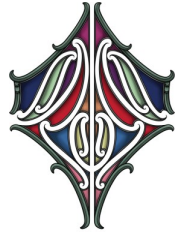




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Awards

Well done to Kotaana, Delilah, Seth, Tevita, Cael and Edward for amazing work done throughout the last week. Tumeke awards to Lilly and Ivy.

Attendance

Attendance letters will be sent home next week. We have noticed an increase in absences for children who may not be feeling 100%, but who are likely well enough to attend school.

We understand that children do not always wake up feeling their best. Sometimes they may have a minor ache or pain, feel tired, or experience some anxiety about coming to school. Many children go through phases where they are reluctant to attend school for a variety of reasons. As a child, I was one of those students who experienced persistent but unexplained tummy aches each morning before school. I understand.

What we often find is that once children arrive at school, many of these worries or discomforts ease. This is not because their feelings were not real, but because they become engaged in learning, spend time with their friends, and overcome the concerns that may have been troubling them, such as separation anxiety.

If your child feels this way, we encourage you to send them to school whenever possible. Please feel free to phone or message us to let us know how they are feeling, and we will keep a closer eye on them throughout the day. If their symptoms persist or worsen, we will contact you promptly.

Of course, if your child is genuinely unwell, we want them to remain at home where they can rest and recover properly.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain regular attendance and ensure that all children have the best opportunity to learn and succeed.

Dates for Your Diary

17 June	Te Paepae o Aotea visit to prospective Year 7 children, at Mokoia.
	Year 5/6 Bhana cup practise
19 June	
	Year 5/6 Bhana cup tournament—TSB hub
24 June (pp 1 July)	
2 July	Cluster Kapa haka (Patea Area School)
3 July	Matariki Breakfast at school 8:30am
	Last day of Term 2

Power of Yet

This week, we have been focusing on *The Power of Yet*—the mindset that while we may not be able to do something right now, we can achieve it with effort, perseverance, and support.

A key message we are reinforcing is: *don't settle for less*. We encourage our students not to limit themselves or give up when things become challenging. Instead, we want them to embrace challenges, keep striving for improvement, and have confidence in their ability to grow and succeed.

Winter Fest Thursday 9 June

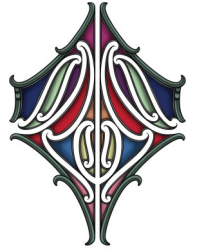
We are planning on running another stall in Hawera, on Winterfest. We would really like some parents and students to represent the school at this. If you are able to help us out for part of the evening, please contact Evon.



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Spellings

Junior Class
Year 1
It
Is
In
Like

Junior Class
Our
Out
About
Shout
Want

Senior Class– April/Sharni’s group
Nicer
Wiser
Happier
Silliest
Funniest
Tastiest
Luckiest

Senior Class– Mrs. Hodge’s group
Autobiography
Autograph
Automatic
Automobile
Decimal
percent

Senior Class– Level 6
Queue
Recognise
Recommend
Relevant
Restaurant
Rhyme
Rhythm

Settler Day

We had a fantastic day on Monday, with Settler Day. Children started off pretending they were travelling from Great Britain (as it was known then) to New Zealand. They made passports and were given tickets, to board our pretend boat. On the ship, they learned games such as marbles, cat’s cradle and French skipping to while away the time. We also learned a circle dance.



When we “arrived” in New Zealand, one of the first things we did was to make a fire and cook baked potatoes and damper bread. Children also made peg dollies, did some sewing and weaving and churned cream into butter.



We finished the day eating the food we cooked and then trading and bartering with others for toys and clothes.



Thank you to all the staff who worked incredibly hard to make this day a wonderful success for your child/ren.

