

# Room 10

## Diamante Poems



Snake  
Thin, slimy  
Slithering, sneaking, poisoning,  
Forrest, skin, fangs, poison,  
Hissing, creeping, amazing,  
Dangerous, cobra,  
Reptile.  
**By Ken**

Shark  
White, strong  
Biting, chasing, killing  
Teeth, fins, mako, tail  
Diving, scaring, cruising  
Soft, cold-blooded  
Tiger shark  
**By Hunter TJ**

Bears,  
Big, dangerous,  
Killing, scratching,  
eating,  
Brown, fur, ears, nose,  
Amazing, boiling,  
hibernating,  
Scary, humongous,  
Creature.  
**By Eli H**

Cloud  
Fluffy, big  
Floating, shining, raining  
Rain, sun, snowflakes, moon  
Blowing, moving, shaking  
Little, shapes  
Sky  
**By Teal**

Space  
Bright, dark  
Spinning, moving,  
flying  
Alien, moons, galaxy,  
stars  
Travelling, shooting,  
boiling  
Enormous, planets  
Universe  
**By Hunter M**

Planet  
Blue, big  
Orbiting, spinning, changing  
Hula-hoop, space, stars, moon  
Moving, bumping, smoothing  
Slippery, darkness  
Earth  
**By Jireh**

Ocean  
Blue, sandy  
Splashing, chasing, bashing  
Rocks, shells, crabs, salts  
Freezing, shivering, refreshing  
Windy, cold  
Sea  
**By Roscoe**



## AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

### 1) Poroporoaki - Farewell

It is with much sadness that I write about the tragic passing of a colleague, educator and friend Shaun Stevenson. As a beginning teacher Shaun joined our staff and after a promotion to a DP role at Kaitaia Intermediate, returned and became the proud Principal of Ahipara School - or as he called it the "Best School in the World". As a past principal of our school Shaun has left a lasting legacy. His passion and commitment to our tamariki was exemplary. Currently, he was the Tumuaiki of Waimahia Intermediate School in Manurewa, Auckland. His passing was totally unexpected and has deeply saddened the wider education community, his school community and all those who had the privilege to work with him. He was a visionary and passionate advocate for all students, especially Maori. He had a vehement belief that all tamariki were entitled to the very best quality education ("with no excuses") and recognised all learners potential, both in kids and in teachers. He will be sadly missed. On behalf of the Ahipara School Community, I wish to convey our deepest condolences to the students, staff and community of Waimahia. I also acknowledge his Whanau especially Corrina and their children - and offer them our prayers and thoughts at this very sad time.



**Moe Mai e te Rangatira. Mihi Aroha Kite Whanau Pani.**

### 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 will be held for parents on **Tuesday 3rd May at 5pm in Room 3**, for anyone who is interested in learning more about this or have any questions. Snacks and

refreshments will be provided for those attending. For more information about this session, see Mrs Takimoana.

### **3) Uniform**

A reminder that our winter uniform of a polar fleece and a jacket are available for purchase at The Warehouse for \$37.00 and \$45.00 respectively. If your child wears long sleeved clothing under their polo shirts, could you please ensure that they are school colours. If children are wearing plain BLACK sweatshirts, cardigan, jerseys, etc they will not be asked to remove them.

### **4) Junior Swimming Sports**

Last week our junior school held their swimming sports and although this was not a competitive event, we think all our juniors are champions. Thank you to all staff who organised this event.



### **5) Friday Sports with Paulo**

Every Friday Paulo runs a sports programme with all the children in the school. He has asked that they bring a change of clothes to do sports. Could you please accommodate us with his request. Thank you.

### **6) End of Term and Term Two Dates**

A reminder that school finishes on Friday 15th April, at the usual time for term break.

**Term 2:** Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

**Holidays:** Queen's Birthday - Monday 6th June .

### **KAITAIA UNITED AFC FUN DAY !!!**

**Come along to a great day of fun. Lots of activities and food for those hungry football tummies!**

**Where:** Te Rarawa Football Club @ Ahipara

**When:** 9am – 12pm Saturday 9 April

**Who:** All Football players aged from 4 – College students

### **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 inappropriately.  
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 rumors 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 pedophiles.
  - 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. Netsafe has some very useful tips.

Kia Ora  
Jackie Osborne  
Tumuaki/Principal