

Room 8 Super Summer Poems

Sunshine

Summer. The hot, hot sun hitting me like a bullet from a rail gun. The heat gives me a red hot tan. The sun hits the sand making it as hot as a steaming rock. When the sun goes down the tears come up from all the kids who don't want to leave the beach.

By Miller

Blazing Bill

Blazing bill burned down the stream turning the ice into water. Leaving the green grass brown and crispy. The hot burning surfers take a nice dip in the cold deep sea. As people stand onto the hot burning sand the crawling crabs nip your feet when you walk into the sea.

By Jahdanae

Summer

Steaming Stevie was roasting the rocks, melting the ice that was once there. She shone her sunrays upon the icy icicles turning them to water. She touched the small skating rinks with her finger and turned them into warm puddles. Steaming Stevie turned it back to summer again!

By Garnet

Sunny Clause

Sunny Clause strode into my garden turning the skating rinks back into water again. She cut off Jack Frost's spikes that spiked me on the head. She grabbed the rain and put up the sun so us girls and boys can have a good Christmas.

By Skyla



Sunnie Shade

As Sunnie Shade approached our school she made the air feel warmer, the grass felt burnt, the ocean felt like I had just hopped out of a hot, hot pool. I can see people lying on the beach trying to get a good tan, while others just use fake tan. This summer I know that I'll have a good time.

By Maia

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa



1) End of Year Dance Production

Our Dance Production is just around the corner and the practises have started to produce some awesome results.

Our production will be held on **Thursday 8th December from 6:00pm** onwards. This year Ahipara School proudly presents our take on the classic, 'The Wizard of Oz'. Over the next week the staff will put together a programme that would give you, our audience, the best opportunity to see the talent our pupils have to offer. Our production will start with a karakia. We envisage the evening finishing around 7.00pm - 7.15pm.

The Mainfreight Award, Academic Achievement Award, (Trophy donated by Ken and Joan Clarke), Sportsperson of the Year, (Trophy donated by the Mullins Family), Excellence in Maori Award (donated by Whaea Veda Allen), The Most Improved Student (donated by the Ahipara Maori Women's Welfare League Branch) and the Service and Contribution Trophy (donated by Lisa Murray). These will be presented to Year 8 students at the conclusion of the production.

FOOD ! FOOD ! FOOD!

We will also have food for sale **from 5:00pm onwards**. We hope to provide you with a wonderful nights entertainment along with food to satisfy the hunger cravings. **Te Ohaki Kohanga Reo** will be selling Hangi for \$10.00. Pre-sold tickets will be available at the office from next week onwards or you can buy on the night.

2) End of Year Reports

As mentioned in last week's newsletter our End of Year Reports will be sent home **Thursday 8th December, 2016**. We hope that you receive

your report intact. This report will reflect your child's progress over the last half of the year in all curriculum areas. The report will give you a clear picture of your child's strengths and areas for development in the core curriculum areas which are reading, writing and maths. We hope that it is informative and we welcome the opportunity to discuss the contents of the report, if needed. I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank all our staff for the extra effort they have all put in during these last few weeks.

3) Staff Farewell

In last weeks newsletter we farewelled Jessica Neave – and due to some computer glitch Claire Broadhurst's thank you, disappeared into the digital wastelands. Arohanui Claire. Claire will be finishing her time with us at the end of this term to move onto her next adventure - Australia. During the time she has been with us it has been awesome to watch her develop into a fantastic teacher. We sincerely thank her for all her mahi for the students in her care. We all wish her the very best for the future.

4) Change in Staffing

As many of you will know, Jessica O'Dea is approaching the end of her pregnancy. Her original goal was to work until the end of the 2016 school year. However on the advice of her midwife she will now start her leave early. In her absence Kate Clarke will be teaching Room 4 until the end of the term.

5) Class Groups for 2017

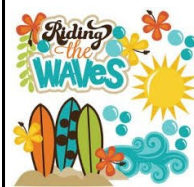
Over the last few weeks we have been working hard towards trying to finalise teachers and possible class levels for next year. As a staff we have nearly finalised our class lists for next year. Parents are welcome to contact the school office next **Tuesday 6th December** to find out what class their child will be in next year.

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) 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.

10) 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.