



Tena tatou

It has been a productive time with our learners involved in a range of experiences over the past two weeks. We have seen wonderful work examples from students following these experiences. A big thank you to our teaching teams for organising these opportunities. We would also like to thank our amazing whanau for your support on these occasions.

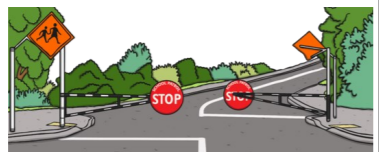
Special accolades to Glen Howells on organising our successful school swimming sports and preparing for this afternoon's triathlon. His commitment to ensure these events run smoothly is commendable.

We are fortunate to be able to offer our students excellent outdoor education opportunities. We wish our senior students well for their upcoming camp experiences.

Nga mihi nui
 Darren Torrie

Kea Crossing

The Kea Crossing will be closed next Wednesday, Thursday & Friday due to the Year 6 camp.



Ruru Activity Day

A light rain couldn't dampen Ruru team's excitement as they boarded buses to take them to areas of interest in Whanganui. The trip was planned as part of the team's focus - Whanaungatanga - establishing links, making connections and relating to each other through shared experiences.

Margie Beautrais from Whanganui Museum, showed us places of historical interest such as Rotokawau/Virginia Lake, Pakaitore/Moutua Gardens and Pukenui/Queens Park. The children explored the areas and learnt the history around them.

Awhina Twomey and Lisa Reweti (also from Whanganui Museum) gave us insight and understanding about the the tukutuku, kowhaiwhai, whakairo and other elements that make up the richness of St Paul's Memorial Church in Putiki, through stories and waiata there and in the church hall.

A lunch time break at Kowhai Park before swapping activities, was a fun way to break up an awesome day!



Peakes Road Carpark

A reminder that the carpark at the back gate in Peakes Road is only opened for after school pick up. If you park in this carpark please ensure you collect your child/ren and return to your car asap as this gate gets closed at 3.15pm by the teacher on duty.



New Students



A warm welcome to our new students who recently joined our school family. Ben Cato, Juliet Jones and Ebony Brewer. We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.

Tui Team Beach Trip

Rooms 10, 15 and 16 visited Mowhanau Beach on Tuesday to celebrate Seaweek.

Yesterday was the best day because we went to Kai Iwi Beach for the whole day. We made music out of sticks and I touched an eel's tail with our group. We picked up stones that were 2 million years old. - Tomas (Rm 15).

Wow an eel. Yesterday we went to the beach with the Tui team. It was exciting going on our first trip of the year. I went in Jethro's car. It was fun. I made music at the beach. I found alive shells. I made a sculpture. I saw a whale bone. I learnt about sea animals. I had a good time at the beach. It was the best day ever. - Poppy (Rm 15)



Due to popular demand, the first Kiwikids race, which was cancelled due to the Covid level change, has been rescheduled to April 11. That means the prize draw for a mountain bike to be given away will be on April 11 now. The location of the final race will be here at St Johns Hill School.



School Disco—Tonight

Y1-Y3 5:00pm - 6:00pm Juniors
 Y4-Y6 6:30pm - 7:30pm Seniors
 \$3 entry fee. Treats available to purchase. Please accompany your child to the hall and pick up promptly at the end. Thank you for your support.

Maths Evening

We are extremely fortunate to have the expertise of Fiona Smale from Cognition Education, who will be outlining recent developments in mathematics learning and teaching, with parents/whanau. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 31st March from 5.30-6.30pm** in our school hall. There will be an opportunity to see maths activities appropriate to your child/ren's level/s. There will also be a question time where Fiona will answer your queries about maths learning. Please save the date and join us in this great opportunity to engage with Fiona, who is at the cutting edge of current maths pedagogy.



Zoom call with students, in Nagaizumi-cho, Japan

Last week Room 14 learners were very lucky to partake in a Zoom conference call with five year children in Nagaizumi-cho, Japan, which is Whanganui's sister-city. The children enjoyed engaging in basic introductions and greetings in Japanese and singing some *waiata*. Over the coming weeks the children will be learning to recognise their name in Japanese Katakana script. We hope to do another Zoom call in term 2.



Revolution Tour

Thank you to the team from the Revolution Tour who came to school on Wednesday. Our Year 5 & 6 students were treated to an upbeat performance from the team who delivered a positive message for when things don't always go as planned.



Lee Corlett Leaders

Bayley Perrin, Jadei Anderson, Luka Campbell, Livia Munro.



Teacher Only Day - Thursday 1st April

School will be closed for instruction on this day for staff development and training. PB4L and restorative practices in the classroom will be the focus.

School Swimming Sports

Well done to all students who on Tuesday 16th of March walked down to the Splash Centre and competed in this year's school swimming sports. A special mention to these students who placed in the races.

25m Freestyle

8 Year Old Boys:
 1st Te Awanui Firmin-Cooper 2nd Harrison Ward
 3rd James Macpherson

8 Year Old Girls:
 1st Harriet Aplin 2nd Lily Hayward 3rd Jade Papworth

9 Year Old Boys:
 1st Thomas Bowen 2nd Denby Whittington 3rd Connor McDonald

9 Year Old Girls:
 1st Ryleigh Dorricott 2nd Jaime Munro 3rd Elyse Hale

10+ Year Old Boys:
 1st Ashton Baxter 2nd Jonas Pa'a 3rd Finlay Cairncross

10+ Year Old Girls:
 1st Bailee Jones 2nd Leah Bullock 3rd Ella Papworth

25m Backstroke

8 Year Old Boys:
 1st Te Awanui Firmin-Cooper 2nd Noah Rattray 3rd Harrison Ward

8 Year Old Girls:
 1st Harriet Aplin 2nd Sophie Puklowski 3rd Lily Hayward

9 Year Old Boys:
 1st Riley Symes 2nd Thomas Bowen 3rd Albert Milsom

9 Year Old Girls:
 1st Ryleigh Dorricott 2nd Jaime Munro 3rd Milly Vivian

10+ Year Old Boys:
 1st Ashton Baxter 2nd Finlay Cairncross 3rd Jack Reid

10+ Year Old Girls:
 1st Bailee Jones 2nd Ella Papworth 3rd Olivia Loader

25m Breaststroke

8 Year Old Boys:
 1st Te Awanui Firmin-Cooper 2nd Harrison Ward
 3rd James Macpherson

8 Year Old Girls:
 1st Jade Papworth 2nd Lily Hayward 3rd Sophie Puklowski

9 Year Old Boys:
 1st Thomas Bowen 2nd Riley Symes 3rd Connor McDonald

9 Year Old Girls:
 1st Ryleigh Dorricott 2nd Julie Stoop 3rd Piper Loft-Angel

10+ Year Old Boys:
 1st Finlay Cairncross 2nd Ethan Wells 3rd Guy Fitzgerald

10+ Year Old Girls:
 1st Bailee Jones 2nd Ella Papworth 3rd Sophie Booth

Open Medley

1st Bailee Jones 2nd Ryleigh Dorricott 3rd Harrison Ward

House Relay Teams

1st Totara 2nd Rata 3rd Kauri 4th Kowhai

Best of luck to our students who are competing in the Interschool swimming competition at the Splash centre on Tuesday.

