

# ROOM 3 NEWS

Over the weekend the mural on the end of Room 5 plus the remaining book ends have been put up and look amazing! Room 3 students have been involved with the designing and creating of these pieces, under the watchful eye of Miss Subritzky.



## AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

### 1) Teacher Only Day

A reminder that next **Friday 19th August** school will be closed for instruction as we will be holding a Teacher Only Day. Please make alternative arrangements for your children. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### 2) Year 4-8 Western Zone Cross Country

Our annual Western Zone Cross Country will be held on **Tuesday 30th August 2016** at **Pukepoto School**. The first ten placegetters in each event will be eligible to attend the Far North Schools Cross Country Finals at **Peria School** on **Friday 9th September**.

**All students are now running in AGE GROUPS not in class levels.**

**The following are approximate times only! - NOTE: AGE AT 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2016**

Assemble on bottom field by 9.30am before walking the course.

10.00am	8 year old boys	1.5 km
10.10am	8 year old girls	1.5 km
10.25am	9 year old boys	2.5 km
10.40am	9 year old girls	2.5 km
10.55am	10 year old boys	2.5 km
11.15am	10 year old girls	2.5 km
11.30am	11 year old boys	3 km
11.45am	11 year old girls	3 km
12.00pm	12+ year old boys	3 km
12.15pm	12+ year old girls	3 km

There will be sausages (\$2) and drinks ( \$1) for sale on the day.

### 3) Junior Cross Country

The Junior Cross Country will be held at Pukepoto School on **Tuesday 6th September, 10am (Year 0 - 3)**. This will involve all students from Rooms 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10. If you do not wish your child to participate please inform the class teacher or the office. There will be a sausage sizzle (\$2) available on the day. They will be assembling on the field at 10.00am and will then be

walking the course.

Children will be running in 'Ages at 1<sup>st</sup> January.'

**Runs and times are as follows.**

<b>5 year old boys</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>5 year old girls</b>	<b>10.40 am</b>
<b>6 year old boys</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
<b>6 year old girls</b>	<b>11.10 am</b>
<b>7 year old boys</b>	<b>11.20 am</b>
<b>7 year old girls</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>

**4) Ahipara School 'Speech Festival' 2016**

As most parents/caregivers will be aware, our pupils have been working hard on preparing speeches as part of the current literacy programme this term. We will have trophies for each level and I believe we will have a special guest judge on the day. Syndicates will be holding semi finals to find out who will progress through to the finals. Our finals will be held in Week 7. We welcome all parents and caregivers to what promises to be an entertaining afternoon.

**Please if you have speech trophies could you return them to the school as soon as possible.**



**5) Book Fair**

Our annual Book Fair is currently in the Whare. Rata has had a 'Where's Kiwi?' competition during morning tea and lunchtime, which has drawn some sharp spotters to the Book Fair. Tomorrow is the last day for the Book Fair so don't miss out. Thank you to everyone who has purchased books!

**6) Olympic Fun Day**

On **Friday 26th August** we will be holding an Olympic fun day. The day will start off with a parade and team photos and then mixed class teams will take part in a variety of activities during the course of the day. These include football, volleyball, basketball, athletics 1: high jump and shot put (on grass by Rooms 9/10), Athletics 2: Hurdles and sprints (on field by senior playground), biscuit icing competition, obstacle course using junior playground, quiz – Olympic activity. The emphasis is on fun rather than competition for this day and you are more than welcome to join us.

**7) Keeping Ourselves Safe**

Wendy Baker will again be working with our Room 4 and 3 students around puberty and keeping ourselves safe. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this learning, please let your classroom teacher or the office know.

**8) Mural**

Have you seen stage 2 of Pukapuka Park's mural, on the side of Room 5's wall? It's looking fabulous and a huge thank you to all students who were involved in the design and paint process of this art work and of course a special thank you to our very talented art specialist teacher, Kim Subritzky. Do come in and have a look. We are hoping to have the final stage of this project completed by the beginning of next term. We will continue with the theme of **literary** characters on the wall of the library and whare. This will be a real feature of our school.

**9) 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 lunchtime. 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 is .....**

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 people's 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. We will be discussing this at the Board meeting next week so please let us know your ideas.

Kia Ora

Jackie Osborne

Tumuaki/Principal