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Well done!

Well done to Ivy, Akanisa, Kotaana and Lilly, who were awarded certificates this week. Sorry, no photos as iCloud is playing up!

Be Heard.

Just to remind you, the survey is still up and running. We have had one family for whom it didn't work, so if you are worried that your voice hasn't been heard, please confirm with Evon that your results have gone through.

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Bus From Town

In Term 2 the BOT are trailing running a bus from Hawera. If you are interested in your child using the bus, please see Evon. The costs will be \$20 for your first child, \$15 for the second child and \$10 for any subsequent children.

Swimming Sports

As the end of the swimming season draws near, we would like to warmly invite you to attend our own swimming sports competition. Senior children will be competing for the senior swimming trophy (there is some fierce competition with the Year 6 girls this year). All other children will be competing or showing off their skills in the water. We will share with you some of the life saving skills we have learned.

After the competition has finished, we invite families to enjoy a free swim (that includes adults and siblings, if you wish) and will share ice lollies with all the children.

Races start at 1:30pm, with the pool area being open from 1:10pm for whanau. Families are welcome to take their children home once races have finished, or after the free swim.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Dates for Your Diary

Term 3

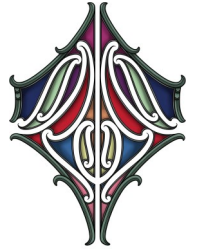
5 March (pp 6 March)	Mokoia Swimming Gala 1:30pm
9 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day School closed for instruction
20 March	Cultural performance and hangi
23 March	Athletics – Patea Area School
25/26 March	Parents' Evening
1 April	Science Fair– Senior Class (held at Te Paepae o Aotea)
2 April	Last day of Term 1
20 April	First day of Term 2



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Spellings

Junior Class

There

Was

No

For

you

Senior Class– Catherine/ Sharni’s group

Knee

Knot

Knight

Night

Knife

Knock

knit

Senior Class– Whaea Evon’s group

Information

Exploration

Explanation

Separation

Adventure

Departure

future

Capture

Senior Class– Level 6

Cautious

Appreciate

Ancient

Delicious

Especially

Explanation

creation

Donations

We have been very blessed to be gifted some beautiful donations since participating in Kids Can campaign. We would like to thank Craig Rohlhoff of Craighrohlhoff photography, for his donation of \$200 for food for children who don't have enough in their lunch boxes. A huge shout out to Cael's grandmother who has donated over 40 pasta packs (with butter) for the same reason, and treated the children to candy canes and other treats too.

Also, to a lovely couple, who live hours away, who have donated pairs of warm socks for the winter (to wear inside at school) and to Christine Collins who has offered to knit slippers for each child.

We are truly blown away by such generosity.

Discovery Time



This week we have been able to get outside a lot for discovery time. Our main jobs this week have been weeding and clearing the vegetable beds. We are getting them ready to put in our winter crops or to over-winter.

Some of the children have been getting up close and personal with the duck, who has been very sociable of late. We've also been teaching the younger children how to water economically, so that we aren't wasting water (or feeding the weeds). We collected some seed heads and have started to put the seeds into packets to use next year or sell at Pet Day.

We have also been learning about Turi, who was the captain of the Aotea waka. During discovery time we have been exploring how the Aotea waka travelled to Taranaki, and why it came here. We have been learning how many of the local place names related to this journey. For example, did you know... means? It's named after Turi's very loud snoring!

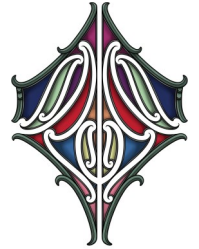




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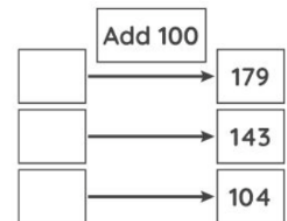
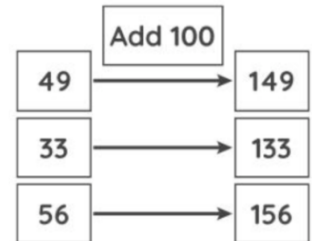
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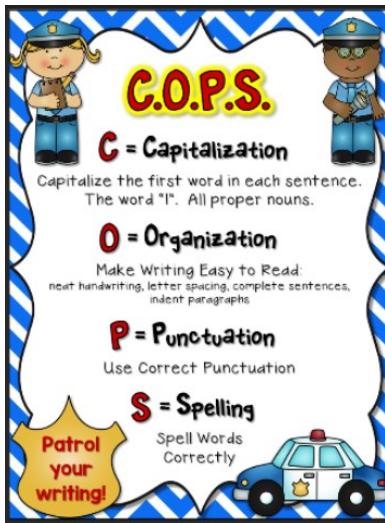


Seniors

This week we have been looking at algebra, using multiplication and division facts, as well as doubles and halves. This flexibility of thinking, and logical deduction skills will help children become stronger in many subjects, not just maths. We have also started to think about algorithms and patterns, and trying to derive patterns or rules. Most of our children are following patterns, but our more capable mathematicians have been challenged to find the pattern from the input and output numbers only.



