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*Kiaora e te Whānau Katoa, greetings to the us all.*

*This week has been a very special one as we have had Tracey Wheeler in our school doing story telling and creating art work. Waitara East put on an outstanding whakatau for Tracy. Tracy then told the story of Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi. The story of Parihaka and passive resistance. I was extremely impressed with the way she told the story. She was able to clearly tell the story from both sides. Why settlers came to Taranaki and the need for land, and also from the tangata whenua side about retaining the land and finally the military's involvement with the confiscations. The Treaty of Waitangi was also touched upon. Tracy used clay puppets to help her tell the story. After the story telling each child created a mini flag of the Raukura (Toroa/Albatross Feather). We were not allowed to video the story telling but were able to take lots of photos.*

*A big thank you to all the parents that came along to support the juniors hiko to the awa. As part of their unit study the juniors were looking at whitebaiting on the awa. Thank you to Bill Rona for taking time to talk to our tamariki.*

*The senior school have had Raj from Sport Taranaki coaching our Year 6 tamariki in Badminton. The management team are currently identifying the staffing and classes for 2017. Those classes will be confirmed within the next 4 weeks and then transitioning will begin to occur.*

*The office area will also be going through some building work in the christmas break due to the leaky building issue we have. This also affects Rooms 1, 2, 3, and 4. So we will hopefully have water tight classrooms come the end of term 1. This may also mean that Rooms 1 - 4 may have a shift during Term 1 so work can be completed.*

*Thank you and have a pai rawa Labour Weekend, the weather forecast is looking good.*

*Graham Sands.*





## ROOM 7 AND 8 VISIT TO THE AWA ON WEDNESDAY

Today Room 7 & 8 went to see some whitebait. Room 7 read a book about whitebait like Inanga, Banded Kōkopu, Giant Kōkopu, Kōaro and the Shortjaw Kōkopu. We learned that whitebait lay their eggs in the river amongst the vegetation. The eggs hatch then the little larvae are driven down the river into the sea.

**Written by Maia Vete**

### Whitebait

Today we went to the Waitara River. I saw an Inanga and some whitebait. I heard the waves swinging in the river. The whitebait smelt like fish. I also felt the whitebait, they were bumpy and really slimy. I didn't taste the whitebait. Room 7 stood by a large crack by the steps and the water splashed up. I felt wet, only a little bit. I said to Bill, "How do the whitebait get in the net?" Then Bill said, "The green net scares the whitebait into the net." Other kids asked Bill questions too. **Written by Teaumihi Parangi-Taiapo.**

### What did we do today??

Today I went down the awa with my classroom and there was a man waiting for us down the awa. Then we sat down and the man told us how to catch the whitebait. I think if I went down the awa I would catch some whitebait with my Daddy. I feel happy because I got to see how to catch whitebait and I got to feel the whitebait too.

**Written by Taya Bailey**

### Whitebaiting

After morning tea Room 7 and 8 went to go to the toilet. We put our hats on, and put our shoes on too. Then after that we walked to the whitebaiting club (Rowing Club). We saw Bill. I saw Bill getting the net out of the river. I saw the whitebait in the net. They were wriggling around in the net. Bill put the whitebait in the yellow box. Ru-papera cried, "What does the scoop net do." Bill showed us how to use it, but...he didn't get any whitebait. Then finally we went back to school. **Written by Kiara O'Brien**

### FINAL DISCO FOR 2016:

The senior school will be organising and hosting a final disco for 2016 for ALL Waitara East children in the school hall. Advance details so far are: THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER from 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. The theme will be "Halloween" as we figure some students may have a costume already from actual "Halloween". But please note that this is only an option. Suitable clothes of any theme, or no theme at all, will be fantastic too. Tickets will be \$2.00. We will let you know more details, including when tickets are on sale, in the next couple of weeks.