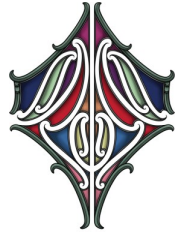




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Well done!

Well done to Arlo, Brianna, Edward, Lola, Rocco, Harley and Ivy who were awarded certificates and tumeke awards.



School Uniform

Kotahitanga, or community/oneness is our foundational school value. One of the ways in which we visibly show this to the outside world, is through the use of school uniform. We have noticed since returning back to school, a few of the children aren't wearing the uniform correctly. Whilst we understand about the odd day when the uniform didn't make it out of the wash basket, the norm for your child should be:

- School polo shirt (with school emblem)
- Navy jersey, cardigan or fleece (when the weather is cooler)
- Navy or black shorts/skirts/pants/skorts (etc).

Please note that this year we have authorized navy or black shorts/skirts/pants etc. as we notice that navy isn't always easy to come by.

We try very hard to keep the uniform affordable, practical and with plenty of choice for styles.

The school office does have some second hand items for \$2-\$3 each.

Please note that all purchases must be paid for before we are able to issue uniform to your child.

Pōwhiri

This year we are re-instating the practice of pōwhiri – the welcome ceremony to new families/students. On Wednesday 18 February, we will be welcoming Mrs Hodge and her family into our school community. If you are a new family or student this year, and would like to be welcomed in too, we invite you to meet us at the carpark at 9am.

All those who would like to help us welcome our new families, please gather at the school gates just before 9am (or on the deck if you don't participate in karanga). There will be tea, coffee and juice available afterwards.

Dates for Your Diary

Term 3

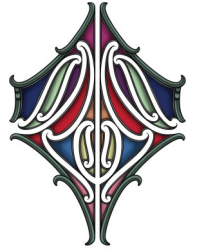
17 Feb (pp 18 Feb)	Senior Swimming (non-competitive) - Patea Pools
18 Feb	Powhiri for new families 9am
19 Feb (pp 20 Feb)	Junior Swimming- Whenuakura school
20 Feb	BOT meeting 7pm
26 Feb	Water safety instruction
5 March (pp 6 March)	Mokoia Swimming Gala 1:30pm
9 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day School closed for instruction
20 March	Cultural performance and hangi
23 March	Athletics- Patea Area School
25/26 March	Parents' Evening
1 April	Science Fair- Senior Class (held at Te Paepae o Aotea)
2 April	Last day of Term 1
20 April	First day of Term 2



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Mrs Hodge– our new teacher

We are excited to tell you that Mrs. Hodge is currently in transit, right now, with her family. She will be arriving in Auckland on Saturday morning and will be coming to Hawera on Monday.

We will welcome her into our school on Wednesday, when she will get to meet students, staff and whanau. If you are able to attend the powhiri and meet her, she would love to meet you.



We are going to give Mrs. Hodge and her family some time to settle in and get over the jetlag. She will be in school on Friday for induction and will shadow Whaea Evon in the Senior room for most of the next week, before taking over the class on her own the week after.

Spellings

Junior Class
Too
To
Big
Look
and
we
said

Senior Class– Catherine/ Sharni’s group
down
Town
Clown
Muddy
Spotty
Runny
sunny

Senior Class– Whaea Evon’s group
Nicely
Happily
Horribly
Gently
Kindly
Quickly
Slowly

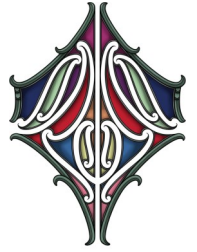
Senior Class– Level 6
Caught
Taught
Sought
Fought
Thought
Bought
Brought



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Discovery Time

This week we have been focusing on literacy skills in discovery time. We wanted to create a situation where reading, writing, talking and listening would naturally happen, so we created a veterinary surgery. The children busily made signs, labels and forms for the surgery. They have showed us the amazing knowledge that they have (we have had CPR, resuscitation, shots, blood pressure taken) and that they are able to use literacy confidently and also provided comics, magazines and books about animals– which the children have loved. They have set up a system for booking their pets in, and for calling patients using the order in which the forms were in.

One child complained because someone who came after them got seen first. My first thought was– clearly you’ve waited for a medical appointment before!

