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Newsletter #5

Kia ora whānau

We have had a great start back to Term 2, despite the wet weather! Our staff enjoyed some great PLD over the holidays with everyone updating their first aid certificates and our teachers completed a writing workshop. It is great to hear their energy and enthusiasm to implement what they have learnt – has your child talked to you about the sentence train?



One of the hi-lights this term is joining a programme called the House of Science which provides us with science resource kits regularly throughout the term. Teachers have selected kits to align with our Enviro Schools kaupapa and we look forward to the exciting learning opportunities this will lead to. Last week Māhuri looked at analysing water to test its quality, which included a trip to a local stream for our seniors.

We also look forward to calf rearing, cross country and hopefully an introduction into Mathex Competitions for our Year 5-8s.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

My sympathies and support go to primary teachers across the country who are still negotiating their contracts which expired in June last year. Those of you with children at secondary schools will know that their teachers are also negotiating and have a number of strike days booked in. The primary sector is still deciding on their next steps and we will update you as soon as we are able.

CROSS COUNTRY

We are joining Ruawai Primary School for Cross Country again this year on Friday 26th May at Ruawai. Juniors (5&6 year olds on the day) will run at the school at 11am followed by lunch (order form attached). Then travel to Lugtigheid's farm on Blong Road at 12.30pm to run the senior races (7 years and older on the day) from 1pm. We will return to school in time for afternoon buses.

HOUSE KEEPING

If you are receiving a paper copy of this newsletter and would prefer to read it online (or vice versa) please let us know at the office and we will change this for you.

PAPER SHOPPING BAGS

We have many uses for paper shopping bags so if you have a supply we would be grateful to receive them at the office.



NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for Term 2, run by Rākau.

Classroom awards this week went to: Natasha, Heidi, Jariah, Zade, Devon, Ava, Sara, Leila and Whaea Lyn!



PATH card prize draw: Congrats to those who got to spin the prize wheel. Sara and Mac both won free time with a friend! Promise was absent so will get to choose next assembly.

EXTRA congratulations to Devon, Hailey, Harper, Heaven, Heidi, Jackson, Jonathan, Kylah, Leon, Matthew, Summer and Zane who have all reached 25 PATH cards—well done team! They chose treasure box(s), principal(s) for an hour, extended break, free time with a friend and pie face. In honour of Mothers Day, Devon chose Mrs Cleary for pie face!





NEWS FROM KĀKANO

It has been a busy start to the term in Kākano.

The children have been learning about the weather (of which we have had a LOT of variations lately), and fractions. We have also welcomed Bella into our school and class.



NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

We've begun term two in Māhuri, learning about the important role water plays in our lives. With the help of the 'School of Science' 'Water Analysis' kit, we were able to compare water samples from home for 'clarity', 'ph' and 'bug life'. You'll be pleased to know all tap samples were clear. The senior students shared their stream study findings and are currently demonstrating water experiments. It has definitely initiated many interesting discussions when comparing places suffering from too much water and countries who have too little.

Writing this term has been a ball of fun as the students use the 'Writer's Tool Box' 'Sentence Train', to compose different types of sentences. See if you can spot the different kinds below. Ngā mihi nui, Whaea Lyn.

When Whāea Lyn—bespectacled, helpful, old teacher, found a maggot resting in her eyebrow, she called off school for three weeks to try to stem the rumours about her fainting in class. HH

Padding along the beach, Harry's dog Benjo enjoyed a rare luxury; the absence of his leash. HH

Suspiciously, the horse broke its leg tripping on a gate right before the grand finals. ZG

Stampeding children ran through the field, bashing through the carts causing chaos. RvdB

When I was going to bed, I heard a boom of lightning so loud. LS

Unfortunately, the horse was too old and broke its leg on a thorn bush. LS

Panicking, Harry went to his room and saw a girl from school—that liked him, outside his window. JTW

Pleased by the effect, Sophie threw more spaghetti at the wall. JTW

NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Aquabots: In Rākau we are learning about Aquabots, how to build them, what we need and seeing what's in the kit for building the Aquabots. The Aquabots are water bots for going through obstacles under the water and you can enter into competitions for your area in New Zealand.

Calves: In Rākau we have been sending letters to people and businesses to have the supplies to take care of the calves that we will have soon. Hopefully they can deliver the supplies to our school soon.





Stream trip: In Rākau we went to a stream with Whaea Lyn, we tested the stream clarity, temperature, what lives there, and more. The temperature was ok but it's clarity was pretty bad. Nelson and Devon found a pet grass carp each so that told us that the wildlife is good.

- Hailey & Summer



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2023 Dates to Remember

Thursdays	Every Week	Seniors to Tech
Friday	26 May	Ruawai Cross Country
Thursday	1 June	NW Cross Country
Monday	5 June	Kings Birthday Holiday
Tuesday	6 June	NZ Symphony Orchestra Online
Thursday	8 June	Northland Cross Country
	Date TBC	Mathex
Thursday	22 June	BOT Meeting
Monday	26 June	Reports Home
Wednesday	28 June	Learning Celebration
Friday	30 June	Last Day of Term 2

Ruawai Cross Country – Lunch Order

Please complete and return to school with cash payment **by this Friday 19th May**

NAME	SAUSAGE \$2 each	BROWNIE \$2 each	TOTAL

Total Enclosed \$