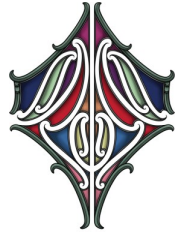




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Awards

Well done to Harley, Kotaana, Ivy and Dulcibella for amazing work done and exceptional kindness, throughout the last week. Tumeke awards to Haamiora and Addie.



Haere Mai!

Welcome to our new teacher aide, April. April will be working in our Senior class on Monday, Tuesdays and Fridays.



April has worked in a couple of ECE's and is now working with us. She has a qualification in teacher aiding and has a particular strength in neurodiversity.

Reading We are seeing real gains in reading, with our Junior children. Those who read or are read to, are making great progress. Our Seniors need a bit more of a nudge though. Even though they might not read out loud to you every night, they are still children and still require support to organise when to read and for how long. Reading habits look different in each home, and stage of family life.

For best brain training, reading should be a mix of hard and easy books. So, one day your child might have a challenging text, but another day it might be a reread, a story book or a magazine. It's all kei te pai!

Dates for Your Diary

15 May	Trip to Tawhiti Museum 2 parents and vehicles needed
22 May	Year 5/6 Bhana cup practise
27 May (pp. 29 May)	Year 5/6 Rippa tournament
1 June	King's Birthday Celebrated School closed for instruction
5 June	Year 5/6 Bhana cup practise
12 June	BOT meeting 7pm
24 June (pp 1 July)	Year 5/6 Bhana cup tournament—TSB hub
2 July	Cluster Kapa haka (Patea Area School)
3 July	Matariki Breakfast at school 8:30am Last day of Term 2

Tawhiti Museum

We are seeking two parent volunteers to assist with this trip, including helping to transport students. We will depart from school at approximately 9:30am and return around 2:30pm.

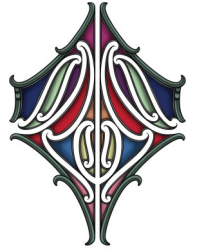
For safety and planning purposes, it is important that we confirm numbers in advance. We kindly ask that you let us know if you are available to help, as this is not a trip where parents can arrive on the day without prior arrangement.



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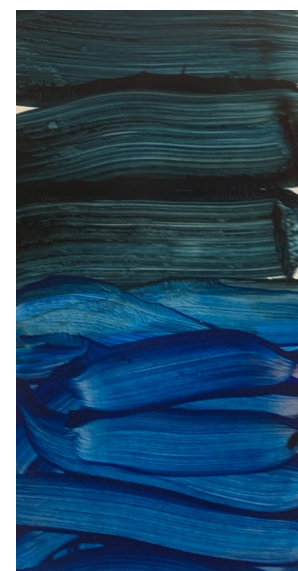
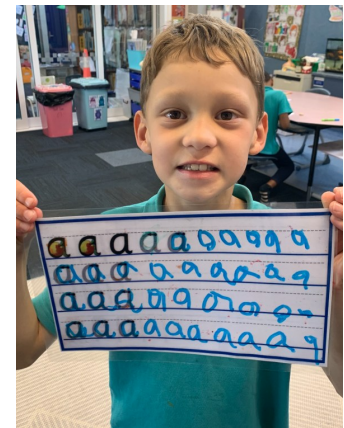
This week we have been learning about shapes, instructions and turns. We learnt about how to give instructions on how to get places and different degrees of turns (e.g. half turn, quarter turn, three quarter turn). We have also been exploring which shapes can be put together to make new shapes, and looking at different properties of shapes.

In literacy we are continuing to learn about “magic e” (which isn’t really magic, but makes the short vowels say their name). The younger children have been learning the letter “n”. We have been hearing it in words, recognising it in written text and finding it on it’s own. We have also been practising recognising each other’s names and putting them into short sentences.

Our book of the week has been “We’re going on a bear hunt” by Michael Rosen. We have been noticing onomatopoeia, exclamation marks, increasing font size for effect and contractions. We also went on a cat hunt!

In handwriting we have been writing lower case “a”. We have a cool little saying to help us remember how to form it- “around the apple, up the stalk and down the leaf”. All children have been able to form it correctly. Get your child to show you!

In art we have been looking at how to make colours darker by adding other colours (primarily black). We have also been noticing that when you add black to colours like red and yellow, it changes the colour rather than deepening the shade.

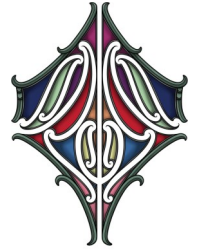




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Seniors:

This week we focused on a realistic fiction story called *The Same Game*. After reading the story, we discussed how it feels to be left out and how we can work to have empathy for others and to help people feel included. We played our own version of the Same Game, and we all agreed it feels better when we get to be included by others.



In maths, we've been stretching our addition and subtraction muscles! We have practiced breaking a number up so it's easier to add or subtract from by creating groups of 10s, then adding or subtracting what was left over. We were using manipulatives and number lines to help us visualize the benchmarks we made.



For topic time, we spent several days down at the tennis court! We loved practicing our tennis skills with some new rackets and tennis balls. We also did an experiment with magnets for science; some of us figured out that we could make a paper clip move from under the table!

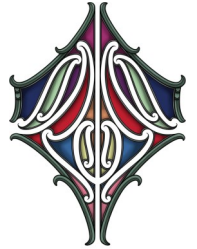




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Spellings

Junior Class
Year 1 (for 2 weeks)
Their own name
I
Am
Cat
see
a

Junior Class
This
Then
Play
Away
Way
Day

Senior Class– April/Sharni’s group
Cried
Dried
Replied
Carried
Studied
Circuit
Energy
Electricity

Senior Class– Mrs. Hodge’s group
Superhero
Supermarket
Supersize
Superglue
Circuit
Energy
Electricity

Senior Class– Level 6
Forty
Occupy
Cemetery
Secretary
Circuit
Energy
Electricity