We’ve also been in the garden weeding and picking food. Several children have gained their secateurs “license” and quite a few applied for their long, sharps license too!



purposefully. We have



Junior Class

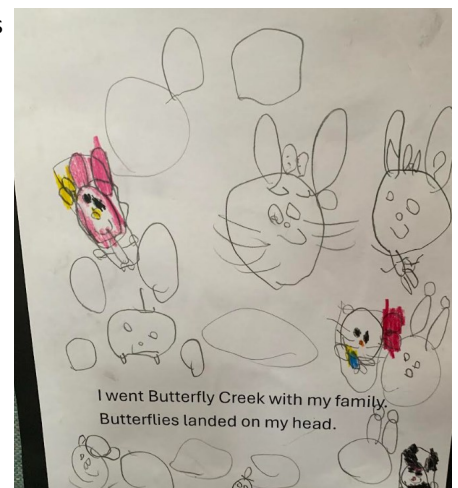
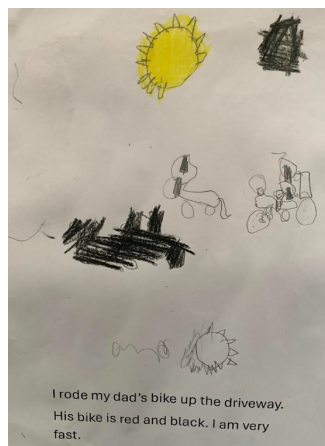
This week we have been learning the story of Kupe and te Wheke. We have been using puppets to help us to retell the story.

In writing we have been thinking about our topic, “Who am I?” We have been looking at where we were born and writing about them. We have been writing where we live, how we come to school and who our pets are.

In phonics we learnt “oo” as in “look” and “book”, and “o”.

In maths the younger children are learning patterns, for example using colours, shapes and beads. We have been looking at sequencing and counting to 3. We have been using the numicon to help us count. The Year 2-3 children have been working on teens number and looking at patterns such as $10 + 3$, $10 + 4$.

During swimming we have been working on floating and moving our arms to help move us.

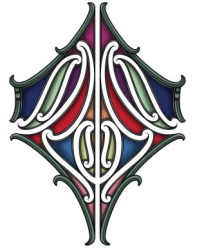




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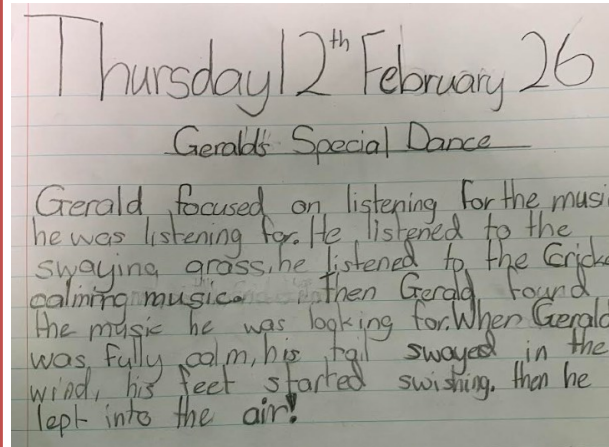
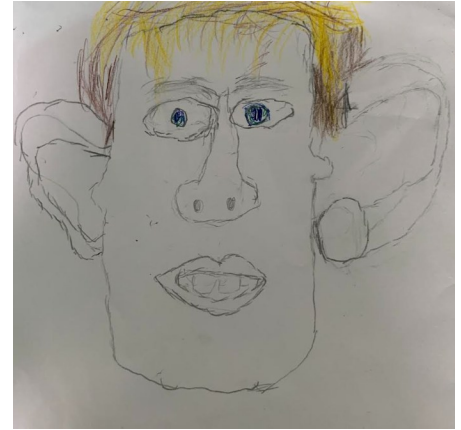
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Senior Class

This week we have been learning from "Giraffe's Can't Dance". We have been focusing on figurative language, such as similes and metaphors. We have been noticing verbs for movement, such as "swishing", "swaying" and "shuffling".

In maths, we have been learning how to use the abacus and flip charts to learn about the



number system. We have also been using family of facts to help us calculate quickly.

We have been creating our portraits for our learning journals.

In swimming we have been working on the arms for breast stroke and front stroke.