

This week is Māori language week and yesterday we joined in the Māori Language Moment Te Wā Tuku Reo Māori. At 12 noon, a million people across New Zealand sang or spoke in te reo Māori for a moment.

Our week was opened with Matua Aretopa saying a karakia over the intercom system. At breaks, children can opt into activities - poi making, string games, kite making, Māori art and Māori yoga. We will share photos in next week's newsletter.



Last week was Tongan Language Week, and on Friday, several of our Tongan students came dressed in their National costumes. They were all very proud to share their cultural dress with us and stood tall for this photo.

Upcoming Events

Some of these may change depending on what COVID Alert Level we are in

Day	Date	What
Fri	25 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon	12 Oct	Term 4 Starts
Thurs	15 Oct	Shake Out Day
Fri	16 Oct	Pink Day
Fri	23 Oct	Y4 - 6 Athletics
Mon	2 Nov	Cluster Athletics - Y5 & 6
Wed	4 Nov	Road Patrol Training - Y5
Mon	16 Nov	Teacher Only Day - no school for children
Fri	27 Nov	Tabloids Y1-3
Wed	9 Dec	Celebration Picnic Reports go home
Fri	11 Dec	Disco
Tues	15 Dec	Final Assembly - Y6 parents only
Tues	15 Dec	School finishes at 12.15pm

Covid Alert Levels

There is a possibility that we may go into Alert Level 1 next week.

If we do go to Level 1, we will continue to:

- Open gates at 8.30 am
- Use hand sanitiser in classrooms
- Wash and dry hands often
- Cough and sneeze into elbows
- Clean hard surfaces
- Expect children to stay home when unwell



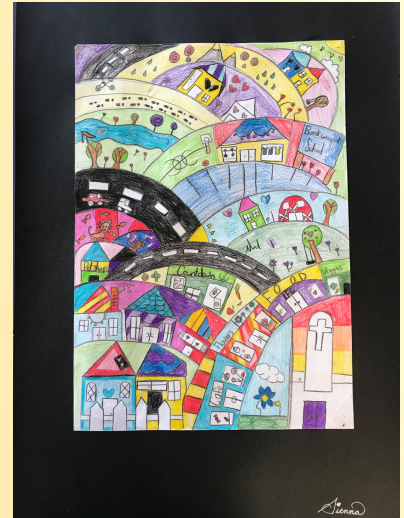
Regards, Kay Cleaver, Principal.

Ruma Toru Shines

My Neighbourhood

Birds singing their secret song,
Dogs trying to protect their homes,
People chatting all day long, Soft wind slowly
spread the leaves over the lawn,
Rubbish dumped carelessly by the alleyway,
Fading words and letters sprayed on the road
from the finished construction.

Author: Brianna



Dinner Time

“Bleh!” Sadly, it’s dinner time at my house and you would not believe what they are trying to feed me . “You know, if you let me leave the table I won’t call the cops,” I say with sass, as I try to convince my aunty to let me escape the villainous mutton bird. “Why would I do something like that? Just stop mucking around and eat your dinner already.” Fun fact, I didn’t know what mutton bird was until yesterday and I wish I still didn’t. Mutton bird would kill me in under a minute! First, I would vomit up my intestines. Secondly, my insides would rot. Thirdly, my skin would evaporate head to toe and all that would be left is my lonely skeleton. My gravestone would say “Died from mutton bird poisoning.”

Author; Taku-Aroha

Yucky Dinner

Yuck! It’s dinner time and why did you cook this thing, it looks lethal. “Ghiziah! Eat your broccoli now! otherwise your mother can eat your plate of desert,” Nan said. My mouth started drooling like a dog. My brother and sister were having dinner right next to me, but Nan wasn’t going to eat, so she said again, “Eat your kai!” Spit flies across the kitchen table and just over my mums head and over my plate. Fine, I’ll eat my broccoli next year. I’m only joking, but fine I’ll eat my broccoli. I slowly turned the broccoli over. My brain squeezed together, my face turned red, my heart felt like it was rushing up my throat, my organs started twisting, my eyes popped out and so did my cheeks.

Author: Ghiziah

