

## Narrative Writing by Room 7

### DANGEROUS GOBLINS

Long ago there lived three men. They lived in an old shaggy cabin in a haunted forest. The first man Michael, was smart, accelerated and wore orange rags. The second Mason, he was very sleepy, super lazy, kind most of the time, and he wore blue pyjamas. The last man Jason was unbelievably stupid! He was also a big nerd and exceptionally ugly.

The problem was that goblins kept coming to their cabin and annoying them because goblins love old, disgusting cabins. So today the three men went on an adventure up a very grassy, steep hill to collect a shinny emerald that goblins were allergic too. They left Mason at home because he would just fall asleep. Michael and Jason started to walk; they were half way there when Michael heard a goblin shout, so they ran as fast as they could. When they got to the top of the hill Jason screamed, "help!!" It was too late. Jason fell off the mountain, smashing the path with his butt all the way down, leaving the emerald at the top. The hill exploded, taking the goblins with it.

By – Tane, Ngairon, Jesse, Lola & Rollin



### THE SPOOKY MOTEL

One spooky night at Northland Queen Motel James was standing nervously still in his room. He was wearing ripped pants and an old t-shirt, and had scruffy black hair. James was a shy man, but very intelligent. But James didn't know there was a ghost that lived in No. 3 unit. One day the ghost saw James walking up to his room. James spotted the ghost, he quickly ran back to the safety of his room. That night James made a trap, and then he hid under his bed, waiting and waiting for the ghost to come...

By - Troy, Ina-Rae & Brodie



### THE PORTAL

Once on a beach four kids found a portal, they walked into it. They were taken to a haunted forest and were extremely scared. Unfortunately for the kids the portal closed behind them and they were trapped forever.

By Koda, Osheya & Tamzyn



Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

### 1) Class Organisation for 2017

Our staffing for next year is complete and we can inform you of our class structures and the teachers for our 9 classrooms. As a staff we are currently finalising our class lists for next year. As most parents can appreciate we have to look at a range of factors before we put together class lists.

Some of these factors are:

- class size
- the year levels within class eg: Year 5 & 6 or Year 6 & 7 combination
- combination of children

As soon as they are complete (over the next two weeks) you will be welcome to discuss your child's placement.

Junior Syndicate:

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|--------|-------------|--------------------|
| (Rm 1) | NE & Year 1 | : Donna Barry      |
| (Rm 2) | Year 1 & 2  | : Sam Smaill       |
| (Rm 8) | Year 2 & 3  | : Esther Dickinson |
| (Rm 7) | Year 3      | : Keriana Te Paa   |

Middle/Senior Syndicate:

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|--------|------------|------------------------------|
| (Rm 6) | Year 3 & 4 | : Lisa Murray                |
| (Rm 9) | Year 4 & 5 | : Margie Donald & Jess O'Dea |
| (Rm 5) | Year 5 & 6 | : Angie Peters               |
| (Rm 4) | Year 6 & 7 | : Penny Cutler               |
| (Rm 3) | Year 7 & 8 | : Tina Takimoana             |

### 2) Staffing

It is with great reluctance that we say goodbye to Jessica Neave at the end of this term. Jess has had a positive impact on our school in the time that she has been with us. She has made significant progress with the students in her care. We wish her all the best for the future.

### 3) 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, 2016.** 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.

#### **4) Snapped Ya! of the Week**

'Snapped Ya!' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for this week has been all our school values. **Nikau Tepania, Shyla-Jade Goodhue-Wikitera, Nehemaia Brown, Kaila Self, Ashlyn Burt** and **Mathew MacPherson** were the lucky 'Snapped Ya!' for week 7. Congratulations to you all.



#### **5) End of Year Production 2016**

This year we will be holding our usual very entertaining school dance production. This year Ahipara School proudly presents our take on the classic, 'The Wizard of Oz'. 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. If you would like to have a food stall, please let the office know - places are filling quick.

#### **6) Juniors 'Big Day In'**

Next, **Wednesday 14th December** our juniors will be having a 'Big Day In' at school. It will be a day full of fun activities, games and sharing at school. Children will be participating in a variety of activities at school and will be able to wear mufti on the day. Please remember togs and parents are welcome to join us

#### **7) Vodafone Warriors**

The Vodafone Warriors plan to visit Kaitia for 2½ days from Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th December 2016, with a primary focus of engaging local youth in sport and exercise. Our Year 6, 7 and 8's will be involved in a sports day on Wednesday 7th December with an opportunity for 2 of our school members being involved in a VIP day on the THURSDAY. It is important for our senior school members to demonstrate our values to be part of this exciting initiative. Vodafone Warriors plan to undertake a year long project in the Far North throughout 2017.

#### **8) NZ Surf Day**

A selection of our Year 5 - 8 students will be given the opportunity to have a go at surfing. Our 'NZ Surf Day' will be held on **Tuesday 13th December**. More information will be given to children closer to the day.

#### **9) Sport at Ahipara School**

Sport is a big part of our school curriculum. Latest studies are showing the relationship between sport and achievement in the classroom is closely connected. It makes sense. You learn so much from sport - that practise is essential to learning a skill, that success feels great and you learn how to be a team player. Students at Ahipara are working with Paulo Montino who is our sports co-ordinator and loving it! We are waiting on an announcement and are very hopeful he will return next year.

#### **10) Art at Ahipara School**

Next year we are very fortunate to again have the services of Kim Subritzky, a specialist teacher, who will work with our students. She will be working with classes and groups to create a number of beautification projects.

#### **11) Ahipara School Garden**

Next year Ahipara students along with the help of our school community will be creating a school garden. This garden will be able to provide vegetables, fruit and authentic learning to all students and our wider community. Before the end of the year we are hoping to complete the fencing, slashing and fertilizing of the area we have set aside for the garden. Remember to get your homework assignment in. There will be a school wide competition to see who can design a remarkable plan of what our garden could look like and all the things we could have growing in it. This is an exciting learning opportunity for all involved and we can't wait to get started!

#### **12) Year 8 Presentation**

The Year 8's will be having their graduation lunch at the Bayview restaurant on **Monday 12th December**. Details will be sent home via class newsletters.

#### **13) End of Term and 2017 Start Dates**

Our last day for the 2016 term for students is **Thursday 15th December**. School will resume for students on **Tuesday 31st January, 2017**.

Kia Ora  
Jackie Osborne  
Tumuaki/Principal

#### **Year 8 Graduation Ball**

This is being held at **KIS** on **Monday 12th December, 6:30-10:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$10.00 each, this includes supper. These are available to purchase from the school office. Dress is formal.