



Newsletter: Term 1, Week 6, 13th March 2020

FANTASTIC FUNKY FISH!!!



The Funky Fish was a huge success thanks to an amazing effort from our hard working parents, staff and students and support from our community and sponsors. This event raised an estimated \$19,000 profit (\$4,600 from the fish auction, which will go to the Community Library) and the rest will be used to enhance our classroom environments.

We especially appreciate the support we also get from families and community members who no longer have children at our school but still want to help us.

SPONSORS: PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

Please purchase from our sponsors where possible and mention the Funky Fish and how great their support is!



Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa

School life has continued to be action-packed over the past few weeks and it looks set to continue as we head into the second half of the term. There has been a lot of organisation and preparation building up to camps this term, with Room 3 currently on camp at Pataua North and Room 2 (Yr5/6) heading to Tangihua Lodge for their camp in just a few weeks.

I would like to acknowledge all our wonderful teachers for their extra hard work in preparing for camps as well as the parents who have/are giving up their precious time to attend camps and help out, it's much appreciated. I wish Room 2 a fun, enjoyable and safe experience and look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.

COVID-19

It just so happens that yesterday, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has classed this as a pandemic. For NZ, this does not change anything and the Minister of Health has made this message clear. There are still border restrictions in NZ, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases have all been put in place to minimise risk to those in New Zealand. It is important to note those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

On a lighter note, we would like to congratulate Emily (Attwood) and Clinton (Drake) on their wedding celebrations last weekend. Ms Attwood has now become Mrs Drake.


Nga Manaakitanga,
Jodi Edwards, Principal



We have a mountain of lost property here at school.

Please name your child's clothing and shoes to avoid it reaching our lost property ###

PIANO for free (cannot be tuned) contact the office if you're interested.



FREE dental care for under 18s
Kei raro iho i te tekau mā waru, kāhore he utu

Dental care is **FREE** from birth till your 18th birthday, even if you are no longer at school.

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On Wednesday Andrew was extremely lucky to be the guest DJ for the John, Flash and Toast breakfast show on More FM. He was a bit nervous before he got there but John, Flash and Toast made him feel at ease and very welcome. He had a ball and after a chat about his interest and family, he got to read the weather forecast. He loved the experience, and even got to talk about fishing with John.



ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS

We proudly hosted the Zone Swimming Sports on Tuesday. Well done to our students who qualified for this and competed against Parua Bay School's finest.

Year 4: Grace, Macy, Emily, Tai, Lachlan, Riley, Penny, Caiomhe, Yonathan
 Year 5: Molly, Zoe, Moana, Caleb, Thomas, Abigail, Isaac
 Year 6: Issy, Rosa, Scarlett, Andrew, Sol, Harper, Ruben, Bailey
 Year 7: Izzy, Lottie, Brianna, Quinn, Brady, Aden
 Year 8: Johanna, Ayla, Itay, Jamie, Roey

We certainly have some great swimmers at our school. Congratulations to these swimmers who will go in to town next week for the Whangarei Primary School's Swimming Sports day: Grace, Macy, Tai, Moana, Thomas, Sol, Zoe, Molly, Harper, Izzy, Brady, Johanna, Lottie and Jamie. This is the highest number of swimmers we have had qualify for some time, and we wish them well for their races.



WILD KIWI RUN/WALK/MULTI SPORT EVENT Saturday 4th April

<https://thewildkiwi.co.nz/>

**We will once again be volunteering at this event as
 course marshals and car park wardens.
 This is a great fundraising opportunity for our school.**

**We need about 25 volunteers. You don't have to commit to the whole day, the shifts
 are just a few hours long, the event is local, the atmosphere is festive and if you do it
 with a friend it can actually be a lot of fun.**

**If you can help please contact the office.
 More details will follow in the next newsletter.**

Whanau Tabloids – 20th March

Room 2 Camp – 25/26/27th March

Maunga Whanau Picnic & Walk – 7th April

WILD KIWI EVENT – 4th April

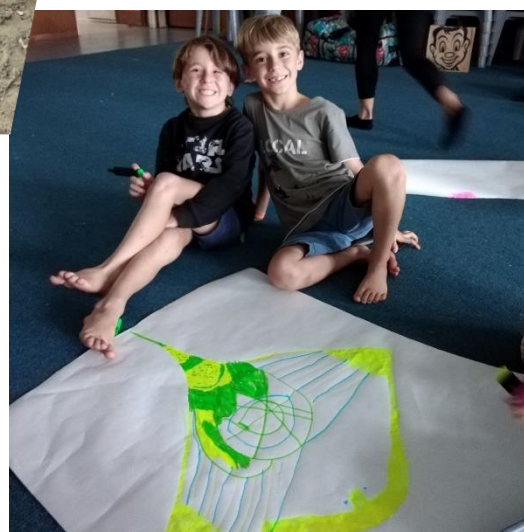
End of Term 1 – 9th April

KIDSPACE Year 0-2 CAMP



So much excitement....

Here's what some of them wrote....



- ** Me Conor and Tim went on the water slide and we had fun at camp. *By Shai*
- ** The water slide was the best part. It was fun. *By Cruz*
- ** I did a scavenger hunt on camp. *By Niko*
- ** I did a stick dance at the camp talent show. *By Lucas*
- ** At camp we walked to Smuggler's. *By Shani*
- ** I went to a nice beach on school camp. *By Amelie*

