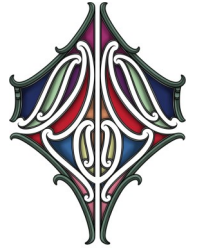




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Welcome



Welcome to Ms. Chittenden, who is working in the Junior class, as the principal release teacher. She will be sharing the class with Whaea Evon. Ms. Chittenden will take the class on alternative weeks, starting this week, until Ms. Batten returns. On the other weeks she will be working with junior children, to support literacy.

Welcome also to Dianne, who is a new teacher aide in the Junior class. You are very welcome.

Term 1 Dates for Your Diary

28 April	Start of Term 2
1 May	Technology Project Judged (seniors only)
9 May	Bhana Cup (Year 5-6 only)
16 May	Bhana Cup (Year 5-6 only)
31 May	Bhana Cup (Year 5-6 only)
2 June	King's Birthday—School Closed
4 June (pp 6 June)	Rippa Rugby Tournament (Seniors only) 1-2 adults needed.
TBC beginning of June	Whanganui Museum Trip (2 parents needed)
13 June	Bhana Cup (Year 5-6 only)
20 June	Matariki—School closed
25 June (pp 26 June)	Bhana Cup Tournament (1 adult needed)
27 June	Last day of term

Pepeha

Over the holidays, we asked your whanau (family) to help your child to write their pepeha. We asked you to do this as a family, as you know more about your child's connections to the land than we do.



We would like you to bring these in, so that we can put them in the front of their learning journals. Children will be able to practise them at school and share them with their classmates. We will also send home a photocopy so that your child can practise it at home, if they want to.

Bhana Cup

This is a winter tournament for Year 5-6, played against other schools in Hawera. As we are a small school, we join with other small schools in our cluster. This enables our akonga/students to meet other students and to learn different skills. We take our Year 5 & 6 children to Patea Area School, for an hour, on some of the Fridays in the run up to the tournament. Children train in either netball, football, rugby or hockey.

Equipment needed (no equipment for netball):

- Hockey- covered foot wear, shin pads & mouth guards are compulsory.
- Football: teams need covered shoes/boots and shin pads are compulsory.
- Rugby: teams play in bare feet and need a mouth guard. No mouth guard no play.

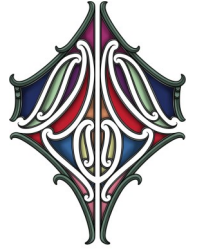
Occasionally, if numbers are too much or too little in one discipline, children have to be swapped into other teams. We try to avoid this, but we do need to make children aware.



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Learning This Week

This week we were lucky enough to do a lot of learning together, as a whole school. The junior class were focusing on weights. The Year 3 children are learning



about grams, the Year 2 (and 1) children are learning to use non-standard units (e.g. blocks, cubes etc) to weigh objects using a balance scales. The Year 1's are comparing weights (e.g. heavy, light, in between).



The Seniors were consolidating their knowledge of addition and subtraction using the place value system.

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In English, we have been learning how to write reports. The Seniors wrote a report about how dinosaur bones turn into fossils. The Juniors wrote reports of information about their favourite dinosaur.



We have also been learning outside a lot. Thanks to Sharni for our orienteering activity.



The kids loved working as a team to find different places around the school. We also did

Kapa Haka outside. Koka Heaven brought her two sons along to teach us a welcome haka. We were also able to get into our den area and do a fair bit of coppicing.



Junior Spellings WB 2/5/25

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Spellings WB 2/5/25

Main Class	Group 2
Gave	Daughter
Game	Naughty
Make	Laugh
Wake	Laughing
Lake	Describe
Self	Quite
Myself	Quiet
yourself	Suppose

