



3 December 2023

Newsletter #12

Kia ora whānau,

I am not sure about everyone else but this year seems to be slipping away faster than we can keep up with! I hope you and your family are managing to stop and take a breath and enjoy the magic of Christmas 😊

We hope that you enjoyed reading your child's report and celebrating with them their successes over the year. If you have any questions or comments please chat with their teacher.

We have a few more events to get through before the year is out...

We have our **Prizegiving** on **Thursday**. This starts at 11am and we invite all of our friends and whānau to join us. We have a potluck lunch afterward so please bring along some kai to share. This is held at the Arapohue Showgrounds and we will be going down there for a rehearsal first thing on **Wednesday**. We would appreciate it if families could drop their children straight to the showgrounds in the morning and we will ferry students back to school when we are done. We will arrange for buses to also go directly to the Showgrounds.

Some senior students may also head down on Tuesday for an additional rehearsal. Please be assured all children being transported safely, wearing seatbelts and in car seats if required.

On Saturday 9 December we have a **working bee** to clear the Pines – please contact Paul on 027-263-3315 if you are able to help.

Next week we have our **Beach Safety and Surf Trip** on Tuesday 12th. We will leave school as soon as possible, hopefully by 9am and will return, hopefully by 4. Children will need to be picked up from school on this day as we will miss the buses in the afternoon. Libelle will be providing lunches on this day but you may want to put in extras for your child. Children will need shoes, sunblock, drink bottle and hats and of course their togs and towels.

Wednesday 13th is our **LAST DAY** (full day as normal) and we will finish with a **Carols Service** at All Saints Mititai Church at 5:30pm. This will finish with a small supper and treat for the children.

WRAPPING UP:

Athletics

Thanks to all those who attended our Athletics Day on the 23rd – it was great to have you here supporting the children and we appreciate how willing everyone was to step in and help when we were short staffed.

Congratulations to Elsie, Matthew, Jonathan, Heidi, Zade and Mac who went on to represent our school at Northern Wairoa Athletics last Friday. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we enjoyed a great day in the sun.





NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Board had their final meeting for the year last week and are pleased to have set our annual plan (see attached) and budget for 2024. We also reviewed 2023 achievement data and, despite a drop in writing we are pleased with the results.

Our 2023 targets were for **80%** of students to be at or above expectation in **reading** and **maths** and for **75%** of students to be working at or above expectation in writing

In **Reading** we are pleased to report that **83%** of our students are achieving at or above expectation

In **Maths** we are pleased to report that **80%** of our students are achieving at or above expectation

In **Writing** we found that only **65%** of our students are achieving at or above expectation. This year our staff completed training and implemented the Writers Toolbox programme and course facilitators did tell us to expect a dip in achievement in the first year before seeing the expected accelerated progress – we wait with baited breath.

NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

On Friday because it was Mac's final assembly at Arapohue we left it to him to run – and what a great job he did! We played games, sang some fun songs and he seemed to give out A LOT of prizes.



Classroom awards this week went to: Phoenix, Bella, Elsie, Kaycee, Devon and Cooper.

PATH card prize draw: Our lucky winners this week were Devon, Hailey and Nelson who won Free time with a friend and Aaliyah & Devon (again) who won Principal for an hour.

PATH cards: It was great to see catch up with Ava for her 25 milestone today. There are a few more postcards coming home this week to celebrate those students who have earned 50 PATH cards!



NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Things we have learnt about telling the time-

When the big hand is pointing up to the twelve it is something o'clock

There are sixty minutes in an hour.

If you are drawing a clock you have to put the twelve then the six and then the three and the nine.

There are five minutes between each number on the clock

Then put all the other numbers on.

The big hand is counting the minutes.

The little hand is counting the hours.

There are sixty seconds in a minute.

Big Ben dings every hour so it goes 24 times in a day.

There are twenty four hours in a day.

The hour hand goes around the clock two times in a day.

Twelve o'clock at night is midnight and twelve o'clock in the day is midday or noon.

pm means afternoon and am means morning.



NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

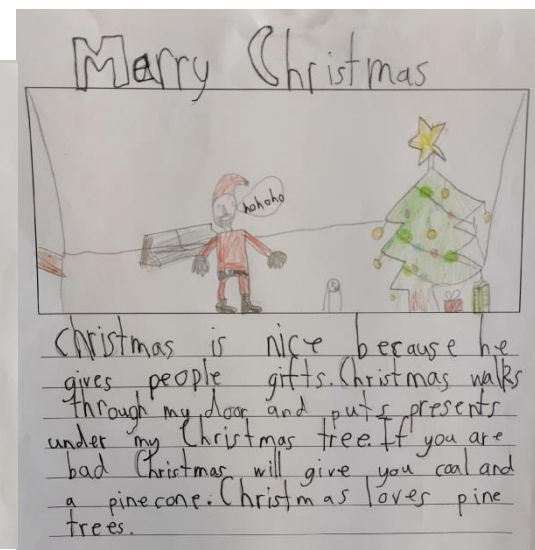
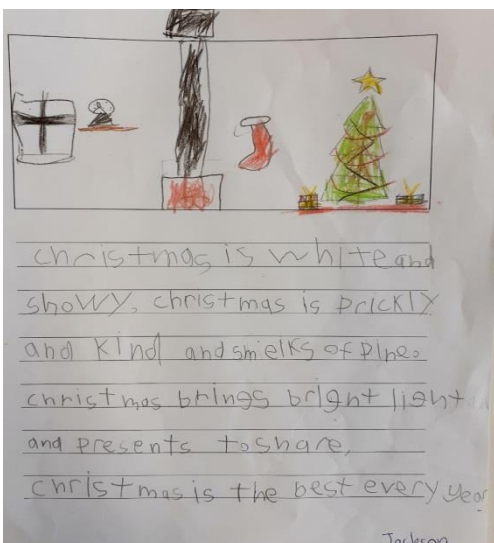
It's hard to believe we're in the final two weeks of the year.

We've been as busy as ever, practicing for prize-giving, finishing off units of learning, athletics, etc.

So in the tone of the festive season here are some of the Christmas poems the students have written

Have a great break, enjoy your time with your whanau, and look forward to a new year.

Hari Kirimete, Whaea Lyn



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Term 4 Dates to Remember

A reminder that Fridays are WHEELS DAY so your child is welcome to bring their bikes, scooters or skateboards. They MUST have a helmet (we have some to share) and covered shoes to ride. Wheels can be stored in the shed at school if wanted.

Thurs	7 December	Prizegiving – 11am start
Sat	9 December	Pine Tree working bee/Xmas tree sale
Tuesday	12 December	Beach + Surf Education Day
Wednesday	13 December	Last Day of School – Full day as normal
Wednesday	13 December	Carols Service and Final School Break up 5:30 TBC
Thursday	14 December	Teacher only DAY
Wednesday	31 January	First Day of Term 1 2024



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- CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING 7:45PM
- LOCAL PERFORMERS
- DRESS UP COMPETITION; ANGEL'S AND SHEPHERDS
- FOOD AND GIFTS
- CHRISTMAS FAMILY PHOTO



Christmas

IN THE GARDENS

SATURDAY, 6-8PM.
DECEMBER 9TH TAHA AWA GARDENS



Christmas in the Gardens - put on by the churches of Dargaville - donations - cogs.

