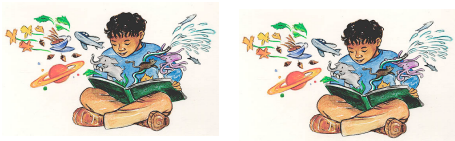


Dear Parents/ Caregivers

25 July 2018 No 21

What a settled start to the 3rd term we have had. So far this week we have enrolled 11 new children. I always feel proud of our children watching them care for and welcome new children to their classes. The new entrants are often quite confident on their first day as they have attended 'Kick Start' sessions for several weeks prior to their 5th birthday. 'Kick Start' is run by Lisa Wheeler, who is the Pohutukawa teacher and Potiki Leader of Learning. Children come with a parent and spend Thursday afternoon in Pohutakawa getting to know Lisa, other children and learning the routines. These sessions make the transition to school a positive experience.



The 'Talking about Learning' meetings at the end of last term were very successful with a large number of parents coming with children to talk about learning. I thank you for taking the time to work with teachers to help your children learn confidently.

**So that you understand the terms we use**  
*Tuakana Team are the Year 5 and 6 children*  
*Teina Team are the Year 3 and 4 children*  
*Potiki Team are the Year 1 and 2 children*

**Lost Property**

A reminder to name all clothing and to check that your children bring home belongings so that we do not get a huge pile of lost property again

**Dates - 2018**

Day	Date	What
Friday	21 July	Crosscountry training with Dianne Rodgers Tuakana & Teina
Tuesday	31 July	Toi Toi Journal visiting Tuakana
Friday	3 August	Assembly Rm 5
Monday	13 August	Board Meeting
Wednesday	15 August	NZEI Stop Work Meeting
Friday	17 August	Tuakana & Teina Cross Country
Wednesday	22 August	Cross Country ppd
Tuesday	28 August	Cluster Cross Country - Tuakana
Wednesday	29 August	Gymnastics Festival
Mon - Fri	10-14 Sept	Maori Language Week
Tuesday	18 Sept	Tuakana Winter Sports Tournament
Friday	28 Sept	Term 2 ends

**Headlice Alert!**  
Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. If you need advice please contact the office, as product is available if required.

**Sports Draw**

Hockey - Sat 28 July @ 10.00am - Fld 2 (d)

Regards  
Kay Cleaver  
Principal

# Snippets of Learning

Mozzie

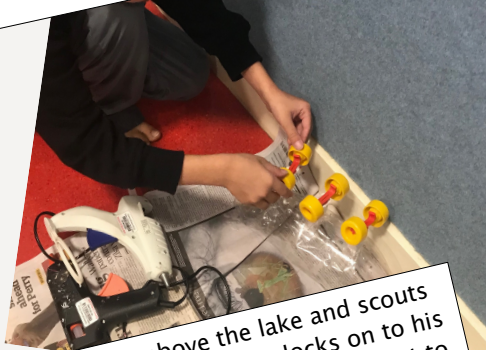
Female mozzies slash and saw through your skin with their proboscis and digs down more and more to find blood cells. Before they fly away they leave viruses and chemicals which give you itchy welts. Gorging herself with blood, she uses the same needle that she used to get into your skin like a straw to get blood.

Author: Noah

The Eruption

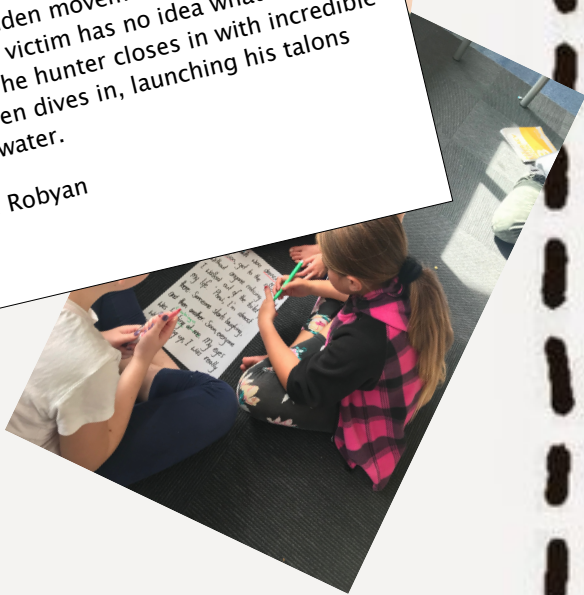
"Owwwww," my stomach. "Get to the dam toilet!" my nana yelled. Hurrying, I taste something weird inside the depths of my mouth. "Oh, gosh." Covering my mouth with the palm of my hand, disgusting vomit fills my cheeks. I shove the door open just to see my dad sitting on the loo. I then turn and rush to the bathtub. Acid green spills from my mouth along with chunks of green and white.

Author: Rawiri



The osprey circles above the lake and scouts for any sudden movement. He locks on to his target, the victim has no idea what's about to happen. The hunter closes in with incredible speed, then dives in, launching his talons into the water.

Author: Robyan



The very thought of a menacing tomato turning up on my dinner plate, makes me want to throw up. I imagine a tomato by itself, tastes more revolting than sardines. As soon as the tomato hits my mouth, a halo raises around my head. With a tomato on the left, then tomato on the right, and then tomatoes everywhere. I can't get away from tomatoes. The really funny thing is that my cheeks blush scarlet.

Author: Peyton

# Tuakana Toru