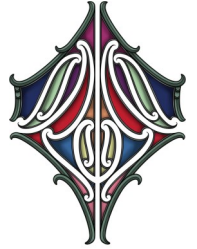




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## Congratulations!

A hearty well done to Arlo, Seth, Finn and Bobbie who were awarded teacher certificates. Tevita and Kotaana got tu-muaki awards. Hot chocolates and bic-cies with the principal will be on Tuesday

A big well done to all the children these last two weeks. They are setting in so well. As a staff we are learning lots about our children, and enjoy the chance to build relationships with them.



## Stationary

If you haven't yet brought in all your stationary, please could you do this by next week? Let us know if there will be a delay, or if you need some support in purchasing them. We are happy for children to finish off their old books from last year, if need be.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Term 1

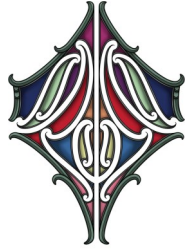
<b>19 February</b>	Community meeting 6:30pm
<b>20 February</b>	Junior Swimming at When-uakura School.  1-2 parents needed (with vehicles)
<b>17, 20, 21 February</b>	Ms Willmott at structured literacy training– Mrs Rutten teaching Junior Class.
<b>20, 21 February</b>	Koka at structure literacy training– Sharni teaching Senior Class.
<b>21 February</b>	BOT meeting 7pm
<b>6 March</b> (postponement date 7 March)	Mokoia Swimming competition 1:15pm Whanau welcome.
<b>10 March</b>	Taranaki Anniversary Day– School Closed.
<b>21 March</b>	Aroha Day
<b>24 March</b>	Teacher Only Day—maths— School Closed
<b>28 March</b>	Hangi 6:30pm– cultural performance and hangi ( <b>please note new date</b> )
<b>31 March</b> (postponement date 1 April)	Cluster Athletics– Patea Area School
<b>2, 3</b>	Parents' Evening 3-6pm
<b>7 April</b>	Announce technology Competition
<b>11 April</b>	End of term 1



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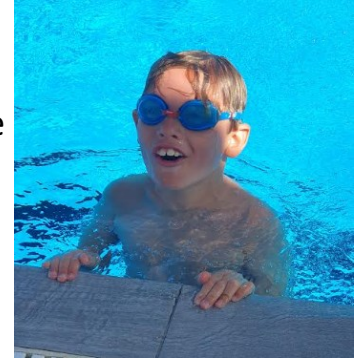
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## Senior Swimming Cluster

The Seniors went to Patea Pools this week, to meet up with other schools in the area and to participate with them in a fun “Give it a Go” swimming event. Apart from the water being freezing (“but not as freezing as Waverly!”) I hear that it was a fantastic event that was really enjoyed by all. *If any seniors want to compete in the Waverly cluster event in March, please contact Evon.*



## Discovery Time

This week we have focused on relationships and the garden. As an enviroschool, we value the whole “field to fork” experience. We have been learning what are weeds and which plants are valuable.

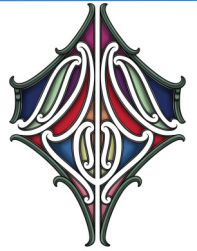




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## Senior Learning This Week

This week in maths we have been learning to read analogue and digital clocks. Most of the children can now read O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We found that children were struggling to read accurately to the five minutes, so we are focusing on this now.

We have been reading dinosaur books; both fiction and non-fiction. As part of our learning we have been writing summaries of the books we have read. We have also been doing research skills. We have been taking notes from non-fiction books, finding key words and then writing descriptions.

We have also been working on "who am I", as a precursor to thinking about our pepehas. It has also been part of our critical thinking learning.

Our phonics focus has been revising double vowel sounds, like ee, oo.

We also went to cluster swimming, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We also had kapa haka this week.

## Spellings this week

### Main Class:

Been

Seen

Green

Called

Door

Floor

Four

Five

### Group 2:

Christmas

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Friday

*Dawson*

Stink-o-saurus was a stinky dinosaur. No one liked him because he roared from his ~~the~~ behind. but one day the Bully came along and took all of the candy. Stink-o-saurus was chased ~~by~~ by the Bully but then he ~~let~~ let out a big roar. He chased the bully away and saved the day.

With his stinky butt.

*Bobbie*  
5th February 2025

The \* Stink-o-saurus He ~~was~~ was smelly and no one liked him. And then a bully came along to dully other dinosaurs. When he smelt a stinky smell in the air he ran away.

