

## Room 7

### Descriptive Writing

On Tuesday at Ahipara School we were sitting on the mat when BOOM!! Then rain crashed down on the concrete.

More thunder rolled through, I was terrified.  
**By Tamzyn**



The big dot crashed at school. It was the size of the school. Trees fell over and a fire burnt the Nature Walk, then the dot flew away like flames burning.

**By Quinn**



The long rolling thunder was loud and strong. We heard the rain getting louder and then hearts started pounding! We saw trees shivering and leaves flying across the windows.

**By Ina-Rae**

When we were in class we were listening to the thunder approaching, it was loud and long. I was nervous.

We were by the windows watching trees shivering and I heard hearts pounding.

**By Troy**



## AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katou

#### 1) Matariki



All classes are currently exploring and celebrating Matariki with a wide range of activities. We are hoping to cumulate this learning with a sharing session with our grandparents, kuia and kaumata. This will be happening on **Tuesday 5th July** within each class, finishing with a morning tea. Watch this space for more information!

#### 2) Keeping Ourselves Safe

Due to unforeseen circumstances Wendy Baker cannot complete the Keeping Ourselves Safe sessions with Rooms 4 and 3 until next term.

#### 3) Students Arriving Late to School

Unfortunately we have a number of students who continually arrive late to school. When students arrive late they often miss learning and it is generally the same curriculum area that they miss. The reasons given by some of the students frequently arriving late are: I slept in, I had to buy my lunch, I missed the bus. Please ensure that your child leaves the house in plenty of time to arrive at school before the bell at 8.45 a.m. We appreciate the parents/caregivers who phone in that their child will be late and giving a valid reason. Every time your child arrives late they are losing learning time and affecting the class learning. They need to be caught up with what is being learnt or they simply miss out, which of course effects their learning goals.

#### 4) Home School Partnerships

Home School Partnership is working with parents and the community making connections and opening communication. Ahipara School encourages parents to be involved in the school. We are developing an active (and hopefully social) PTA. We have many parents who help us, some to complete a project, reading support, classroom support and others who help on the big days like swimming and cross country and EOTC. A school is only as strong as the community that

supports it. Here at Ahipara School we enjoy very strong support and this comes in many forms. Your BOT and Community members who work tirelessly and enthusiastically for all our learners, our parent helpers, reading tutors, sports coaches, team managers, parent helpers for school excursions, library volunteers and our breakfast co-ordinator. These are just some of the people who help us and most importantly support us. So on behalf of all here at Ahipara School, I say thank you. We just couldn't be the great school that we are without you! If you would like to help out at the school, come on in and have a cup of tea. I'd be very happy to meet with you. We are currently looking for some people who could help to read with some of our little people. If you have any other skill you could share with our tamariki, we'd love to hear from you.

### 5) Mid Year Reports and Three Way Conferences

On **Wednesday 6th July**, we will be holding our annual Parent/Child/Teacher Report Conferences. Interview times will start from 8:00am and will finish at 6:00pm. During this time our teaching staff will not be available for normal teaching duties. **I would also like to state that you will receive your child's report at the actual interview.** The main reason for this is so that we can have the opportunity to explain your child's report in depth with you and your child. We strongly recommend that you bring your child to the interview as they are the main stakeholder in the partnership that can ultimately effect positive change to their achievement levels. Students will also be taking an active role in this process and will be reporting on their progress in literacy. Next week, all pupils will be given a slip to take home for parents to select preferred times for these interviews. You will be given a choice of three options to enter on the slip just in case your times are already taken. The 15 minute time slots will be allocated on a 'first in, first served' basis. These times will be confirmed with you. A reminder of your interview times will be sent home with your child prior to the interview day. We are hopeful that with a **combined effort from home and school we can see our pupils achieving to the best of their abilities.** If you are unable to attend this interview day, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher to make alternative arrangements. **We are aiming for 100% of our students being able to provide a report on their achievements to date this year.**

### 6) Camps

This year we are offering two camps. The Year 7 and 8's will be going to the Farm at Whananaki and the Year 5 and 6 are off to Aroha Island. If you are thinking you would like to be part of the parent help on camps this year you must complete a Police Vetting form. These forms need two forms of ID, one being a photo ID eg drivers license and the other is a birth certificate, passport or gun license. These forms will be given to you once your parent help is confirmed.

### 7) Football

We sent three teams to today's tournament in Kaitaia, so we wish them the very best. They have been training very hard for this event and I know that they will represent our school fantastically.

### 8) Matariki Disco & Puppet Show

Great excitement is building for tomorrow's disco. Remember that pick up times are 5.30pm for Juniors and 7.00pm for seniors. Children cannot walk home and it is imperative that they are picked up promptly, **AT THE DOOR**. It is quite distressing for children to be waiting when all their friends have already gone.

There will be a Matariki puppet show next Thursday 23rd June at 12.30pm. Cost is \$2 for all those who have not paid the activity fee. You're more than welcome to join us.

### 9) Kiwi Netball

This term we took two teams to the Year 5-8 Kiwi Netball tournament and one netball team to the Y1-2 Kiwi Netball tournament. The girls and boys involved had an absolute ball. We've had nothing but positive comments from students, parents and staff alike on how much everyone involved enjoyed their day. A huge thank you to all the students, staff and parents who made our tournaments such an awesome success! Here are some pictures, enjoy.

Regards,

Jackie Osborne - Principal/Tumuaki



**AHIPARA SCHOOL  
STARS DISCO  
WHERE: TE RARAWA CLUBROOMS  
WHEN : FRIDAY 17th JUNE**



**1 - 4: 4.00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Year 4 - 8: 5.30pm - 7:30 pm**

**There will be food, drinks and other exciting things for sale. Also prizes for best dressed, dancing competitions and more! Gold coin donation to enter. All Welcome!**