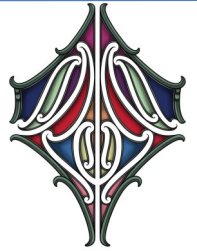




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## Fossil Hunting Beach Day

We look forward to seeing your children on Tuesday morning (normal time) for fossil hunting at Waihi Beach. We will be looking for fossils of shells, or their impressions in the rocks. We plan on being back before the end of the day. If your child lives in town and you would like to meet us in town, then please let us know and we are happy to accommodate this. If you have arranged to help us, please be at school for 9am, so we can do a short safety briefing.

Children will need shoes that have grip, as the walk down the ramp is quite slippery. Children will need a change of clothes or can wear togs, in case they get wet.

They may also need a warm jacket, if the weather is cooler or windy.

Please make sure that your child has lunch and morning tea with them, as well as a drink and hat.



## Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to our presiding member, Morgan, who graduates this weekend, as an Early Years Teacher. She has studied whilst working full time, running a busy household and being the chair of our Board of Trustees. She has done an amazing job, and we are so proud of her!

## Camp

We are pleased to announce that this year we will be holding a **whole school camp**, in Rotorua. Camp will be from **Monday 1st December until Friday 5th December**. We are planning all sorts of adventures for our children, and will focus on the cultural and geological aspects of Rotorua. We are planning on visiting **Te Puia, Wai-o-Tapu (thermal wonderland), Te Mitai Village and the gondola**, to mention a few.

We will be asking for a monetary contribution of **\$200 per a child**. Whilst this is very reasonable for a week long camp, we would still like to reduce this, through fundraising. The more we raise, the more that we can reduce this by. We will be sending out some figures in the next few weeks as well as some opportunities for your whanau to help us raise money.

We also encourage you to set up a payment plan. If you were to start that on 31 March, at \$6 per a week, per a child, then it would be paid off 23 November. If it is likely to be a financial strain, please come and talk to the principal.

We will be taking 11 adults in total—nearer the time we will be asking for Expressions of Interest, for those parents/carers who are interested in supporting us. There will be no additional charge for parents who help out.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Term 1

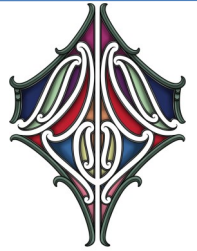
<b>24 March</b>	Teacher Only Day—maths— School Closed
<b>25 March</b>	Fossil Hunting at Waihi Beach
<b>26, 27 March</b>	Parents' Evening 3-6:30pm
<b>31 March</b> (postponement date 1 April)	Cluster Athletics—Patea Area School (2-3 parents need- ed)
<b>3 April</b>	Senior trip to croquet club, Hawera 10am –12pm
<b>4 April</b>	Hangi 6:30pm—cultural per- formance and hangi
<b>7 April</b>	Announce technology Com- petition
<b>7 April</b>	Croquet competition—4 sen- ior children asked to repre- sent our school.
<b>11 April</b>	End of Term 1
<b>28 April</b>	Start of Term 2



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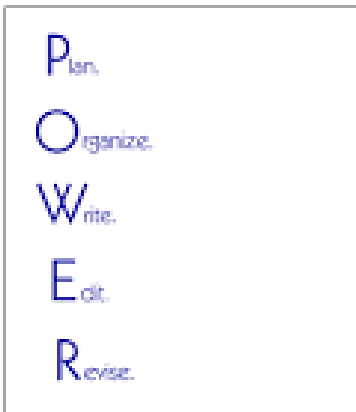
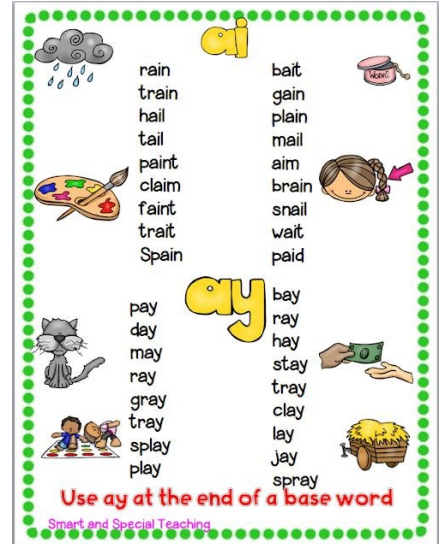
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## Senior Learning This Week