In literacy, we have been creating caterpillar diaries. Each day we have written up the different stages of their life cycle, and then edited our work using “COPS.” We have also been looking at the func-



tion of apostrophes and past tense verbs. In reading we have been focusing on words that develop or describe a character. As well as noticing past tense verbs (irregular and regular– so non-ed words and ed words) and different punctuation.

In swimming we have been developing different strokes. This week we are focusing on back stroke. Some of us are working on getting the legs right (with no arms) and those who have that in place are working on “windmill” arms.



We had Swimsafe Taranaki come to visit to teach in the classroom about water safety and then to give us a practical session.

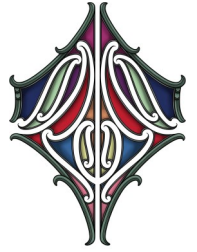




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Juniors



This week the juniors have been focusing on
 Maths: Family of Facts, adding to 20 and one group has been learning about subtracting numbers to 20.

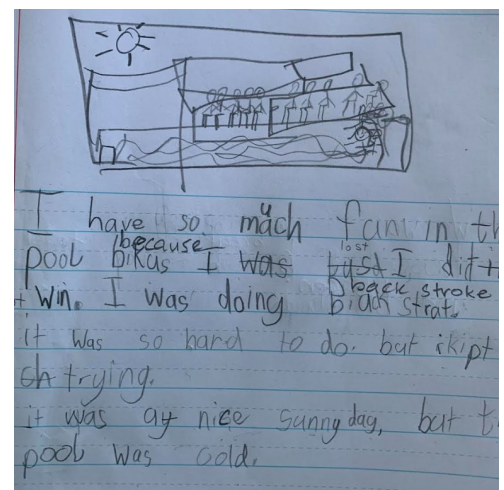
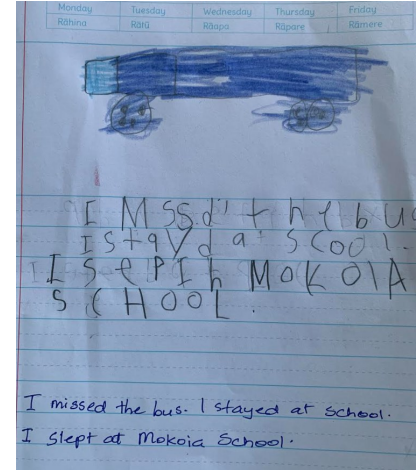
Phonics: The digraph oo which makes the u sound. They have been reading and spelling words with the u sound.

Reading: This week we read Sam's Picnic and have been learning about the apostrophe and speech marks and when these symbols are used. We have also been developing memory by playing a game where the children add an item each and as we go around the group, we repeat each item.

Writing: The children are working on writing daily and sounding out words as they are writing. There are a lot of the children who love writing about playing Play station games and eating McDonalds. Most of the children are using the abc charts to help with sounding out and writing words.

Topic: The juniors have been learning about life in a Pa, the buildings and their uses and the roles of people in the village.

Art: The children have been looking closely at flowers and using oil pastels to colour their flowers.

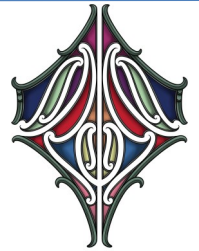




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Netball 2026 YEARS 1 - 8

If your child is interested in playing netball this season, please head along to the Sporty link listed above and complete a registration form for them by **Friday 6th March**

Games are played on the outdoor courts at The Hub in Hawera on Saturday mornings during Term 2

Fees for the season will be approx. \$20 per player. TBC.

If you have any questions please contact Yoana on 027 484 2488, or Kate on 027 336 3534



Mastering Your Farm Financials



Tuesday 3 March
10.00am - 4.00pm
TSB Hub Hawera,
Camberwell Road, Hawera

Wednesday 4 March
10.00am - 4.00pm
TET Inglewood, 1 Elliot St, Inglewood

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