

Bio Poems by Room 6

Brandyn

Strong, creative, funny, joker

Brother of Bailey

Lover of gaming, art and friends

Who feels welcomed, loving and playful

Who needs friends, family and home

Who gives loving, care and kindness

Who fears spiders, drowning and dark places

Who would like to see my cousins, paintings, dinosaurs and earthquakes

Resident of Ahipara

Lunjevich

Anika

Artistic, hardworking, happy and hungry

Lover of art, technology and Paradise Bay

Who feels happy, scared and clever

Who needs family, gym and school

Who gives my dog a run, help to my brothers and kisses to my Nana

Who fears volcanoes, nightmares and scary movies

Who would like to see New York, lightning and the Hashtag Sisters

Resident of a cool home on Church Rd

Jellick

Poppy

Bookworm, technical, loves dancing and surfing

Daughter of Nadia and Ryan

Lover of family, dance, surfing and friends

Who feels funny, loved and lucky

Who needs family, friends and food

Who gives love, kindness and help

Who fears tornadoes and insects

Who would like to see the royal family, zombies and the Rio Grande

Resident of Kaitaia

Wild

Tui

Swimmer, rugby player, grumpy, happy

Brother of John Hemi, David, Dhreme and Sarah

Lover of Mum and Dad

Who feels grumpy, happy and excited

Who needs work, plays, food and family

Who gives pets, toys and hugs to Mum

Who fears crabs, sharks and ghosts

Who would like to see monkeys, gorillas and apes

Resident of Herekino

Thompson



AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Number 6

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Western Zone Swimming

A HUGE congratulations to all those pupils who participated in this swimming event. Our Year 4 to Year 8 competitive swimmers attended the Western Zone event, on Tuesday 8th March. I would like to acknowledge all our staff for the fantastic work they did at the pool (and back at school), especially Angie Peters and our Teacher Aides for their organisation of this event. I must also congratulate all our pupils for the way they represented our school and community. Below is a breakdown of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. They have all earned the right to represent our school and zone at the Far North Swimming Finals on **Wednesday 23rd March**.

	Freestyle	Breaststroke	Backstroke
Year 4 Girls	Ruiha Perene - 2nd Mihi-Rangi Edwards - 3rd	Ruiha Perene - 1st Anika Jellick - 2nd	Ruiha Perene - 1st Pyper Beran - 2nd Shyla-Jade Goodhue-Wikitera - 3rd
Year 4 Boys	Jayden Harrison - 3rd	Jayden Harrison - 1st	Te Rehua Harrison - 1st
Year 5 Girls		Isabella Cutler - 3rd	Maia Harris - 3rd
Year 6 Girls	Shyanne Cummings - 3rd	Jessica McCarthy - 3rd	
Year 6 Boys	Rico Margison - 1st Cohen Harrison - 2nd	Cohen Harrison - 1st Rico Margison - 2nd	Rico Margison - 1st Cohen Harrison - 2nd
Year 7 Girls	Jahzara Takimoana - 1st Taliah Hale - 2nd Trinity Day - 3rd	Taliah Hale - 1st Jahzara Takimoana - 2nd Waimitikia Perene - 3rd	Waimitikia Perene - 1st Trinity Day - 2nd Taliah Hale - 3rd
Year 7 Boys	Mikaira Murray - 1st Tanner Wihongi - 2nd	Mikaira Murray - 1st Tanner Wihongi - 2nd Jonathon Cutler - 3rd	Mikaira Murray - 1st Jonathon Cutler - 2nd Tanner Wihongi - 3rd
Year 8 Girls	Lana Harrison - 1st Amelia Cutler - 3rd	Lana Harrison - 1st Amelia Cutler - 2nd	Lana Harrison - 1st Amelia Cutler - 3rd
Year 8 Boys	Ryan Berghan-Page - 2nd	Ryan Berghan-Page - 3rd	Ben McCarthy - 2nd
Open Butterfly	GIRL: Lana Harrison - 1st Trinity Day - 3rd BOYS: Cohen Harrison - 1st Rico Margison - 3rd		

2) Far North Swimming Finals

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge all the pupils listed, who placed in the top three swimmers from our Western Zone event. They have all earned the right to represent our

school and zone at the Far North Swimming Finals. This event will be held on **Wednesday 23rd March** at the town pool. We have a total of 23 eligible pupils who made it through to this event. We will be sending a staff member to this event, however, we will require parental support to help transport pupils to and from the town pool. All participants will receive permission slips next week.