*Sirilla*

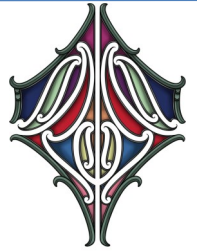
stink-o-saurus was a <sup>loser</sup> loser but then tommy came and took the kids lols and tommy <sup>scared</sup> scared stink-o-saurus so <sup>so</sup> that he <sup>started</sup> started his arms <sup>weren't</sup> weren't writing enough <sup>cover</sup> cover a nuf to Kevin his nose



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## Junior Learning This Week

This week we have been getting familiar with our new numicon equipment. We have been learning about different ways to make the same amount (different ways to make ten) and developing the ability to recognise amounts without counting. We have been learning lots of counting songs. This week's firm favourites are "here is a beehive" and "5 currant buns in a baker's shop". Each day we count in 1's, 5's and 10's to 100, and back from 20.

We have been reading "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" which the kids have loved. We have been learning about colours as adjectives and different names for colours. We have also been focusing on rhyme and rhythm in words and sentences. We have looked at question marks and other punctuation.

Mostly, we have been establishing routines and ways in which to learn in different settings, such as at the mat, with an adult and through play.

Our phonics focus has been revising our vowels— e, a, and o.

Spellings Junior Class
Week Beginning 17-2-25

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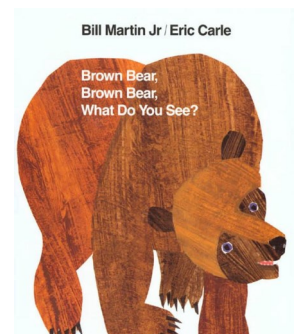
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### Fundraising

Sharni, one of our staff who is also an artist, makes beautiful hand made cards. In order to help us with fundraising, she has donated some of these to sell to the community. At \$5 each, I think you will agree, they are an absolute steal.

See Monica in the office, to purchase them.

### Community Meeting

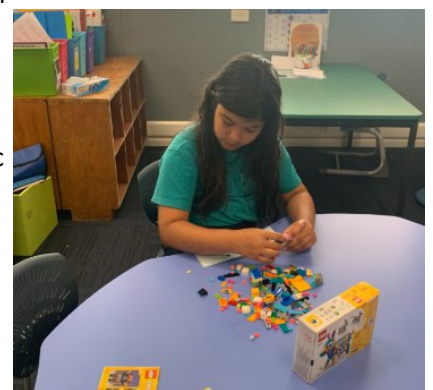
Welcome back to a year of learning. As ever, we are endeavouring to create an exciting and creative education for your child/ren.

Due to the new curriculum and new approaches that all schools are following, we would like to spend some time with you giving you an overview of how the changes will affect your child/ren. Therefore, we are holding a community meeting on **Wednesday 19th February, at 6:30pm at school**. The meeting should last one hour, including time for questions.

We hope that at least one parent/caregiver from each household will be able to attend. We will provide a space for children to play, in the adjoining room, for those who are unable to arrange childcare for their children.



There will be a time for questions at the end. We ask you to send in questions via text or email to the school office, by Tuesday 18th February, so that we have time to prepare adequately for them. It will only be appropriate to answer general questions at this time. If you wish to ask specific questions about how these changes apply to your child, please make an appointment with your class teacher.



### Uniform

A couple of parents have brought it to my attention that the newsletter about uniform could be read in such a way that it sounded like our expectations were policy. This is not the case. We expect the children to be dressed neatly and smartly, and we have expressed what we think this constitutes. We strongly encourage you and invite you to follow these guidelines.

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**WED 19 FEB**  
**ŌPUNAKĒ BEACH**  
11:30AM - 2:30PM  
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CARS ON DISPLAY

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**FRI 21 FEB**  
**HĀWERA**  
1:15PM - 5:15PM  
HĀWERA CBD CARS ON DISPLAY  
2:30PM ACCELERATION DISPLAY

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# OPEN DAY

**TRY BMX FOR FREE**  
**SUNDAY 16 FEB 2025**  
11.00am - 1.00pm

**TIMETABLE**  
Track Practice - 10.20am-10.50am  
Racing Starts - 11.00am  
Register online here <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/338256>

**WHAT TO BRING**  
A Bike: balance, mountain - they are all welcome  
Long pants, Long Top, Shoes, Gloves & Helmet  
**FREE** if you are **NEW** to BMX  
\$5.00 per rider (licenced or casual BMXer)

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