



NEWSLETTER: Term 1 - Week 10

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Tena koutou nga matua nga whaea me nga whanau katoa,

What a wonderful afternoon our students had at swimming sports last Friday. A very huge thank you to Aunty Ange for running this event. It was very exciting to see how our students have progressed this term in their swimming. Aunty Ange has done such a great job of developing their styles and swimming distance. Thank you!!! We were very proud of all of our students that participated, especially all of our senior girls. Well done to you all! This week we will be sending a group to Rawene to represent our school in the Hokianga Swimming sports.

UP & COMING EVENTS	
Thursday, 4th April	South Hokianga Interschool Swimming Sports - 10:30am Start
Friday, 12th April (Week 11)	Next BOT Meeting & Last day of Term 1
Monday, 29th April	First Day of Term 2
Friday, 8th November	Te Ahurea Kapa Haka o Te Tonga o Hokianga (Hosted by Opononi Area School)

NEW NOTICE: Digital Technologies and Cyber Safety Agreement

We've attached a newly created agreement to the back of this newsletter. Parent/Caregivers must sign, date & return these prior to the end of Term 1. **ONE AGREEMENT IS TO BE COMPLETED PER CHILD.**

Parent / Student / Teacher Meetings

These meetings will be held throughout **THIS WEEK** (1st April – 5th April between 7:45am – 4pm, this may vary dependent on the teacher's availability). We know how busy life can get but we always aim for 100% attendance as this is a celebration of your child's progress and their next learning steps. If you're unable to attend during this period, then please contact the office to discuss alternative options. We're also willing to accommodate if a home visit is preferable. Particularly our Kaikohe families as we know how hard it is for you to come out to Waima.

Our Office Administrator has been in touch with most parents/caregivers to lock in a time for a meeting. If you are yet to hear from us, please phone the school asap - 094053901

STUDENT ATTENDANCE - It is important that our students attend school every day. We have had a couple of students who have had 3-4 days off in a row without a valid reason. This creates a huge gap in their learning and makes it difficult for our teachers to try and catch them up when they return. The greatest gift you can give your child is a good education. Please do them a favour by sending them to school every day! We love having them on a daily basis. School holidays are not that far away with only two weeks remaining.

SLEEP - Please ensure your child/ren are getting adequate sleep. There have been occasions whereby students are coming to school and going to sleep. Parents will be informed and students taken home if this happens.

Room Tupu:

It has been a busy term so far and we are almost at the end. The students have all been working really hard. Just a quick reminder this week that students all have some form of homework to do each night, some have reading and some also have spelling words. For Children in Tupu Teina, this has also been a busy term. We have had new children arrive in our class. Everyone has worked hard at learning to work together. We are learning about personal space, that we need to respect each others personal space, not touch, blow on, or annoy our classmates. Also the children have reading every night. Please help them learn their basic words and read with or to them every night.

Room 3 News:

Just two weeks left until the end of Term 1. This time has zoomed by.

For our inquiry we are looking at native animals of Aotearoa.

Wijay is researching the Karearea



The karearea is one of 38 species of falcon worldwide, the New Zealand falcon is endemic to this country.

The karearea is found on both the North and South Islands and several offshore islands, including Stewart Island.

The highest known density of karearea is found in the Kaingaroa pine forest in central North Island.

Raven is researching the South Island Robin



The South Island Robins have quite long lived life spans some live for 14 years.

The South Island Robin were very endangered, in 1980 there were on 5 recorded living on a small island. Now there are about 250.

We are also immersed in our Novel Quests - below is a snippet from Samara's novel 'Bridge To Terabithia'

Dust jacket

Name: Jess, 12-yrs old
Gender: boy

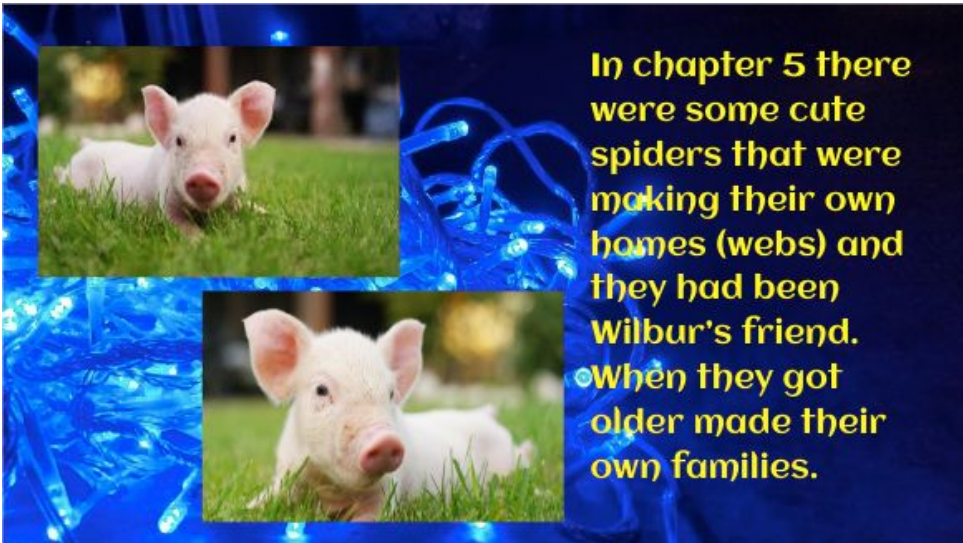
This is Jess and he is a 12-year old and he spends his spare time with his friend Leslie.

Name: Leslie, 12-yrs old
Gender: Girl

This is Leslie and she spends time with her friend Jess. They go to this imaginary place called Terabithia and usually spend their spare time in an abandoned tree house.



Below is a snippet from Laurie's novel 'Charlotte's Web'



In chapter 5 there were some cute spiders that were making their own homes (webs) and they had been Wilbur's friend. When they got older made their own families.

Sports News:

If for any reason your child is unable to swim, a note needs to be sent along with your child or contact the school on 4053901. There have been too many students that are not bringing swimming togs.

FRIDAY FUNDRAISING

*The following items will be made available to the students for purchase on Friday's (unless advised otherwise)

Popcorn \$3	Sausage Sizzle \$2	Noodles \$2	Hot Dog \$3	Drink \$2	Ice-Block \$1
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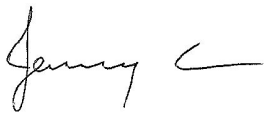
IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you have a key to the school pool, please return it to the office ASAP

The following ink cartridges are available to collect from the school office for FREE!

- x1 HP No.60 - Black
- x1 HP No.60 - Tri-colour
- x2 HP No.75XL - Tri-colour
- x3 HP No.75 - Tri-colour

2019 BOT MEETING DATES			
TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
5th February, 12th March & 12th April	14th May & 18th June	6th August & 10th September	30th October & 3rd December
<p>Available at the School Office: Community member guide to the role of the board of trustees. This explains a lot of commonly asked questions and information about becoming a trustee, please get in touch if you'd like a copy.</p>			

Remember to use our website to keep updated about school information - www.waima.school.nz



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