



Huiakama School

NEWSLETTER WEEK 6, TERM 1, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 13 March** - Swimming Sports
- 25 March** - Weet-bix Tryathlon
- 3 April** - Athletics
- 10 April** - Good Friday/Last day
- 25 April** - ANZAC Day
- 28 April** - First day of term 2
- 11-15 May** - Camp!
- 22 May** - Pink Shirt Day
- 1 June** - Queen's birthday
- 9 June** - Junior Play Day

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE:

Kia ora everyone,

On Friday, all of the teachers from our Central Taranaki Kāhui Ako had a Teacher Only Day. We were welcomed onto the grounds with a pōwhiri and then cracked into collaboration and communication with our colleagues. We had a wide range of facilitators from within and outside of Taranaki there to present. I went along to a workshop by Office Max on what they can provide to support the implementation of the new Digital Technology Curriculum (and to have a play with some amazing resources). I then went to hear from our EnviroSchools facilitators and how else we can be developing this within our school. We also heard from significant people within the Kāhui Ako and heard about the revised Achievement Challenges. I was lucky enough to be one of the people who won one of the prizes from Office Max. I won a Flexo Creator set. It is some very cool Lego type equipment with little silicone 'tendons' to connect the pieces and allow it to flex and move in ways Lego has never before.

There is a lot of talk in the media at the moment about Coronavirus. It is interesting seeing the ways that information has been interpreted by our students and the discussions we are overhearing here at school. At school we have been talking about the safety measures the scientists are discussing which are things we should already be doing - washing our hands before eating, not picking our noses, biting our nails or sucking thumbs, and if we do, we wash our hands again. Please know that this is and has always been what we do here but it is timely to remind our children that good general hygiene is the best precaution in these situations. Practice this outside of necessity and we will be in a much better position in an emergency. This will also help to reduce anxiety in our children as they know they are already being safe.

Nga mihi nui,

Carmen

"From little acorns mighty oaks grow."

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS:



Learning about our Wetland is continuing. The children are researching different parts of the wetlands and are using a mixture of exciting ways to present this information.



On Tuesday we had Amber and Harold from Life Education come to visit. Marco and Makahu Schools came and made a great day out of it! It was so great to see our children having use of this amazing resource we have available in New Zealand. It was also great to see our kids having time to mix and mingle with the children from the other schools.

This week we have some pictures of life in our junior room on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

I am making numbers with clay. First I rolled a snake and then I made a number.
Archer



We are doing spelling with a dictionary. We had to choose 4 spelling words and write them in our Literacy Book. We had to find them in the dictionary and write the definition. It helps us with our spelling and learning how to use a dictionary.
Ruby

OTHER NOTICES:

Swimming sports:

Swimming Sports for our Year 4-8 students is taking place in Stratford this Friday. The children have been working hard to developing their style as well as improving speed and distance.

Central Taranaki SAFE Community Trust Street Party:

We are in the process of registering with this group to be provided with a meat pack to have a Community BBQ. This will be coming up in Week 9 - either the 1st or 2nd of April. Final details coming out once confirmed.

Lucky Book Club:

Lucky Book pamphlets are coming out again. Orders are due by the 3rd of April. As children order, points for the school are collected which we are then able to use these to order books and resources so keep the orders coming!

Office hours for 2020:

Monday - 8.30am-3pm

Tues-Thurs - 8.30am-12pm

Friday - Closed

