



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 7 2018

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Tena koutou nga matua nga whaea me nga whanau katoa,

Yesterday we had 12 visitors from Australia, Tauranga, Auckland and Whangarei call into our school for morning tea. Of course our students were fantastic hosts and made all of our visitors most welcome with a powhiri. Last night I received the following words of thanks.

Thank you so much for making this morning so special for all of us. For all of us it was such a special experience and the children were just amazing. The older children were a credit to the school with their speeches and the welcome. The leader of the haka did a wonderful job, we could all envisage him leading the All Blacks one day in the future. The singing was so lovely, we were just awed by how well they all performed. Your staff are amazing and it was the highlight of everyone's weekend and was the main topic of conversation at all the stops we had to meet up on the way home. I was so pleased everyone stayed on afterwards for morning tea and thanks for going to all that trouble for us, it was very much appreciated.

Many thanks again for giving us all such a great experience, and one that will be remembered for a very long time. It was something so different for our Aussie friends and truly did affect them in such a good and meaningful way. I think it brought back memories of Miriam's childhood in Samoa to her and touched her quite deeply. Anyway a really great morning for us all.

Room 1 and 2 News

A reminder to all whanau about our school blog site. This is a place where you can keep up to date with different learning that is happening in the classroom. The blog is updated as often as possible so don't forget to have a look every now and then. The address for the Room 1 and 2 blog is <https://wsbawden.blogspot.com/>. In Room 1 we are continuing to develop our observation skills and to follow instructions to make a variety of paper crafts. We are using these crafts to develop our oral and written language and skills. I've provided some photos and stories of our latest project below.

My Bee's name is Jack. My Bee likes honey. He is happy. He is flying - Cody

My Bee and I are playing outside - Nikris

My Bee likes to eat flowers and to play on the park - Poppy





Room 2 students are currently learning how to write interesting stories and how to be more descriptive. They are learning how to create a picture in the reader's mind. So far they have been working on developing the setting of their stories. This will be followed by learning how to create interesting characters and plot. Once this is completed they will get the opportunity to make a short animation of their story. They are very excited about turning their stories into movies. Keep checking the blog to see some of these short animations.

The Haunted House by Julius

One stormy night there was a haunted house in the middle of the street. There was lightning appearing from the big dark sky. It was windy. There were windows slamming and blood on the front door. Ghosts were flying around and around me. I could not help it. I just had to go inside.

Room 3 News

Welcome to week 7. We are on the countdown to the Snow Trip. A reminder, please ensure you have discussions with your child/children about their behaviour, as disrespect and bad attitude are starting to raise their heads. Also, I have noticed that there are a lot of tired Room 3 students, yawning during morning assembly is not a great start to our day. Could you please ensure that if your child/children have a facebook account that they **do not** use their school gmail account. Using their school gmail account breaches the school's contract with Kaikohekohe Network, meaning devices will be locked down.

This week the Year 7 & 8s have Technology, Whaea Ursula is impressed with students who turn up each Tech Day to work on their Community Libraries. Also, this Friday there is Ki-O-Rahi with Whaea Leela.

Monday our students welcomed a group of travellers from around the country. Their performance was amazing! Well done to the senior boys who spoke on behalf of the kura and Isabella for her karanga.

Sporting Events This Term

This wednesday we have James from the NFF coming in to deliver a couple of football (soccer) sessions, and I have asked if he can also deliver to the year 1 & 2 class as well, so can you make sure your child comes to school with a change of clothes.

Ki-o-Rahi is on for Friday. The tamariki need a change of clothes and something for a shared kai.

I have been sent a Panui from Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Hokianga regarding Touch next term.

Touch Rugby
Starts 18th October (Term 4)
4pm start
Whirinaki

Grades are Under 7's, 10's, 13's, 16's, 20's and Open, all mixed. 3 girls on the field at all times, and you have to have a referee.

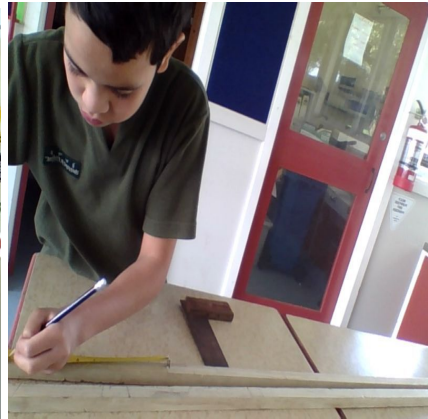
If anyone is interested in coaching a team or being involved with this kaupapa let me know and I will see if any of our students would be keen to play.

On Wednesday James Coleman from the NFF ran a soccer tournament at Waima. There were teams from Waima, Opononi and Whirinaki. This was a great day and the students had a wonderful time challenging the other teams. All the students put in their best efforts and showed some real talent.

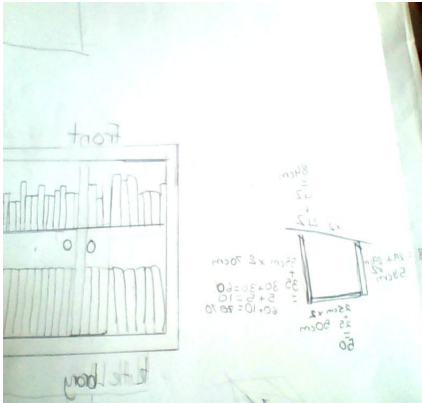


Technology:

This term students have been working on Little Libraries that will be erected with permission from the communities in Taheke, Waima, Omanaia and Rawene. A couple of students have decided to repurpose their library and turn it into a small scale "Community Pataka". Here is one design that two students are working on, they've had to have accurate measurements (which was a little challenging at times for them), and they have started making the frame for their library.



Herbie and Danny's design will hopefully end up looking similar to the 1st picture.



This plan belongs to Mapihi and Carmel, Mapihi using the mitre saw to get the right angel for their design!!

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