This week our phonics has focused on ay/ai. We learned that ai is never found at the end of a word, but that sometimes ay is in the middle of a word. This happens a lot with words that have suffixes like “playing” and “played”. We have also been looking at how we can use rhyming to help us spell. If you can spell “eat” then you can probably spell; “meat”, “seat”, “cheat” and “cheating”.



In writing, we have been learning how to become “**powerful** writers”. We have used the acronym “POWER” to go from planning all the way to editing and revising (or re-writing or publishing) it.

We have especially been learning this with the traditional tale of “The Three Billy Goats Gruff”. We have been focusing in on the troll. We have been looking at de-

scribing him, and deciphering between describing his character traits and his appearance.

In maths we are continuing to work on place value. Our youngest children are working on tens and ones, and we are introducing them to hundreds. The older children are working on using tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands.

Each day we do a 3 minute speed test (which they love), to keep up our operations’ skills.

### Spellings WB 24/3/25

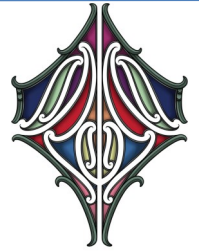
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Fried	Certain
Tried	Circle
Dried	Correct
Dry	Cruel
Cry	Doctor
Fry	Either
Try	evening



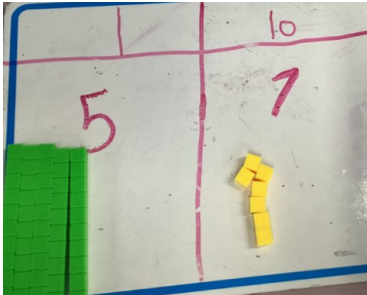
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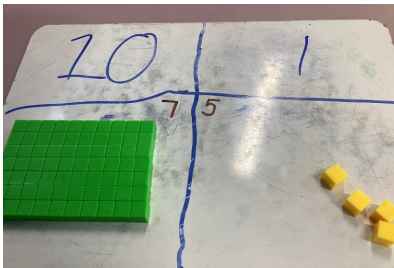
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## Junior Learning This Week



This week we have continued with our work on tens and ones. We have one group is beginning to understand that where a digit is placed, determines its value (e.g. 34 vs 43). However, our main focus has been learning about time, through the days of the week. Each day we sing a song about days of the week, and we practise writing the date together.



All groups have been working on number ordering (0-50) and on skip counting in twos. We have been reviewing subtraction from 10 (bonds of 10), counting in 5s, 10s, and backwards in 1s from 100.

In literacy we have been working on retelling the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have been extending our sentences to include adjectives

(describing words). On Monday we tried different fruits and thought of some interesting words to describe them. We used these words to describe the fruit in the story. Later in the week we looked at lists of fruit, and how to separate items in a list, using a comma. We also revised "s" suffix, to create a plural word.

In the afternoons we learned about dinosaurs, and how we know about them. We are all ready for our fossil hunt on Tuesday!

## Spellings WB 24/3/25

Mum

Dad

Me

Come

Don't

Away

## Aroha Day

Today we had a day focused on being kind and compassionate. In discovery time we made bracelets for our friends, made cards and wrote compliments for each other. We also played games.

During the second session, we watched a play, written by Dulcibella, based on Romeo and Juliet. We also did buddy reading, had a clothes and toys swap and participated in fun activities. The children enjoyed having a secret friend.



Our enviro team did a rubbish survey, to find out about the rubbish in our school, and how to improve our handling of it. They fed back to the whole school. In the afternoon, seniors learned how to play croquet. I should imagine that they are all ready for a nice sleep, tonight!

