



Newsletter 6

Term 2 | Week 2

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*Kia Ora Talofa Guten Tag Bonjour Malo e Ielei Kia Orana
Fakalofa lahi atu Goeie Dag Sawadee Croeso Bula Fáiite*

From our Principal

Kia ora koutou,

I hope that this finds you well.

The holiday break went by very quickly. I am sure you have noticed the difference now with our **big new build**. It is really starting to take shape. We also have the wonderful new **shade sails** completed outside the Room 7 – 11 Block. The new **staff carpark** at the front of the school is also a very welcome addition too.

Many schools used Monday 24th as a Teacher Only Day and we chose not to since it was the start of the new term. All schools however do have to take a **Teacher Only Day** this term to work through the revised New Zealand Curriculum. Our day for this will be **Friday 2nd June**. This means that our School will be closed that day.

This term is going to be a great one for our children. The whole School will be going to the Zoo. This will be at no cost to parents.

At the end of this term we will be giving you your child's formal mid year report. This will be given to you at School in the Parent Interview evenings on Monday 26th or Tuesday 27th June, whichever date works for you. Last year we introduced this idea and found that families loved being able to be given the report face to face and then taking it home after it had been discussed.

Here's to a great term!

Warmest wishes to you all

Mrs Wendy Esera

PRINCIPAL

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF AND BOARD

Upcoming Events

May / Haratua

- 8 - Board of Trustees Meeting
- 10 - Auckland Zone Orienteering Championships
- 12 - Zoo Visit - Rooms 4 & 16
- 16 - Auckland Rogaine Orienteering Championships
- 18 - Zoo Visit - Rooms 5 & 7
- 19 - Waitākere College Sports Taster
- 19 - Auckland Petanque Championships
- 23 - Zoo Visit - Rooms 22 & 13
- 23 - Waitākere Zone Girls Football
- 24 - Zoo Visit - Rooms 10 & 17
- 25 - Waitākere Zone Boys Football
- 30 - Waitākere Zone Rugby
- 31 - Zoo Visit - Rooms 8 & 21



[School Calendar](#)

Values Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with a Bronze, Silver or Gold Values Certificate:

SILVER

Stanley Te Rito

Caleb Matson

Billie-Jean Wells

Casey Baker

BRONZE

Inaya Hussein

Marion Lim

Tainui Edwards-McKean

Naomi Khenglawk
Sujesh Singh
Paige Henry
Aisha Fakalupe
Isaac Khov
RJ Strickland
April Magrath

Building Works at H.I.S

We are very excited that our new build is well underway!

It is very exciting to see the concrete laid and the structure come together.

What a wonderful space this will be once it has been completed.

The new shade area outside of Rooms 7 - 11 is fantastic. This will not only provide great sun protection in summer but also shelter from the rain in the coming winter months.





Pasifika Evening and Whānau Hui

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported these events last term. Both were fantastic nights with great performances, fun games and a yummy sausage sizzle!





Head Lice & Nits

Head lice are small flat insects, about 2–3 mm long. They live on the scalp (the skin on a person's head where the hair grows from). Head lice lay their eggs (nits) on strands of hair. We know that this is an unpleasant problem that many families experience and we are aware of how costly it can be to purchase product to remove this problem.

To help with this Kidscan provide us with FREE nit combs. Please don't hesitate to come and ask for one at the School Office.

Click on the link below for more information about what to look for and treatment...

Head Lice & Nits Information

Showcasing Team Waitākere

Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Earlier this year in Room 2 we had learnt about biographies, timelines, what a hero is and how to use figurative language and a writing process. We also held Athletics day and a house colour/cultural wear day as a fundraiser for the flooding in Hawkes Bay. One of the main people we wrote about in our biographies was Dame Whina Cooper who was a Māori activist that stood for equal rights. Soon after that we made a timeline which documented the important things she had achieved in her life. Later on we learnt about heroes and what heroes are. For example Doctors. They help millions of people every day, they are selfless, kind and caring. Therefore, we have learnt a lot and have really enjoyed Term 1.

In this term we have learnt about animals, place value, haiku and fractions.

Haiku are one of the main things we are learning about. They consist of 17 syllables in three lines - 5,7,5. Haiku originated from Japanese culture. We have been writing about different topics, for example; favourite places, seasons or sport. Also on animals we are learning about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. Later on this term we will be going to the zoo to look at all of the animals. We are really looking forward to this term.

