

Room 8 Self-Portraits

Room 8 has been looking closely at our own facial features as well as face symmetry to create our own self-portraits.



Mia Yearbury



Skylá Andrew



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Jahdānae Rapana



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Number 8

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Middle/Senior School Swimming Sports

On Tuesday the Middle & Senior Syndicates held their School Swimming Sports. This event was held to determine our school champions in each year level. The competitive spirit was evident from the outset as all year levels from Year 4 to Year 8 were keenly contested in both the boys and girls races. I must commend all those pupils who participated in the event and CONGRATULATIONS to the following champions.



Year 4 Girls
Ruiha Perene



Year 4 Boys
Corin Morris



Year 5 Girls
Maia Harris



Year 5 Boys
Detroyt Watene



Year 6 Girls
Jessica McCarthy



Year 6 Boys
Rico Margison



Year 7 Girls
Mere Tane



Year 7 Boys
Jonathon Cutler



Year 8 Girls
Lana Harrison



Year 8 Girls
Nyah Toia



Year 8 Boys
Ryan Berghan-Page

2) Junior Swimming Sports

Unfortunately due to the weather conditions yesterday, we have had to postpone our Junior swimming event. The new date is next **Wednesday 30th March at 12.30pm**. See you next week.

3) Uniforms

Uniforms are now available in Kaitaia at The Warehouse. Unfortunately they are unable to stock all sizes but are happy to order in with a five day delivery.

4) Gardening Club

A small group of gardening parents led by Amelia Marsh have been putting their green fingers to use.

Here are some progress photos of the work done in our school vegetable garden so far. Great work by the new garden club members & a special thank you to Kaitaia Mitre 10 for donating the kale, celery & parsley plants.

The very weedy garden!



Mint in planter boxes.



Looking good after being weeded & fertilized



Some our garden club members finishing off the planting & watering.



5) Pukapuka Park Fence

Our specialist Art Teacher - Kim Subritzky, has started work on her latest project. Here are some photos and a blurb written by Kim.

A senior design group and students from Room 8 are well underway with an art project for the outdoor library area. They are painting book ends to attach to the fence that surrounds the library lawn. It's already got the kids talking about authors and books they've read and would like to read. I am at school teaching on a Thursday and you are welcome to come in and have a look at what we are doing and where we're up to. We hope to have one side of the fence up by the end of the term and continue with the other side along with

working on a larger library mural with another team of students.



6) Charter and Annual Plan

Our charter and annual plan have been approved by the Ministry of Education and are available for viewing at the office. Annual charter updates are required to be submitted to the Ministry each year. The charter is a key planning document that sets out the school's objectives and targets for the year. It is effective in setting teaching and learning programmes and guiding the activities of our school. The purpose of a school charter is to establish the mission, aims, objectives, directions and targets of the board that will give effect to the Government's National Education Guidelines and the Board's priorities.

7) Board of Trustees

Trustees have the overall responsibility for a school. Their role is to ensure that students get the best education possible and includes strategic planning as well as the governance of property, personnel and finances. Trustees are people who are committed to education. If this sounds like you, our school needs your skills. Please contact the office if you would like to find out more about standing for our upcoming Board of Trustees election, nominating someone else and voting in the election - we will be happy to help.



8) School Closed for Easter

The school will close for Easter on **Thursday 25th March** and re-open on **Wednesday 30th March**. Happy Easter break everyone.

Kia Ora
Jackie Osborne - Tumuaki/Principal