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Tena koutou nga matua nga whaea me nga whanau katoa

It was with sadness that we farewelled Mrs Bawden yesterday. Catherine has been teaching at Waima school for 10 years and decided it is time for change. We thank Catherine for her dedication and huge efforts. The students and staff will really miss her, however, we are hopeful that she will be available for relieving. Mrs Davidson will be filling this position until such time that we can find the very best replacement teacher for our students. This vacancy has just been re-advertised for the second time.

Thank you to everyone who made the effort to come along to our reading together afternoons. Thank you also to Mrs Bawden for running these sessions. Annie was the lucky winner of this week's \$50 petrol voucher.

Remember next Wednesday 1.00pm Whaea Moni will be introducing our new Website and parts of our local curriculum. Come along and be in the draw for another \$50 petrol voucher.

We really want our students at school every day. If they do not have lunch then please do not keep them at home as we have bread, spreads and fruit available at school. With the colder days approaching we have had numerous students bringing food to be heated. A reminder that for health and safety reasons we are unable to heat student's food. Please send your child with an independent lunch that does not require staff attention. Many thanks for your understanding.

We currently have 3 vacancies on our BOT and will be holding a By-election. Being a BOT member comes with a lot of responsibility and there is training available. Aunty Hoki will have more information about this next week. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Dallas, Aroha and Robb for their huge efforts during the time that they have been board members and we send our good wishes to all three. Thank you!!!

Congratulations to Cody and Anahera who got all of their spelling words correct last week. You are stars and will be getting a treat on Friday.

**FRIDAY FUNDRAISER TOMORROW.**

**HAMBURGER \$3**

**PIES \$3**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2**

**PRINGLES \$3**

**ICEBLOCKS \$1**

POPCORN \$3

CREPES \$3

DRINKS \$2

**Huge thank you to Valleys united Rugby league club for their very generous donation of \$200 towards our snow trip. This is so so much appreciated. Thank you so much to Aunty Maria for coordinating this.**

### Room 3 News

Just two weeks until the end of term and Room 3 students are busy completing the term's work. The weather has not been the best, however, the students have been great by entertaining themselves in such conditions. As part of our classroom inquiry, over the past two weeks, we have been looking at how we can solve the issue of rubbish in Space, the Ocean, and on Earth.

## JUNK / WASTE

Junk is very bad for our sea and earth. Soon our sea is going to be so full of rubbish that we can swim in it. I think we need to find a way to make bottles that decompose in less than a month. This will then make it more safe for our fish and turtles because there is so much junk sweeping up on the sand.

Plastic is bad! Why did we come up with plastic in the first place? Plastic has ruined our beautiful earth. If we don't come up with a way to get rid of the junk and waste in our sea, all of our fish are going to die, then we won't have seafood.

Plastic bottles and plastic bags are a big issue for our planet because it takes years for them to decompose. And, it pollutes our waters!

We need to find a way to ban plastic or find a way to make plastic decompose. There are many things we need to do to fix our world. If we don't we might be living in space. Oh wait, with all the junk in space we won't be able to live there either. We will be doomed.

**If we don't find a way to get rid of junk and waste, our water won't be safe to drink.**

*Naphtali*

## How Do We Solve Our Trash Problem?

To solve this trash problem I think we could go to the plastic island and to pick up the rubbish and put it in the landfill. But if we can't then why can't we just make a landfill by the beach like they have in Hawaii.



We could put it on the far side of the beach so when boats come in with the rubbish they can crane the rubbish and dump it into the landfill. So every time the boats come back the rubbish can be put in the landfill.

I think this is a good idea because when people go fishing they can get nice fresh fish not dirty fish that smells like wet socks. Or if people want to go diving they can dive in the clean clear water under the sea so they can see the beautiful creatures underwater. I think this could solve the problem.

*Charlamaine*