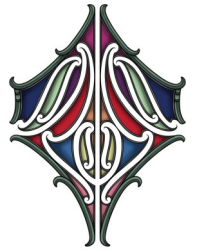




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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Isaac, Akanisa, Violet and Cirilla, who were awarded teacher certificates.



Speech Competition

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the annual speech competition. This year's subject was endemic species, and our senior class did not disappoint. From tui to huia bird, from weka to weta, the speeches were well researched, interesting and engaging. The staff were very proud of the mahi that went into the speeches, and for the children who faced their fears and nerves to deliver the speeches.

The speeches were judged by Bethany, a teacher who works in New Plymouth.

A huge well done to those who placed in the top three— Fern (3rd), Liddy (2nd) and Poppy (1st). You're contributions were outstanding. A particular shout out to Poppy, who managed it without her notes!

Term 1 Dates for Your Diary

14 August BOT meeting 7pm

23 August Camp Fundraiser

25 August (pp 26 August) Mokoia Cross Country

1 September (pp 2 Sept) Cluster Cross Country (voluntary basis only)

9 Sept Mountain trip (whole school) (3 parents needed)

11 Sept Small group Mountain trip (or whole school is postponed on 9 Sept) 1 parent needed

18 September PET DAY

19 September BOT meeting 7pm

Last day of Term

Camp Fundraiser

This week's fundraiser at Te Ngutu Golf Course was postponed because of the rain. The new date is Saturday 23rd August. If you can donate some time to help us on Saturday, between 8:30am–2pm we would really appreciate it. Children welcome (they are much cuter sales-people than I am!).

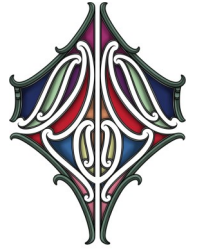
We need help cooking and selling the sausages and drinks.



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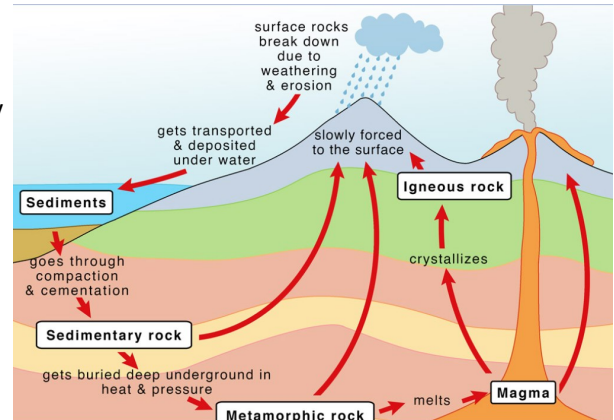
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Discovery Time and Visitors

This week we had a scientist, Thom, come and visit our kura. Thom talked the children through the rock cycle, using cloud dough. Each child had two coloured balls— pink and green. They were asked to make them into four balls, and then to flatten them like pancakes and make them into a pancake stack. Thom explained that this is like all the sediment travelling down our rivers and creating layers of sediment in our oceans (this can also include dead animals/shells). Over time these layers become compacted into sedimentary rock (like Shale, limestone and chalk).



He then explained that to get metamorphic rock (metamorphic is Greek for “change”- we use it a lot when we think about caterpillars changing into butterflies), sedimentary rock changes under pressure and heat that is found deep inside the earth. He had the children mix together the pancakes to make “rocks” with layers going through. Examples of these rocks are quartz, marble and slate. They are generally much harder than sedimentary rocks.



Finally, he had them mix them completely together so they were homogeneous in colour. These are like metamorphic rocks that have become molten and then gotten harder—we often see these rocks thrown out of volcanoes, but not always as they include diamonds. Pumice, basalt and obsidian are all types of igneous rocks. Fun fact, Igneous comes from the Roman word meaning “fire” - it’s also where we get our word “ignite” from.

