

Room 4's Update!

In Room 4 we have been working on making movies about our school values. Our values help our school become a safe place to learn. There are four values we have. They are manaakitanga, tikanga, respect and perseverance.

By Dillon Merlo

Cats come in many different shapes and sizes. There are small cats, tall cats, skinny cats, playing and hunting cats. Cats generally don't do much. They eat sleep, spew, make things dirty and shed their fur. But they're really loving.

It has been 4000 years since the first cat was domesticated. The ancient Egyptians were the first to keep and use cats to control vermin and other pests, to protect stores of food. In ancient Egypt, the cat was thought of as a hunter and worshipped as a god. That's how the cat was introduced to the world.

Cats are animals that do not have a specific habitat. Their surroundings can often change. Cats are able to adapt to a variety of environments including forests, deserts, urban and neighborhoods. They are referred to as a cosmopolitan species.

By Hinetai



AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) 'Snapped Ya!' of the Week 2016

'Snapped Ya!' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. We have 3 weeks worth of 'Snapped Ya'.

The PB4L focus for **Week 2** is **Tikanga**. The recipients are **Waiata Harrison, Jahzara Takimoana, Tillie Beran, Mana Peterson, Bayden Takimoana** and **Nikau Tepania**.



The PB4L focus for **Week 3** is **Manaakitanga**. The recipients are **Jessie-Lee Beatson, Bryn Julian, Waimitikia Perene, Hunter Thompson-Jobe, Ahi Koha** and **Wati Rihari**.

The PB4L focus for **Week 4** is **Perserverance**. The recipients are **Charlie Wiremu-Munu, Taliah Hale, Rylee Brown, Max Beatson, Tui Thompson** and **Daya Edwards**.



2) Meet the Teacher Afternoon

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' on Tuesday afternoon. We were thrilled with the number of people who took this opportunity to meet with us. Hopefully all parents were able to speak with their child's classroom teacher about the first few weeks of school. However, feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you were unable to make this meeting. As a staff, we believe that when there are strong partnerships between school and home, the benefits to our children's achievements are immense. We enjoy the opportunity to work and talk with our students families and warmly invite you to "not drop you child off at the gate, but come on in".



3) Homework Club

Did you know that we have a homework/study support group in Ahipara. This group meets at the Bible Chapel on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3 pm to 5 pm. With afternoon tea provided, desks and library facilities and most importantly encouragement and nurturing towards educational success, this could be just the support your child needs. Jan Berghan (teacher), Iri Beatson (student support) and Dawn Rupapera (Kaiwhakahaere), are the organisers of this fantastic initiative and can be contacted on ahiparastudy@live.com, for more information.

4) Western Zone Swimming Sports

On **Tuesday 8th March** we will be taking a large contingent of Year 4 - Year 8 pupils into the town pools to participate in the annual Western Zone Swimming Sports competition. Students who perform well at this event have the opportunity to compete at the Far North Zone Swimming Finals. We are encouraging all confident and able swimmers to participate in this competitive event which will involve being able to swim at least one length of the town pool. Our less confident swimmers will continue with normal instruction at school. The official start time is at **9:30am**, however, since we are organising this event we will be leaving school around 8:45am. We look forward to another awesome day and we extend a warm welcome to all parents/caregivers to come along and support your tamariki. We will be sending out permission slips to those competitive swimmers who have been elected (or have been shouldered tapped!) to participate. If your child is not swimming, they will have the opportunity to participate at our school swimming sports.

5) School Swimming Sports

Senior/Middle Swimming Sports

The Middle and Senior Syndicates will hold their annual School Swimming Sports next **Tuesday 22nd March**. This event will determine our school champions, boys and girls for years four to eight. We will be starting this at **9.00am**. Do come and join us if you are able. It is sure to be a fantastic day.

Junior Swimming Sports

These will be held **Wednesday 23rd March**. This will involve Rooms 1, 2, 7 and 10. This is a non-competitive event and start time is **12.30pm**. You are all welcome to join us.

6) School Photos

This year we are having our school photos early in the year. Our school photos will take place on **Wednesday 2nd March**. All pupils were issued with the relevant information packs last Monday. If you require family portraits please ensure you return the necessary information to the office before **Monday 29th February**.

7) Uniform

Just a reminder that school polo shirts are compulsory and **MUST** be worn daily. The school has a few school tee shirts available for those times when the polo shirt is at Nan's or in the wash, but we envisage this as an occasional occurrence rather than the norm (especially as we do need to launder them daily). Some students think that plain black singlets or camisoles are permissible but this is not the case. Plain black sweatshirts /cardigans can be worn in place of the polar fleece but all students need to wear either the yellow or black polo shirt. The Warehouse Group has informed us that our uniform is available at the local Kaitaia branch.

8) Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka is calling for a tutor who has links to our community and knowledge of local tikangnga and waiata. If you know of anyone (or maybe its you) who has a

passion and a strength in kapahaka please let us know. This is an integral part of our school and we need HELP!!

9) The Garden Club

The Garden Club is looking for a lead gardener. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to be involved in gardening projects please contact the school. We would love to hear from you. Anybody from the wider school community interested in this venture is welcome to join us.

10) Database Update for Parents/Caregivers and Emergency Contacts

It is always very important that we hold updated contact details on our student files in the event we need to make contact with you for emergencies throughout the school day. If there are any changes to your information, please complete the form and return it to the Office. Please wherever possible include your work number as well as your mobile. As the 2016 School Directory is currently being put together and your details have changed, it is important that this form is returned by next week, to ensure that your contact information is correct in the Directory.

11) Community of Learners

Communities of Schools are groups of schools and kura that come together to raise achievement for children and young people through:

- sharing expertise in teaching and learning
- supporting each other
- forming around students' usual pathway from primary to secondary

Ahipara School is part of a group of schools who are currently developing a community of learners in our roopu.

Kia Ora

Jackie Osborne

Tumuaki/Principal

Childs Name:	_____
Parent/Caregivers Name:	_____
Home Phone:	_____
Work Phone:	_____
Mobile Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
Emergency Contact Name:	_____
Home Phone:	_____
Work Phone:	_____
Mobile Phone:	_____
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Have you any comments you would like to make about our school? We appreciate any feedback or suggestions.