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Tena koutou katoa
Greetings Parents/Caregivers/Whanau
We are now half way through the term. After the long weekend teachers will start collating further information on your child's progress and achievement. This will be reported at Student/Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday 28 June and Monday 3 July. Code for making online bookings will be in the next newsletter.
I hope everyone has an excellent Queen's Birthday weekend.
Regards Michael

Welcome to School



A special welcome to the following new students who recently joined our school family.

Te Awanui Firmin-Cooper,
Alex Jones, Nikson Ryan,
Neeva Fromont.

We wish you all the best for your time here.

Wig Wednesday

On 21st June we are fundraising for the Child Cancer Foundation by supporting their Wig Wednesday Campaign. Bring a gold coin and wear a wig or weird hair to school. Our Tyler Bisset is one of the three ambassadors for this years Child cancer Appeal. He is appearing on billboards, posters and other media promotional material to support the appeal. In the picture, Tyler has a necklace with more than 700 beads representing every cancer treatment and challenge he has faced since being diagnosed at 3 with acute lymphocytic leukaemia. Tyler has made great progress and is now in remission. Well done Tyler.



"Save our School Pool" Quiz Night now 28th July We need your help!

Hopefully you can get a team of family, friends, workmates together for this event.

- Can you assist us with auction prizes?
- Perhaps you could help by preparing some food for the supper?

We love having our own school pool, it is such a valued asset for our students, staff and community. Your help is appreciated and needed. We are estimating we will need approx. \$100,000 for the project. If you can help ring our chair Anna or the school office.

The other successful fundraiser we will be doing again this year is "Fitzies Pies". Feedback regarding these was excellent. Order forms will be sent out early in Term 3 and will be due back by Friday 18th August with delivery date Friday 1st September so hold off buying from others!!!
Thank you— Your PTA.



Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Blake Smith who recently competed in the Taekwon-Do Central Districts Competition in Levin. Blake did extremely well earning the following medals:

Gold: Patterns 8-12yrs,
Silver: Power 10-12yrs, Sparring
Bronze: Patterns 10-14yrs
Well done Blake!



Virtues Awards

Well done to the following students who were recently recognised for displaying their virtues.



Living above the Line: Lucas Rider. **Respect:** Thomas Fitzgerald, Khortez Nikora-Joseph, Ella-Rose Gibson.
Consideration: Eric Craig, Charlee Joseph, Ihaia Cooper.
Perseverance: Dominic Graham.
Service: Leah Bullock, Adam Ding, Ryan Comrie-Hokopaura, Dinasha Batra. **Helpfulness:** Judah Roy, Devon Grant, Vinnie Grant.



Living above the Line: Harry Burroughs. **Respect:** Ella Bartlett, Matthias Pa'a. **Helpfulness:** Olivia Back.
Service: Niamh Tighe, Jakob Falkner, Flynn Devane, Isabel Ross.

Fire Station Visit



This week the Piwakawaka team have visited the Whanganui Fire Station as part of their Firewise learning. Each class learnt about what to do if there is a fire.

Get down, Get Low and Get out FAST. The firefighters showed us the equipment that they use to help us in a fire. The children sat in the fire engine and looked at the torch, radio and breathing apparatus. Each child had a turn at squirting the hose. We thank the firefighters for this wonderful learning experience.



Undefeated!

Our year 6's have won the interschool rugby championship and brought home the amazing trophy. Our best rugby players played hard to get the shiny trophy. They fought through six hard games and sometimes, just beating their opponents. In the end it was all worth it. In the final game we just won against Westmere.
Ryan Harkness

Academic Achievement and/or Progress

Congratulations to the following students:



Morgan Taituma-Hamilton Amazingly fast tables recall
Trent James Great work note-taking for report writing
Jorge Smith-Hogg Wonderful, creative writing
Sae Nakata Great mastering of maths strategies and basic facts
Jack Bowen Great recount of the Native Reserve. Lots of detail through the use of different senses.
Sam Penwarden Outstanding progress with basic facts and maths strategies
Lachlan Pitt Exceptional use of rich language during recrafting. A very impressive effort.
Albert Milsom Becoming an independent writer. Stretching words and recording sounds he can hear.
Thomas Bowen Becoming an independent writer. Stretching words and recording sounds he can hear.
Connor McDonald Being a motivated discovery writer, who wrote wonderful facts about the Titanic.
Amelia Boden-Cave For excellent use of sequence words in her writing. Ka pai!
Vishvak Atluri Fantastic words I can write—113 words in 10 minutes.

Bushy Park

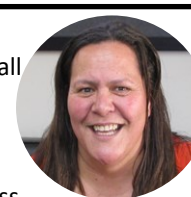


The Ruru Team (Rms 5-8) visited Bushy Park on Tuesday & Wednesday this week. They were the first groups to try out the new outdoor classroom! The children gained a practical insight into their invertibrates unit by making discoveries in the wetlands area and around the park.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Kellogg's books for schools promotion run recently at New World. Last week we received a great selection of books for our school library.



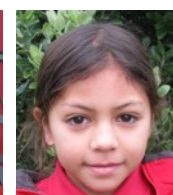
Welcome to Catherine Goodhall who is a student teacher in Room 9 with Mrs Malone-Belliss. We wish Catherine all the best with this teaching experience.



Womble of the Week:



Sienna Gilmore



Sophia Su'A



Danielle T-M



Brooke McGinniss

Sarjeant Gallery Painting - Room 2

Last week Room 2 had a landscape painting lesson at the art gallery. The gallery educator, Andrea introduced us to an exhibition of Euan Macleod's called The Painter in the Painting. We studied his large paintings with their bold landscapes and interesting themes.



We were very inspired and motivated when it came time to paint our own landscape, focusing on the sky. The next day at school we were keen to paint landscapes again, creating different skies and land forms.

Chess Tournament

On Tuesday seven pupils from our Year 6 Chess Club went all the way to Churton School to compete in an interschool chess tournament. Every



student played seven games. There were students from schools all over Wanganui and other schools from Levin and Taihape. The top four from our St John's team finished 2nd in the Juniors. All of our team did very well at the tournament. We thank Mrs Toy for looking after us for the entire day.
By Zoe Bullock (Room 1)

Night at the Library

Last Wednesday our student librarians attended a Night at the library which was hosted by the children's librarians at the Whanganui District Library. There were over 70 student librarians from seven primary/intermediate schools in Wanganui. Our Librarians had a great night. My favourite part of the night was the scavenger hunt because we had to use team work. I also learnt that they can sell the really old books & the library has books from the 1900s (by Amy Benadie). The thing I enjoyed at the library was the behind the scenes tour because we got to see everything that you can't normally see when you go to the library (Eli Lovell). Our favourite part was looking behind the scenes as there was so much we learnt about the library (Mitch & Trent).



Our favourite part was looking behind the scenes as we learnt lots about how the library operates. (Megan & Chelsea). Our favourite part was the scavenger hunt, it was where we found books. (Olivia & Jess). We really enjoyed going on the tour behind the scenes of the library (Aidan & Harrison). Thank you Mrs Brown for organising this great event for our learners.

Kids Literacy

We are very proud of our ex-St Johns Hill School pupils who placed 2nd in the NZ Kids Literacy Quiz.

To place second in New Zealand is a wonderful achievement.

Hazel Maguire, Toni Adams, Calum Sinclair and Kathleen Clunie trained over 2 years at Wanganui Intermediate under the superb coaching from Mrs Cathie Calman and Dawn Duncum. Each week they read many books, often reading a book a day. If you love reading - then this is the sport for you!



Well done to Evie-Mae Hampton Archer for completing the Round the Bridges Fun Run. Evie-Mae completed both the 1km & 5km courses in very wintry conditions.