3) School Swimming Sports

Senior/Middle Swimming Sports

The Middle and Senior Syndicates will hold their annual School Swimming Sports next **Tuesday 22nd March**, starting at 9.00am

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.

4) Reporting to Parents

Our first assessments for this year are issued today. We hope this initial assessment will give you a general indication as to how your child has settled into the school year in terms of attitude and general work ethic. We have also asked students to self assess against the same key competencies that their teacher has and will be sending that home too. The two assessments will be interesting to see if and how they vary, and families can have some productive conversations around these. We have not included any academic information in these initial assessments as this information will be issued in our half year report at the end of Term 2 (although your child will be able to provide some information about their assessments to date). We hope you find it informative and please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any queries.

Chrome books

Last year we surveyed parents around our digital devices (Ibids, chrome books etc) to determine the direction for our school. One of the questions we asked was about sustainability. As you know, over the last few years we have purchased a large number of digital devices and all our students have access to a variety of technologies and the internet. However this is something that as a school is fairly cost prohibitive and not that sustainable.-especially as technology change and development is something most schools are grappling with. Last years survey revealed that 61% of our school parents were in favour of students from Year 4 purchasing their own device. Obviously that means around 33% were not in favour (6% didn't know) and as it is a big cost to whanau. My questions now are???

If we decide to implement the expectation that students purchase chrome books, how do we support whanau with the cost? eg some schools offer hire purchase schemes - or parents can do a one off purchase and buy them outright.

Should we continue to explore this pathway through a company with the benefits of bulk buying? I have heard of one company offering top of the line chrome books for \$3.99 a week including warranties and insurance.

How do we ensure the device meets school requirements and has the software required for education. Do we specify or have the loaded chrome books available as a package?

If we decide that parents of children from year 4 up, need to purchase a device - for how long do we need to keep this optional and when do you think it should be come an expectation?

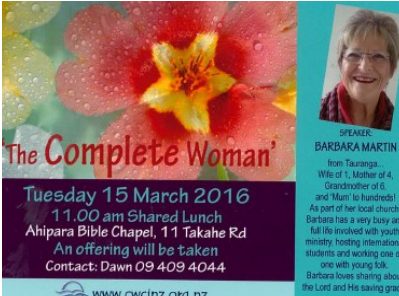
If we did make an expression of interest as part of our Community of Learners cluster (which includes 22 schools and the college) to a hire purchase company, would you be interested?

Would you prefer to purchase a chrome book by buying one outright.

What do you think? - nothing is set in concrete, but we as a community need to decide how we want to approach this. I know as a whanau we have the answer, and you may have some creative ideas that haven't yet been considered.

Digital devices are part of the future focus, not only for our school and cluster but as a national educational priority and we certainly want our tamariki to have access to these tools to support their learning, so I really need to know what you think.

Kia Ora
Jackie
Osborne
Tumuaki/
Principal



The Complete Woman

Tuesday 15 March 2016
11.00 am Shared Lunch
Ahipara Bible Chapel, 11 Takahe Rd
An offering will be taken
Contact: Dawn 09 409 4044

SPEAKER:
BARBARA MARTIN
Born Tauranga.
Wife of 1, Mother of 4,
Grandmother of 6,
and Mum to hundreds!
As part of her local church,
Barbara has a very busy and
full life involved with youth
ministry, feeding international
students and seeking one on
one with young folk.
Barbara loves sharing about
the Lord and His saving grace.

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Te Rarawa "Soccer" Muster & Practice

Thursday 17th March

From 3pm at our containers on the
Ahipara Domain

All ages welcome, Under 6s-Over 12s

Txt 0211822580 or Email:

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If you cannot make it on the day