

Narrative Writing by Room 6

The Giant T-Rex

One day on a tropical island there lived a sad dinosaur in a cave. He was very hungry and safe there, but if he went out there was a herd of triceratops that would stab him with their horns.

Suddenly a gigantic t-Rex came and chased them away and got one of them. A small female T-Rex tried to take some meat but the giant T-Rex chased her away. A triceratops stole the meat. The T-Rex raced to grab the meat off the triceratops. Then the giant T-Rex was back and he was mad.

By Taine

The Survivor

In a land far away lived a man who survived his whole life. His name was Noah. He had built a cabin which was not finished completely. Noah was smart enough. He farmed chickens for eggs. Noah had a pocket knife. He carried a long spear and speared fish. He lived by a lake and it had crocs inside.

He thought of making a mansion but No! He did not have the stuff. He looked around and said, "I'm in the middle of the sea!" Noah slept for lots of nights and he was shivering.

On his 25th night it was stormy and Noah could not sleep – it was too loud. When Noah woke up he was very cold. He checked if his stuff was not broken. "Some day," he said "I'll make a mansion."

By Noah



The Hunter

Hundreds of years ago in a beautiful green land, a little boy was separated from his tribe. Another tribe found him and raised him as one of their own. They taught him everything they knew. They named him Sisora. He was named after the chief's father – the greatest warrior of all time.

One day a man accepted him in his team of hunters. Sisora was so excited he fell to the ground. When he was hunting in the forest, he felt his heart suddenly speeding up and getting heavier. He listened for an animal but all he could hear was his heaving heart thumping loudly. Boom! Boom! Boom! It was hopeless.

Then suddenly he heard a cry for help. "Hhhheeeeeelllllppppp!" What should he do? Leave his post or help? He didn't know what to do so he followed his gut and ran towards the scream. He found a girl being chased by a three metre pig. So he slowly drew his bow and with a thrusting heart he launched the arrow.

It flew through the air like a bolt and Bam! It hit the branch and snapped it. The branch landed on the pig's eyes, blinding it for two seconds. When it's eyesight was restored – smash it hit a tree. The tree broke and landed on the pig.

By Nehemaia



AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Number 36

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

I would like to acknowledge our families and friends in Kaikoura and its surrounds in our prayers, hopes and thoughts. We cannot have any concept of what it is like for them right now. We can think we have a troubled existence from time to time but we all get a reality check about what is actually important when faced with events such as these. If I could offer a word of encouragement at this time it would be that in the process of expressing our sorrow and support for friends, loved ones, colleagues and family in the affected areas, we also make time to build, restore, maintain or create relationships with the people around us. My heart goes out to all those who have lost or have injured family or friends, and to those living in such uncertainty about the impact this will have on their immediate and ongoing futures.

1) Raising Student Achievement

As many parents will know we are at the business end of the school year, which means all classes are carrying out very important assessments to gather results about individual pupil progress. These results are then entered into your child's end of year report. **I cannot stress enough how important it is that your child attends school for the remainder of the year.** As per normal we collect and analyse data at the beginning of the year and at a mid year point, so we can ensure that our programmes are catering for the specific needs of each individual child in our school. As a whole learning community we are looking forward to seeing some positive results as all our pupils and staff have worked extremely hard throughout the year.

2) End of Year Reports

At this present time all teaching staff are currently preparing to assemble end of year reports. These reports will be ready for parents/caregivers on **Thursday 8th December**. We will be sending these reports home with pupils. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to make alternative arrangements for receiving your child's report.

3) End of Year Production 2016

This year we will be holding our usual very entertaining school dance production. All classes have been practising extremely hard since the beginning of the term and I believe we will be in for a fantastic night. The production night will be held on **Thursday 8th December** and will start at approximately **6:00pm**. We have a number of food stalls and you will have a great choice of delicious kai before the show.

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EMERGENCY PLAN

The school has comprehensive emergency response plans in place. Our primary aim is to keep all students and staff safe in all situations. We have two main features of the plan, a LOCKDOWN and a FULL EVACUATION

LOCKDOWN

In the case of a LOCKDOWN:
We ask parents who are onsite to follow the instructions of staff. Our staff are trained in this procedure and know how to keep people safe.

If the school is in lockdown you will not be able to uplift your children.

Please do not come onto the school grounds, for your own personal safety.

FULL EVACUATION

In the case of a FULL EVACUATION:

All staff and students will be evacuated to Pukepoto School hall located at 818 Kaitaia-Awaroa Rd, Phone 09) 4094557.

It is from this evacuation point your children can be uplifted.

In the event of an emergency we will endeavour to keep you informed via phone and the schools website: www.ahipara.school.nz and the school Facebook page.

4) 2017 Planning

We are currently finalising staff for the 2017 year and hope to inform whanau of class structure in next weeks newsletter.

Kia Ora

Jackie Osborne

Tumuaki/Principal



We have had a fun year organising several small successful events, which have proved manageable, community orientated, and a bonus of a small amount of funds raised. These included the Matariki and Halloween discos and a Mum's movie night. Although we had hoped to hold a mini gala, this hasn't been possible. Moving forward to 2017 our main fundraising priority will be the improvements to the junior playground which Lisa is currently submitting grant applications for. We hope the BoT/school is able to remove the water tank from the site so this project can go ahead in 2017. The gala has been a big worry for the few of us this year. We have asked numerous times for extra help with the PTA via Facebook and the school newsletter. Although we always have lots of volunteers during events, we have had little help with preparing for events. The majority of the workload has fallen on a small groups shoulders, with Lisa guiding us where she can. It is this reason this group personally feel we cannot sustain the organisation of a gala on our own. **However if someone does step up to take charge, we would**

be absolutely thrilled and provide support in our areas of expertise.

None of us feel confident and/or freely available to lead the PTA officially as President at this time, due to family, work and study commitments. Our thoughts around fundraising for 2017 will be to continue with the small, manageable events as we have done this year. Possibilities include: Ahipara Car (or Walking) Treasure Hunt, Children's Movie Night, Matariki Disco, Mid Winter Polar Plunge, Halloween Disco, Local/Regional Art Auction (pieces donated) / Wine & Cheese evening, Student Art Auction (every class creates an artwork to be exhibited in class one evening) and whanau invited to view and purchase if they wish (\$2 per piece), Sausage Sizzle. We are having a PTA meeting on **Wednesday 23rd November, 3pm** in the staffroom. We would love to see you there so we can sort this out.