- Nivarda-lee, Room 2

My school break was fun

Especially movie night

I mostly slept in

- Ashari Govender

I like to go out

I like to stay in my room

I like to play games

- Rawiri Morunga

Basketball is fun

You can play it every day

It is so tiring

- Bob Prime

Humid Bali air

Water parks and tasty food

Seeing my cousin

- Oliver Maw

Spring blossoms

blooming

Sweet nectar in the warm

breeze

Sun breaks through

clouds

- Isobel Pook

My favourite place

Is the place where I grew

up

Obviously home

- Aloe Baldwin



In Room 3, we learn all our subjects at a steady pace and in a clear way for us to understand. Our teachers Mrs. Annabell and Ms. Savita teach us Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies, Art, and more. They always try to bring out our creativity by decorating our W.O.W (Word Of The Week) and our Q.O.W (Quote Of The Week), all nice and colourful. They make us do W.O.W and Q.O.W to try to help boost our vocabulary and learn the definition of new words. Every Friday Mrs. Annabell brings a big, fluffy dog named Scout into the classroom until morning tea as a special treat. They both try to make learning fun and a bit more interesting. We are allowed to play games and other activities when our core subjects are done.

- Mia, Room 3

Room 3 is a classroom full of upcoming knowledge. Room 3 is always working their hardest to pursue their learning goals. We have Words Of The Week (WOW), Quotes Of The Week (QOW) and many other things to improve our vocabulary knowledge. In Mathematics (Room 3s FAVOURITE subject) we learn what we need in order to have an easier experience in high school. In math, we learn things like: long division, long division with decimals, multiplying with 5+ digits, fractions and many more high school related math.

Room 3 has a special waka in the class where your photo is taken and stapled to the waka. At the back of the waka, each person writes their name and a message for the next class to read and remember the people who have sailed further on to their school life.

Here are ways Room 3 looks after their wellbeing: In the morning when the bell rings, we do the role, then we sing our karakia. Room 3 also stands up to show respect to the people who came before us to fight for our land and right to sing.

-Heesha, Room 3



Kia ora, my name is Anurag and I'm the Class Councillor for Room 4. Our class likes balance. We work hard on our school work and also love getting involved in Sport. Last term we won the Rippa Rugby and look forward to the next round of interclass competition. We also enjoy Specialist Classes and school lunches.

- Anurag, Room 4

Kia ora, my name is Liana and I am the Deputy Class Councillor for Room 4. This term we are learning the basic skills of Aussie Rules, AFL. We had fun and look forward to our next session.

- Liana, Room 4





Kia orana kotou katoatoa

What a great Term we have had in Room 6. It didn't take long at all for the class to gel and become comfortable working together. What I have appreciated is the way the students readily help and show genuine care toward each other. There are a lot of smiles and laughter which is very uplifting and I feel super lucky to be able to teach a class full of wonderful students like these.

- Whaea Janet - Teacher, Room 6



Throughout Term 1 our class has been learning a lot of new stuff. We learnt about how people can affect others with their actions and decisions. We wrote 3 biographies; one about a famous person overseas, one about a New Zealander who has made an impact on our community (lots of people chose Taika Waititi, some chose Dame Whina Cooper and other people chose Pita Sharples and John Tamihere). We also wrote a biography on our local hero that means we had to write about someone who impacts our lives like our mum or dad. For math we had different topics. One week we would do fractions then the next week we would do some algorithms and this went on until we got our PR1ME books.

- Krishika, Room 6

Wednesday was an amazing day because we got the opportunity to play AFL, which stands for Australian Football League. We mainly practised kicking the ball. We played a game called Bomb

The Castle, where we had to kick the ball over blue cone's (which was the river) IT WAS AN AMAZING TIME WOO HOO!!!

- *Karthik, Room 6*



Community Notices

MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE HERE AT SCHOOL

Our school provides the opportunity for pupils to take specialist instrumental lessons right here at school. We partner with the Music Education Centre to provide specialist tuition that is structured to the individual needs of each student, making lessons both fun and educational. For many parents the added convenience of lessons close to home makes in-school lessons the best option for their children.

There are limited spaces for new students to join in term 2, so for more information about availability and instrument choice offered, please contact the Music Education Centre directly on 0800 89 39 39



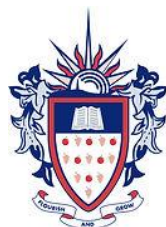
**MUSIC LESSONS
AT SCHOOL!**

The Music Education Centre offers specialist music tuition for a range of instruments including **Piano, Guitar, Drums and more!**

IT'S CONVENIENT!

Have your child's music lesson right at their school and give them the opportunity to develop their skills through our **individualised lessons that're both fun and educational!** Learning music supports all areas of learning through developing **confidence, creativity, concentration and so much more!**

To enrol, please visit:
bit.ly/MusicEnrolment2023



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