it means to be a leader. This is a programme that is run by Kim Whiteman. Our Year 8 students are planning a triathlon to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

We want the students to wear their house colour if possible. More information will be on our school Facebook page.

**Reminder** Teacher Only Day Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. **School will be closed** due to the staff upgrading their First Aid certificates.

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Principal

## ROOM 1 NEWS

On Tuesday Room 1 and 2 visited the Martinborough Library. We learnt about the different parts of a book and listened to some stories read by the librarians. We were also able to check out some books to read back at school. We look forward to visiting the library again in a few weeks' time.



## ROOM 2 NEWS

Room 2 are very excited to have received our School Writing Kit in the post, writing poetry alongside 4000 other students in the country. Our first poems were a parody based on naughty things we'd done as children.

This is just to say  
I have pulled  
the hairs  
that were in my dad's legs  
and you were probably  
very angry  
forgive me  
I was a baby.

**By Jacob**

This is just to say  
I have swung on the  
curtains  
that were in the lounge  
and I probably broke  
the curtains  
Forgive me  
they were hanging  
down  
so my mum fixed the  
curtains. **By Shayla**



## ROOM 3 NEWS

### Our Visit to the Coast

On Tuesday the whole school went to the Coast. We had stops on the beach and we saw seals sitting in the sun and rolling round in the water. The school travelled off to the Lighthouse. We walked up a lot of stairs and it was tiring. Room 3 went to the camping ground and the rest of the students went back to school.

At the camping ground people went for a swim and played on the playground. We watched a movie and ate popcorn and smores. Later that night we played spotlight. It was fun!

On Wednesday we went to the Lighthouse and grabbed the bikes off the vehicles. Then we went for a ride to the waterfall for a swim and to see the Stonewall.

On our way to the waterfall we went over bumps, down and up hills and over rocks it was cool. When we got to the waterfall we got into our togs and went for a swim. In some bits it was deep. We were seeing if we could touch the ground.

The class saw eels in the water. They started swimming around people's legs. Everybody was feeding them.

By Aleesha



## AWARD WINNERS:

**ROOM 1: Kymani McRae** for incredible effort in reading and writing so far this term.

**ROOM 2: Skye Macdonald** for always offering a helping hand to anyone that needs one.

**ROOM 3: Alec McDowall** for improvement in reading.

**PRINCIPAL AWARD: Alec McDowall** for stepping up into leadership roles and assisting a member of our BoT assuring the playground is safe.

### Update on principal appointment from the BoT.

Applications closed earlier this month for our Principal Position and unfortunately the board did see any of the applicants to be suitable for the position.

We have approached Sue Fleming to stay on in the acting principal role until the end of term 2 and Sue has agreed, thanks Sue! You are awesome and we love having you here.

We will be re-advertising the position later this week, and we will update the school community early term 2 of progress.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the BoT.

Thanks,

Andrea, Aaron, Tarns, Jo, Nat & Sara.