

Room 2

Term 4 has just begun with lots of science fun! We wanted to know:

Can we blow a square bubble???

Our prediction

Yes: 11
No: 6
Don't know: 2

Method:

We made a square pipe cleaner and made a stick on it then we put it in soap.
-Cayden

The results:

They were not like a square-Kaelyn
The bubbles were bigger but they didn't go square-Aynjewel
They were still circles-Milan

What could we try now?

Blow it inside-Laila
Make a 3D shape-Shaye
Make a top for it-Dylan
Change the soap-Tauwahrangi
Make a box-Deontae





AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Gala Day

A variety of items and donations for our Gala have started to come in slowly over the last week. As mentioned in the previous newsletters we **need you**, our community to help make this a **SUCCESSFUL** event for our tamariki/children. The funds raised from this year's Gala will go towards our new junior playground. At our last Gala meeting we managed to cover the basic attractions, however, we do still need **'People Power'** to help run stalls and other activities. Please contact the school office if you are able to help in some way.

YOU CAN HELP!!!!

Yes, you can help. How? I hear you say. Here's how. Spring is here so lets have a spring clean. We need...

- Bric-a-brac
- Clothing
- Plants

We will pretty much take anything you throw our way. (one mans trash is another man's treasure but please no rubbish)

- Donations of any kind, that you think we can raffle- Unwanted gifts??? Impulse buys?
- Items for any of our stalls - white elephant, clothing, produce, crafts
- Donations for our quick fire raffles - chickens, meat, etc
- Jams, jellies, preserves etc
- Plants, shrubs, items for our craft stall
- Vouchers we can offer as prize

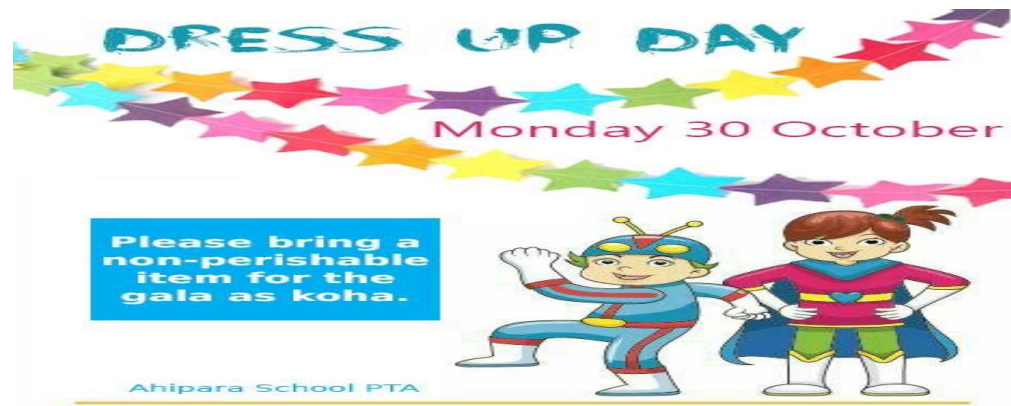
We can pick up any gear for Gala

2) Mufti Days

As a result of our consultation we were asked to communicate events at the beginning of each term, so I hope that the calendar sent out last week will be useful to whanau. This will need to be added to as dates are set and we have two more import dates set at the request of the PTA.

Mufti Day Monday 30 October

No theme –dress up and embrace your imagination. Please bring a non perishable item for the gala as koha.



Mufti Day 10 November

Also on Friday 10th November we will be having another dress up day and instead of a gold coin for this event we will be asking for yummy baked goods for our cake stall for the gala on Saturday 11th November.

3) Teacher Only Day Monday 13 November

We will be having a teacher only day to work with our maths facilitator on **Monday 13 November**. School will be closed and you will need to make alternative arrangements for your children on that day. We apologise for any inconvenience.

4) Playground

A reminder that the options for the playground are on display in the office. Please do come in and state your preference. We will need to finalise this so that we can place the order.

5) Western Zone Athletics

We had a large contingency of athletes competing in the Western Zone Athletics day for Year 4 - Year 8 students, which was held yesterday .The events are 100m, 200m, 400m, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, and Shot Put. The first 3 place-getters in each event and for each year level, will be eligible to compete at the Far North Schools Athletics Finals on 17th November at Kaitaia Intermediate School. Watch this space for results next week.

6) End of Year Production 2017

This year we will be holding a full school dance production. The theme for the production is ‘Moana’. Classes have started practicing and developing their item under the expert guidance of Liana Hape. I believe we will be in for another fantastic night. We are being approached by various groups to provide food stalls for the evening, so if you are interested, please contact the school (as it is on a first in basis).

7) Student Absences

Does it affect student achievement? The evidence shows that it does! Over the last few weeks of term three, our class numbers were down due to a bout of nasty winter bugs. However, the **absentee rate** of some pupils in our school has become **extremely alarming**. **Research shows that the amount of time off school is directly linked to the achievement levels** of these individual pupils. It is very noticeable that many of the children who were under achieving in our core curriculum areas had significant amounts of time off school this year. Another major factor that has become glaringly apparent has been the patterns that have started to occur with some children. Over the next week or two I will be contacting parents of these children to **try and find out what we can do to support them to get these children to school**. **On a positive note we have a very large number of students with 100% attendance.**

8) Science Fair

Tomorrow afternoon, Friday 27 October, is our school wide Science Fair. All classes will have their science work on display in class and will be visiting each other to see all the different science ideas/discoveries. Please feel free to join us from 1:45 - 2:35pm on Friday 27 October to have a look at all our investigations. If you want to visit your child's class earlier in the day please arrange this directly with their teacher. We look forward to sharing our learning/thinking/ideas with all our whanau!

9) Mural

We are just about ready to install our new mural. After feedback from our kids, in which they asked to complete an individual artwork rather than work as part of a group, all of our school community has completed a fish. The theme behind this mural is that we are all different but in this school we all swim together - this mural is going to be beautiful!!!I would sincerely like to thank Kim Subritzky for her expert guidance in helping our tamariki produce such an outstanding and meaningful artwork.

Kia Ora

Jackie Osborne

Tumuaki/Principal