

In the first few weeks of the term, we were lucky to have swimming instructors from Swim NZ spend time at the pool with all classes.

While here, they taught the children survival skills in water

- How to keep safe in and around water
- How to get out of trouble
- How to help others

Children were taught to float using flotation devices and how to kick on their back and scull with their hands by their sides.

We felt that these skills were really important for our children and Swim NZ were having a particular focus in schools given the high number of summer drownings.

From participating in these lessons, a Year 6 student was a hero when he used these new skills to save a friend.

Swim NZ acknowledged Caleb Holloway, who when swimming at the river was able to tow a struggling friend, to safety.

We were very proud of the way Caleb remembered what to do and quickly took action.

Swim NZ are excited that the time spent with students teaching water safety has had such a positive outcome.

A real "good news" story.



Regards, Kay Cleaver, Principal.

# Writing by Room Ten Authors

## A day in the life of a pet cat

In the morning, I wake up and do a big stretch. I jumped on the bed and licked my owner on the ear. Then I go on their face and sit on it. My owner wakes up.



I meow. That's when my owner knows I want food. She popped in meat. I looked at it and sniffed. Yuck! I just walked away. After I went outside and saw a cat. I put my claws out and had a rumble. My owner came out in shock but the cat ran away. I was exhausted. I went to sleep on my owner's lap. I purred.

- By McKenna

## A day in the life of a pet cat

In the morning, I have a big stretch then I slap my owner's face for some food. She wakes up and runs to my bowl. Me, just waiting for five minutes in my bed. Finally, when the food's ready, I chomp my jaws down and slurp the milk up into my tummy. When I hear the birds chirping, I walk outside in my fancy walk, trying to act cool. I climb the tree and grab a fluffy bird and then I....Chomp!



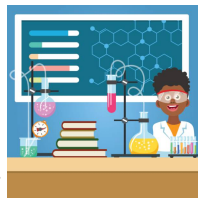
- By Madison

One Christmas night, there was a dog on the footpath. It was barking at my dog. It had a bleeding nose because it was banging on our fence. We let it in. We gave it a wee little pat. Then my mum took it to get the microchip checked. The owners of the dog were there. They gave us chocolate.



- By Mila V.

When I grow up I want to be a scientist because covid has killed too many people and I want to help people. If I want to be a scientist I need to know maths and timetables and I need to learn them when I'm little. So when I'm an adult, I'll be ready to go. I'll kill covid but I will not be able to save the people that have already died.



- By Takiari

When my mum needed a hand with the gardens, I helped her. Last year I helped my friend when she was nervous and scared.



I said it's ok I'm scared too in a new class. When I was little, I was kind to a little girl that had no friends; I said "Do you want to be my friend?" She said; "Yes," and she was happy.

- By Milah

## COVID Update

This week has started out very quiet with large numbers of children staying at home. Thank you for watching out for the COVID symptoms and keeping your children home when they are unwell. We continue to follow all the health guidelines and to date, have only been notified 21 positive cases across the school.

This is a smallish number and I thank you for what you are doing to keep our school environment as safe as possible.

Keep smiling - we are all in this together.