



NEWSLETTER - Term 2, Week 9

29 June 2021

Kia Kotahi - Working Together For A Brighter Future

Dear parents and community members | kia ora e te whānau

What an incredible Golf Day we had a couple of weeks back. A record 32 teams entered which meant that there was all sorts happening out on the course during the day (some great shots, some not so good shots, and some shots that probably should have stayed behind the bar!!) Needless to say, the last shots made for a successful auction. Thank you to all the teams who entered, the businesses who sponsored holes or donated items for auction or as prizes. Huge thanks, of course, to the group of parents in the Parent and School Committee who pulled it off again - well done! We raised \$17,000 which goes directly to paying for extra staffing, and for instructed swimming lessons.

The children have continued to work hard over the course of this term, and they have all adjusted to the new friends who have moved to Kiwitahi, as well as a mid-year shuffle of classes. We're delighted with the quality of the teaching at our school, and of the excellent results our children attain. So much of this is down to the quality, committed teaching staff. I'd like to acknowledge Mrs McAskie, Mrs Cook and Mrs Scott for the excellent job they do, quietly going about their business, creating exciting learning plans and connecting with each child on a personal level. This is key to success. It's a pleasure working with such a team.

There have been some exciting sporting events held recently. Some of the senior pupils participated in the basketball fun day that was held at the Events Centre in town two weeks ago. This has inspired many of them to join a team that will play on Wednesday afternoons. It's great to see the children taking up sporting opportunities. We also sent a team to the district cross country at the Tahuna Golf Course. The children did very well, and special mention is made to Lucy Tuck and Cooper Macartney who both placed fourth in their respective races.

Last week, we also made a visit to the Wallace Gallery in town. There's an exhibition on show currently called Connections to Land by Dianne Baker (of Newstead). The paintings all depict rural life. The Kiwitahi children enjoyed this visit and made an immediate connection to the artwork. They spent some time observing the work and picking out colours and objects. They also had the opportunity to make a line drawing of their particular favourite. We had a tour through the rest of the gallery, and even had an impromptu piano performance from Mrs Fergusson who joined us.

Next week is our final week of term. We are celebrating the festival of Matariki. On Friday 9 July, we will be performing our songs for house singing, and there will be a hangi lunch around midday. You are welcome to join your children for this. The cost is \$5 per person, please bring cash on the day.

Best wishes
Mr N Jensen

IMPORTANT DATES

Thu 8 July - Life Education

Fri 9 July - Singing Competition, and Hangi

Fri 9 July - End of Term 2

Mon 26 July - Start of Term 3

Library days - every Thursday for all classes. Please keep books in good condition.

AWARDS - TERM 2, WEEK 9

Students of the Week

Leith Davey, Jack Martin, Kasseus McLaren

Merit Certificate

For great addition work using blocks - Toby Edgar

For working hard and creating great artwork - Morgan Smith

For trying really hard with his writing and reading - Max Petherick

Value Award (Perseverance)

Zach Mayes, Hazel-Rose McLaren, Lyrik Whau Whau

