

Room One

Jo, from CBEC came to visit us. She taught us about recycling. We learnt that paper, bottles and cardboard can be recycled.



We visited our school's recycling



Then Jo showed us how to make "flower bombs" out of recycled paper. Flower bombs are made out of paper and flower seeds.



AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

A very warm welcome back, it's great to see everyone back rested and ready for learning. A special welcome to any new families that have recently joined us. Thank you to all staff for coming back for preparation and for their commitment to their professional development. I know everyone is looking forward to getting into our core business which is lifting achievement and LEARNING.

The School Board Trustee Elections are being held this year, and we need you to get involved.

Our school is governed by a democratically elected group of people called the Board of Trustees. These trustees make important decisions about our school's strategic direction, student achievement outcomes, resources, staffing and much more.

Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role. Parents, families, whānau and people from the wider community can all be trustees. We're looking for a range of people with a variety of skills, experiences, and attributes who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning.

Nomination papers will be posted this week. Nominations close 20 May 12 noon.

Election Day is 3 June - make sure your vote counts. All parents of full-time students who are on the school voting roll can and should vote in the elections. If you require further information please contact the school office or

1) Town Bus

The costs for this private run is \$4.00 per child or \$6.00 per family per week. We offer a 10% discount if fees are paid in advance for the whole term.

Occasional Bus Use: If space is available, we are sometimes able to offer transport into town for one off trips at \$2 per trip. However, if students just turn up in the bus lines expecting to get on, they could be disappointed. We require permission from parents for this, and a verbal request from the child will not be acceptable. For obvious safety reasons we cannot just put students on the bus when they ask.

2) Digital Technology Parent Information Session - Year 4 and 5

Recently our school purchased chrome books to support teaching and learning in the classrooms. In the coming weeks year 4 and 5 students will begin to use and operate these using a personalised Google account, which will provide them with access to apps such as Gmail, Google Drive, Docs, Calendar and many more. An information session was held for parents last night and I would like to thank all those who were able to attend. If you missed this session you can still find out more information about this by talking to your classroom teacher or Mrs Takimoana.

3) Whangarei High School Visits

Whangarei Boys' High School - Carruth House and Whangarei Girls' High School – Lupton House, will be visiting Ahipara School on Tuesday 10 May at 11 am. All Year 7 and 8 students and parents and caregivers interested in boarding at WBHS or WGHS are invited to attend the presentation.

4) Understanding our Bodies and Keeping Safe

After community consultation, as part of our health curriculum, we offer programmes to promote understanding of puberty.

This term (June 1st) we have a facilitator who will begin working with students in Years 7 and 8 about understanding our bodies and how they change (puberty) and how to keep safe. Each class will have four sessions, but we would like to invite all parents and caregivers to a whanau evening before these sessions commence This will take place at the end of the month and we will notify the date as soon as we set it with our facilitator Wendy Baker. You are very welcome to attend and find out the content of this programme and ask any questions. PLEASE INFORM YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE SESSIONS. We also will be having Bridget Harvey and Harold in the Life Education Mobile classroom with us , to support our health programmes.

5) Term Two Dates

Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

Holidays: Queen's Birthday - Monday 6th June

Kia Ora,
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal

Ahipara Study Support

Ahipara Bible Chapel

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

3.00pm - 5.00pm

After School Programme

For enquiries: Dawn Rupapera 4094044 or 0211855646

CYBER SAFETY TIPS

1. Set aside time to ask the child what he or she uses the Internet for. A younger child might say to play games or watch videos. An older child might know more about social networking sites and blogs where it is possible to leave comments and interact with other users. Knowing what the child is doing online will help you know what topics to focus on when it comes to safety.

2. Discuss that even though the Internet is a great way to get information or stay in touch with friends, there are some adults who use the Internet with bad intentions.

Talk also about the following safety tips:

- Never agree to meet anyone you meet online in person.
 - Never share photographs of yourself over the Internet or through the mail, even if someone asks you to or shares one with you first.
 - Never respond to e-mails or text messages that frighten you or make you uncomfortable. If you get one, always tell a parent or trusted adult.
 - For older children, particularly those in middle school, it is also a good idea to talk about the fact that the Internet is not as anonymous as they might think. For example, children often feel they can post something negative about a classmate or a teacher with no consequences. But in fact, it's easy to trace things that people post online, and as problems increase, more and more schools are developing rules about "cyberbullying," which punish children who are mean to others online. Teach children not to spread rumours or post anything online that they wouldn't feel comfortable saying in person.
3. Here are some additional things to keep in mind about Internet safety:
- No amount of warning can replace the watchful eye of an adult, so keep the computer in a common area instead of a private spot like a bedroom.
 - Share an e-mail account with the child so messages and "friends" can be monitored.
 - Use blocking software provided by your Internet service provider to restrict access to sites that are unsuitable for children, as well as chat rooms, which are known hangouts for paedophiles.
 - Make sure the child knows there is a trusted adult he or she can come to, if something happens online that makes them feel threatened in some way.
 - You can create a Family Agreement about Internet use that gives everyone in your family guidelines about how to stay safe online.

