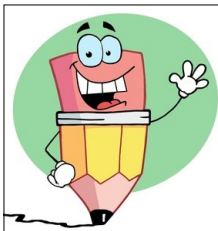


# Room 2 Writing

In Room 2 we are learning to write more and add detail to our stories. We hope you enjoy our stories.



I made some art with my Nana and my sister, and my Dad. Then I went to school. By Tillie

I went to the beach and had fish and chips with my Mum and Dad. By Kedjron

I am a caterpillar.  
I eat chocolate  
cake and apple.  
By Jai



I saw the butterfly.  
It was cool and  
shiny.  
By Unaiki

At school I had my first wiggly tooth, at Jump Jam. It was sore when I was running. By Mana

On the weekend I went to see my Poppa Rob. He was working on the farm. We love working on the farm. By Wiremu

Today at school we made a tent. We went in the tent. By Jaxon

I said to Mum and Dad.  
Mum said, " For  
Charvel's birthday party,  
I will give her a bowtie!"  
By Charvel



## AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

### 1) School Speeches 2016

Over recent years our school Speech Finals have been of an outstanding quality. We have no doubt that this year's participants will be able to deliver quality speeches that will captivate and entertain you. All pupils from Year 1 - Year 8 are in the process of preparing speeches to perform at class level. The top speech makers from each level will then be selected to deliver their speech at the school finals, which will be held in the Rarawa Rugby Clubrooms. The winners of the Year 5 - 8 will have the opportunity to compete in the Far North Speech festival at REAP. A quick reminder to all those pupils who received trophies last year, please ensure these are returned as soon as possible.

### Ahipara School Speech Timeline

Weeks 2, 3 & 4	Teaching of speech conventions and persuasive writing in the classroom. Homework Assignment.
Week 5	Class speech competition and judging.
Week 6	Syndicate finals and judging.
Week 7	Practise of speech for School Speech Finals.
Week 7	School Speech Finals.
Week 8	Far North Speech Competition.

### 2) Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair starts next Monday and it will be held in the Whare. This years book fair theme is 'Kiwi Country Book Fair.' The Book Fair will be open to children during class times and during morning tea and lunch breaks. Parents/Caregivers are more than welcome to come for a look. Pop into the office and they will direct you to the Book Fair. All purchases help to go



towards our school. Thanks to June and Rata for all their work setting this up and keeping tabs on it throughout the week.



### **3) Year 4 - 8 Cross Country**

**Western Zone at Pukepoto School, Tuesday 30th August 2016.**

**Far North Schools Cross Country at Peria School, Friday 9th September 2016.**

Classes have already begun to prepare for these events. They can also be seen running a course around the school and domain, lifting the fitness levels of many students. The Far North Schools finals will be held at Peria School.

### **4) Junior Cross Country**

Pukepoto School will again host the Junior Cross Country on **Tuesday 6th September**. Our young athletes have been training very hard, so are well prepped for the big day.

### **5) Teacher Only Day**

On **Friday 19th August** we will be holding a teacher only day for staff to undertake professional development. We have been very fortunate to have an evaluative associate travel to Ahipara to work with us around assessment. The school will be closed for normal instruction and you will have to make alternative arrangements for your tamariki. We are very sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

### **6) School Olympic Fun Day**

We will be holding our own 'School Olympics' fun day on **Friday 26th August**. The day promises to be full of fun with an emphasis placed on participation and great sportsmanship.

### **7) Pet/Ag Day**

Our annual 'Pet/Ag Day' will be held on **Tuesday 20th Sept**. More information will be in a newsletter closer to the day. In the meantime pencil in this date on your calendar.

### **8) Library**

If you have some spare time and would like to help in the library, we have some new books that need to be covered before they can be put onto the shelves. Any help would be much appreciated!

### **9) Parking**

We have had lots of positive feedback this week about our and sandhooppres staff parking at the Te Rarawa Clubrooms which enables the spaces in front of

the school to be free for drop offs. Just a friendly reminder that it is not safe for our tamariki, if cars are double parked on footpaths or driveways and especially the bus bays. We would like to thank the Te Rarawa committee for their support.

### **10) Lunches.**

We have been reviewing all our health and safety policies of late and have been tweaking procedures to ensure that all the people of Ahipara School can play, work and learn in the safest environment possible. The next question we have is: the safety of our tamariki when leaving the school grounds at lunch time. Presently children are able to leave the grounds to purchase takeaways with a note from their parents. Often these children will need to cross two roads unsupervised and are often unsupervised whilst waiting for their food which can be for up to 25 minutes. Our set school lunch days for ordering are Tuesday Thursday and Friday (although we are always happy to make sandwiches and have fruit for those who need it, any day of the week.)

#### **What we would like to know .**

Do you think that we should develop a policy around keeping all our tamariki in school during lunchtimes? This would mean that parents who do want them to have takeaways would need to deliver these? We certainly don't want to be seen as spoiling peoples choice but we do have some concerns about kids who are not in our care over lunch. What do you think? We really appreciate your opinion and any ideas you may have.

Kia Ora  
Jackie Osborne  
Tumuaki/Principal