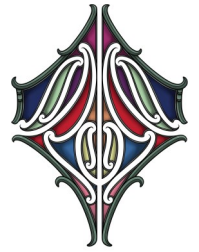




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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kotaana, Edward, Rocco and Dulcibella, who were awarded teacher certificates.



All Junior Children need new handwriting books – we use the ones that are half of A4 size. They are out of stock at Warehouse– we will order some as a school– please see Monica if you would like one.



Cross Country

Well done to all the children who participated in this week's Cross Country. You all did amazing! It was fantastic to see the perseverance and the running skills that you have fostered over the last few weeks. A special well done to Ezra, Cirilla and Edward who all actively encouraged others to do well.

	Boys	Girls
Year 1	1st Tevita 2nd Maikeli 3rd Harley	
Year 2	1st Isaac 2nd Rocco 3rd Seth	1st Kotaana 2nd Alice
Year 3	1st Arekaanara 2nd Ezra 3rd Cael	1st Akanisa 2nd Cerys
Year 4	1st Edward	1st Cerys
Year 5	1st Haamiora	1st Brianna 2nd Dulcibella
Year 6		1st Poppy 2nd Fern

Term 1 Dates for Your Diary

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

Pet Day

Thank you to the two families who contributed to the raffle. We really need more support for the dry goods raffle—please, please donate items by Monday so that we can get the raffles made up. This is something that we can only do as a team.

This is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and we really need you to sell tickets for our school. Many local businesses have also donated vouchers, goods and funds to the school. They have been incredibly generous and we are so grateful for their support. This is helping to fund our camp to Rotorua, and events in the last few weeks of school.

Leaflets for Pet Day should be in your child's bag on Monday or Tuesday.





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Arts Week



We have had quite an amazing learning time this week. We collapsed the curriculum and have focused on arts.

Sharni led our pottery classes— teaching children how to make pots, bird feeders and tiles. She taught them techniques for shaping clay as well as for joining clay.

Koka worked with the children on mosaics and painting pictures of aqueducts. Children planned their mosaics out on lego baseboards and then used square tiles to create their images. The Juniors worked on small coasters for their final pieces, whilst the seniors had much bigger base boards to cover.

Whaea Evon taught about chariots. They watched lots of information about chariots, and learned about the Circus Maximus, where chariots were often raced. The children then made small, cardboard chariots, with an axle and wooden wheels. The Year 5 and 6 went a step further and created the yoke for the horses and connected them to toy horses.

As a school we also retold the story of Pompeii, in pairs, using “6 Bricks”. The children also mind mapped (and “magpied”) ideas for vocabulary. We then used the story of Pompeii for writing assessment. Juniors have been writing theirs up neatly, for display on Pet Day.

In the afternoons the Seniors have been working on their Passion Projects, which are all about different aspects of Roman life. The Juniors have been continuing their work on reversible and irreversible reactions. The week began with looking at how temperature changes chemicals—for example, ice turns into water and then steam. We also looked at how an activator or catalyst can change a chemical—for example how glue can change to slime through polymerization.

We also had a visit from Claire, our Enviroteacher. She taught about how Maunga Taranaki was formed. We learned about different rock types and got to handle different rocks.

