

# Room One Science

**Our question: Do plants eat and drink?**

We put one stick of celery into a glass of red coloured water and one stick of celery into a glass of green coloured water. We waited to see what would happen.



## ***Our Findings***

*The plants drink.*  
**Rhylyn and Cayden**

*We made the  
plant drink.*  
**Reuben**

*I can see the red  
veins.*  
**Dylan**

*The plants drink  
water.*  
**Tumoana, Tuawharangi  
and Shaye**

*The plants drink  
the water from the  
bottom.*  
**Azanjah and Kaelyn**

*The plants  
turned colourful.*  
**Tyrin**

*The plant  
turned red.*  
**Landon**

*The plants drink  
down the bottom.*  
**Ricarn and Kymani**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa**

### **1) Welcome Back**

A warm welcome back to all pupils, parents and staff. A special welcome to any new families that have recently joined our school. Staffing for this term has remained stable. A big thank you to all staff members who have undertaken professional development during our break and the planning and effort of preparing for what is shaping up to be a very busy term. (That's why I call it a break, rather than a holiday). Our teachers are very hard working, developing our core business of learning / teaching and lifting student achievement. I believe the most important people in a school are our students and our staff are our most valuable asset. The commitment of our staff reinforces this belief.

### **2) Snapped Ya! Supreme Winner - Term 3**

Our supreme winner for term 3 was **Jessie-Lee Beatson**. Congratulation Jessie, enjoy your voucher.



### **3) Hats**

If you have visited school at lunchtimes or playtimes you will have seen our students in our school uniform hat. They are not only very attractive but do a great job of protecting the face and neck from the sun. A friendly reminder that these are the hats that must be worn at school during Term 1 and 4. If a student does not have a hat they are required to play in the shade, under the portico to prevent exposure to the sun. The school provides all students with a hat on enrolment but all subsequent hats need to be purchased. These cost \$12.00 and can be bought from the school office. If your child does not have a hat, could you please look at home or purchase a new one as soon as

possible to allow your child access to the entire playground during this very hot and sunny time of the year. We appreciate your continuing support.

#### 4) Town Bus

The town bus fees for this term are as follows;

- \$4.00 per child per week or
- \$6.00 per family per week.

We offer a 10% discount if fees are paid in advance for the whole term. If you have any outstanding fees please ensure these are paid as soon as possible.

For Term 4 there is 10 weeks so if fees are paid by **Friday 28th October** the fees will be :

Per child : \$36.00

Per family : \$54.00

Occasional Bus Use: If space is available, we are sometimes able to offer transport into town for one off trips at \$2 per trip. If students just turn up in the bus lines expecting to get on, they could be disappointed. We require permission from parents for this, and a verbal request from the child will not be acceptable. For obvious safety reasons we cannot just put students on the bus when they ask.

#### 5) Term 4

This term is shaping up to be very exciting. We have a number of school wide events planned from athletics to our end of the year production. Nadia Pitchford is our choreographer again and Ellen Koland will also be assisting her this year. There are also classes involved in camps, with junior outings also planned. Phew! It makes me tired just thinking about it!! BUT it is very important that students continue to work extremely hard towards achieving their **LEARNING GOALS** in both literacy and numeracy. Our core business is learning and students need to make sure that the distraction of these great events does not prevent them from reaching their targets. What I suppose I'm trying to say is "Now is not the time to slacken off." Keep focussed!!! Assessment starts in week 5.

#### 6) Duffy Theatre

On **Monday 17th October** we have the Duffy Theatre performing at 1.30pm in the Te Rarawa clubrooms. These shows are always

interactive and enjoyable and positively reinforce messages around reading.

#### 7) Books in Homes - Caught Being a Good Grandparent

The 'Caught Being a Good Grandparent' acknowledge the special relationship grandparents share with their grandchildren. We encourage all pupils to nominate their special person who will go in the draw to win a copy of **Our New Zealand - A Celebration of our National Treasures & Pleasures**. Please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter and hand it into the school office. The official draw will be held next Friday at the morning assembly. Good luck to all!!!

#### 8) School Camps

Yes it is that time of year again! Next **Tuesday 18th October** our Year 7 and 8's will be attending their camp with Mrs Takimoana. They will be camping at **The Farm in Whangaruru**. The following Wednesday sees Miss Broadhurst and Miss Peters with our Year 5 and 6's leave. Their camp is at **Aroha Island** in the **Kerikeri Inlet**. A huge thank you to all parents who will be attending these camps to help support teachers and students in this wonderful experience. I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous amount of planning and energy that it takes to organise a camp and sincerely would like to thank our teachers for organising this extra curriculum activity.

Kia Ora,  
Jackie Osborne  
Tumuaki/Principal



#### **Caught Being A Good Grandparent**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_  
Person Nominating \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_