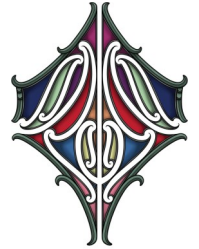




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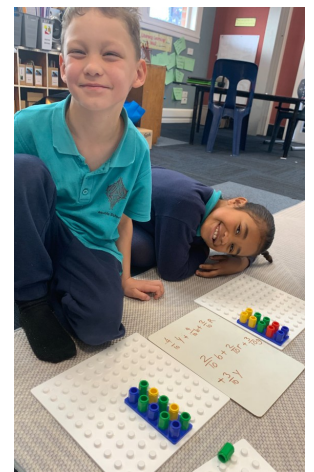


Juniors

This week we have been learning about fractions. Our Year 1 children have been learning about halves, quarters and wholes of fruit, sandwiches and shapes. Our Year 2 children are learning to recognize $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ as well as combinations of these (e.g. $\frac{3}{4}$) in shapes and sandwiches. Our Year 3 are learning to write the fractions, as well as add fractions with the same denominator (e.g. $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{4}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$). They are also learning about equivalent fractions (e.g. $\frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$).



The whole class are working on their ten times tables and division tables, whilst Year 2 are working on two times tables and Year 3 working on 5, 3 or 4 times table (depending on their ability).



In phonics we have been working on “e” and “h” with our Year 1s and “ow” as in “Blow in the snow” with the older children. We have been continue to learn about suffixes “est”, “er”, “ful” and “y”. We have been learning how to structure a recount, and learning how to use time words, such as “Yesterday”, “first”, “when” and “then”.

We have also been working on compound words— where a word is made out of two other words, like “hairbrush” or “butterfly”.



In science we have been learning about how light is bent or refracted into the different colours of the rainbow. We also found out that prisms are very difficult to work, sometimes! In art we focused on matching and mixing colours, using water paints, to paint pictures of autumn leaves.





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Seniors

This week in maths, we've been working on addition. We've worked to extend our previous learning in order to understand more abstract ways of recording our adding. We have learned a few different ways



to add using the column method: one that is expanded to show each step separately, and one where each step is blended together (what most would consider "standard"). Students have chosen to use the method that makes sense to them right now, and we are working to gain confidence with it in order to apply our skills to larger numbers down the line!



In literacy, we read *The Fisherman and His Wife*. This silly folktale reminds us that being greedy can cause punishment. This book also had some companion texts related to the story, so we were able to read a poem, a non-fiction text, and a newspaper article all relating to the same topic. It was fun to compare the different styles of text and make connections between



them. We also worked hard editing our personal narratives and will be working on publishing them next week.

In topic time, we continued experimenting with print-making by carving designs into polystyrene, inking them with rollers, and pressing our design out onto paper. We had to remember to create our image backwards so it came out forwards! It was tricky but we had lots of fun. We didn't quite get far enough along to work with the lino, but
Sharni

showed us how we will cut into it next week; we have to be safe with the tools because they are sharp! We can't wait to see how our final designs come out!

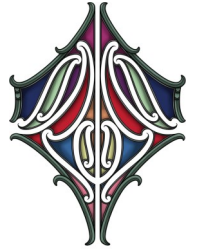




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- Edventure Outdoors
- Magic Works – Magician Workshops
- Edventure Legends

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	6 Edventure Everyday Game Creation Day Edventure Outdoors Mountain biking (bring your bike and helmet)	7 Edventure Everyday Nature Day & Wind chime making MagicWorks Magician workshop with Josh	8 Edventure Everyday Pyjama Party Edventure Outdoors Trout Fishing, Lake Rotomanu	9 Edventure Everyday Sports and Team Challenges MagicWorks Magician works! with Josh	10 CLOSED MATARIKI
WEEK 2	13 Edventure Everyday Masterchef Pizza party Edventure Legends Ninja warrior day & laser tag	14 Edventure Everyday Kite making and flying MagicWorks Magician Workshop with Josh	15 Edventure Everyday Science and Outa Space Edventure Legends Pukekura park Scavenger hunt	16 Edventure Everyday Ice Cream Sundae Fun Day MagicWorks Magician Workshop with Josh	17 Edventure Everyday Wheels Day Edventure Legends Game Creation Day and D&D

Where to come...
 Edventure New Plymouth - Fitzroy School Hall, Barribal st
 Entrance by the school swimming pool.
 Edventure Inglewood - St Patricks School Hall, Standish st.
 Drop off 8.00 - 9.00am
 Pick up 3.00 - 5.30pm

What to bring.
 All Programmes
 - packed lunch
 - drink bottle
 - sunhat, raincoat
 - Check daily activity.

Get in touch...
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