Dear Parents/ Caregivers

5 September 2018

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## **Gymnastic Competition 2018**

This year a team of 20 girls and 4 boys competed at the annual Gymnastics festival. What an enthusiastic and awesome bunch they were. A great time was had by all and we would like to thank the parents who helped with transport on the day,

without your help the children would not be able to participate in these fantastic experiences. All the children gave 100% performing their routines and it has been wonderful to see how much progress they have all made over the last few weeks.

Special mention must go to

Bianca - 2nd equal in the Novice girls Floor routine Lokeni Lamese -2nd in the Novice boys Mat routine and

who also placed 4th equal in the Novice boys overall rankings. Charveh Blane - 4th equal in the Novice Girl's beam

Lucas Martin - 4th equal in the Novice Boys vault



## After School Pick Ups

There is a group of children who wait to be picked up each day. As the group is becoming quite large, access through the gate and onto the footpath is often blocked.

These children are now being asked to sit on the seat, around the garden by Room 1 to wait for their ride.

We are also noticing that some children are sometimes not picked up until 3.15. Teachers often have meetings after school, so children who are waiting after 3.15 are not actively supervised.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

Last day for Loop orders & Book orders Thursday 6 Sept 9am No late orders accepted

Sports Draw **Inline Hockey Wednesday 5 September** Bankwood Bobcats 5.30pm Bankwood Blades 3.50pm

# Dates - 2018

Day	Date	What
Mon - Fri	10-14 Sept	Maori Language Week
Tuesday	18 Sept	Tuakana Winter Sports Tournament
Friday	28 Sept	Term 3 ends

## It's School Holiday Time!! 1st to 12th of October 2018

Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te Totara

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Regards Kay Cleaver Principal





There are 2 different whales, one is a baleen whale and another is a toothed whale. The baleen whale eats krill and the toothed whale eat fish.

The Baleen whale is 40 to 50 metres long and toothed whale is 27.5 metres long. To breathe, the whale needs to use its blowhole. If a whale is on the beach they will gets hurt or they will die.

If a whale gets stuck on the beach it will die but people can help the whale by tipping water on it.

The baby whale is born in the female tummy in the ocean (sea).

Their predators are killer whales, sharks and maybe octopus.

Whales can jump higher than a dolphin. Plastic is dangerous for whales.

## Blue: By Maia

Blue is the taste of the salty sea rushing into my mouth.

Blue is the sound of the rain splashing on my roof in the dead of night.

Blue is the warmth of my woolly coat on a winter's day.

Blue is on our New Zealand flag ready to take on the world.

#### Remember: by Georgia

On cold winter day

My back remembers the burn from the rock, My face remembers the soft breeze from the

My hands remember the hard prickles of the kina,

My arms remember the soft bubbles of the waves.

My feet remember the sand stuck between my toes,

My legs remember the hard feeling of the

My mind remembers that summer will be back again.

## **Bridge Descriptions**

**Aaima:** The uneven planks stretch towards the wilderness, scattered about like dominoes.

Te Whetu: The glowing reflection of the

### Rena: Mosquitoes

Mosquitos are the deadliest animal on earth. There are 6 needles on the mosquito's proboscis. The first two have small sharp teeth that the mosquito pushes the skin apart with. The other needles hold on to the skin. Then the mosquito uses their proboscis to suck up your blood. The blood goes into its tummy so it can make eggs.

#### Green Macaw: By Hamish

A green macaw is a type of parrot. Green macaws have a lifespan of 50 years. There clutch is 1 to 4 eggs. There length is about 100 cm. The mass of a

green macaw is 1.2 kg to 1.7kg They are often called blue and gold macaws. They use their strong beaks to crack open nuts to eat.

## Yellow: By Tawhiti

Yellow is the heat of the sun BURSTING at as on a hot summer day,

Yellow is the colour of when happiness comes at you with a delightful smile, Yellow is the softness of your blanket surrounding you with warmth, Yellow is the colour of cuteness for when

you see a baby chick,

Yellow is the colour of the skin of the people in the Simpsons.

#### Bees: By Khadija

First the female workers go to look for flowers. They use their proboscis to drink the nectar from the flowers. After a while, when they feel that their stomach is heavy, they fly back. On the way, the nectar is in their honey stomach. The bees digest the honey. When they reach the beehive, they spit the nectar into each other's mouth to make the nectar thicker. Then they put the honey in the honeycomb. They flap their wings to dry the honey. After that we have the honey to eat. Yum!

#### Would You Rather: Zac

I prefer to fly for a day than be invisible for a day. If I chose to be invisible my family would be worried about where I was. Flying would be faster, for example if I had to go to Auckland I could fly over the traffic but I would have to look out for birds.