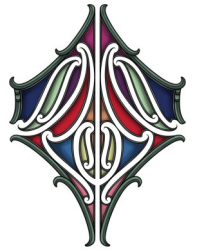




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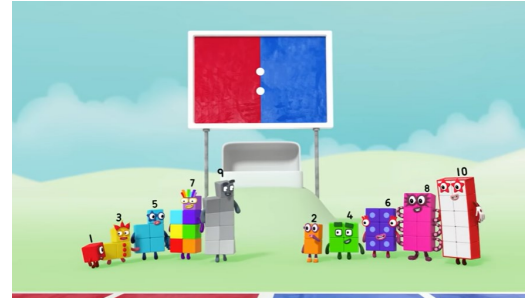
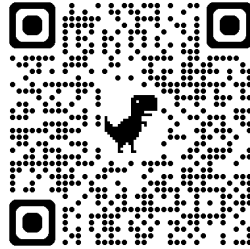
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Junior Class.

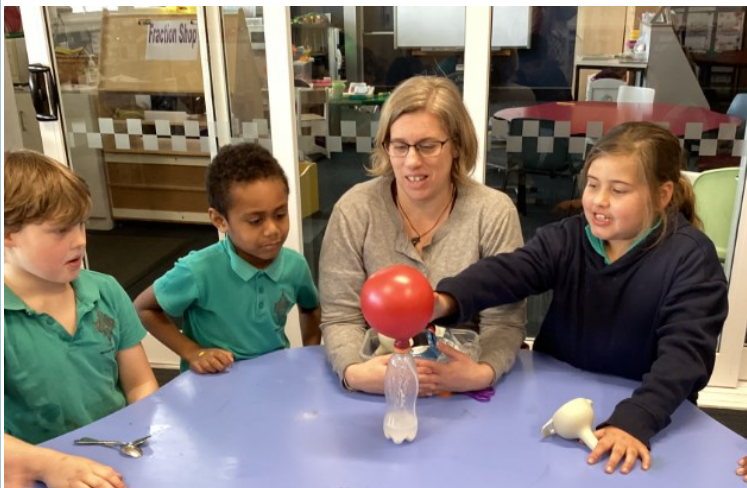
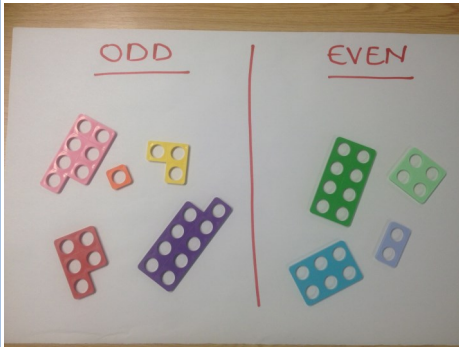
In literacy this week we have been reading Room on the Broom. We been noticing and using conjunctions (joining words) like “but” and “so” and looking at different sentence types.



We have also been turning root verbs into past tense verbs by adding “ed”, like “walk” to “walked”. In phonics we have focused on “oo” as in “look” and “book”. Children have been finding words that have this sound in, as well as writing words with the sound in.

In maths this week, we have been learning about odd and even numbers. The children very quickly saw the pattern of odd/even and were beginning to investigate what happens when you add odd and even numbers together.

In science we learned more about what happens when bicarbonate of soda and vinegar are mixed. We learned that new substances are formed, and one of these is carbon dioxide. We were even able to catch it, in a balloon. We learned that molecules from both the bicarbonate and the vinegar “make friends” to create carbon dioxide. Whaea Evon demonstrated this through multilink. Please could your child bring in plastic bottles (clear) by Thursday, so that we can make rockets out of them?



Yellow Spellings
WB 11/8/25

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You
Was
there

Blue Spellings

WB 11/8/25
(revision)

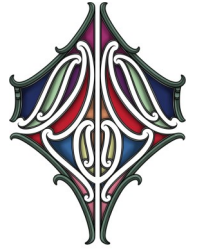
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Senior Class.

This week the senior class has been continuing it's work on geometry. In order to understand 3D shapes better, the children have been making 3D shapes. Using sticks and plasticine to understand the relationship between corners/vertices and edges, and using cardboard nets, they have been able to understand faces better.



Literacy time has been focusing on improving our speeches, practising them, getting peer feedback, improving them and practising them again.

We haven't had a lot of time on spellings and phonics, so we will repeat them this week.

In art, we started to use clay. We are beginning to look at different techniques for making clay bowls. We have also been practising for our cross country.

Main Spellings
WB 11/8/25

Only
Every
Very
Brief
Belief
Grief
Relief
Sheild
Species

Group 2 Spellings

WB 11/8/25

Desert
Early
Engine
Famous
Forest
Ground
Heart
hello

