

Room 5 Holiday Stories

I went to Ngatu river on the 15th of January 2017. I only went there because we got invited so I thought that it might be fun. All of my friends were there, my mum Vera and my little sister Gorgeous and some of the people I know were there. Before we went to Ngatu River we played basketball and some touch.

I went to 90 mile beach on the holidays with my mum, my little sister, my dad and some other family and friends. We went for a fish and a swim. We caught a little kingfish and a snapper. We went there because I wanted to catch up with everybody and see how everybody was. One of my friends jumped off the jetty and so did I.

Thai



In the holidays me and my family went to Nitro Circus, it was awesome. They were doing backflips and someone did a backflip on a motorbike with a broken spine. Also they were doing double backflips and front flips on scooters, motorbikes and bmx. When it was close to the end they did New Zealand against Australia. New Zealand drew with Australia and that was my holiday.



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) 'Snapped Ya!' of the Week

'Snapped Ya!' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for the week is **perseverance**. This weeks 'Snapped Ya!' winners are **Wraith Halleen, Waiata Harrison, Mereana Paroa, Jesse Mallet, Louise Richards, Tauwharangi Pene, Coby Satele, Summah Pene, Mana Peterson and Matteo Wakarua-Noema**.



2) 'Meet the Teachers' Afternoon

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend our 'Meet the Teachers' afternoon on Tuesday. We were thrilled with the number of people who took this opportunity to meet with us. Hopefully all parents were able to speak with their child's classroom teacher about the first few weeks of school. However, feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you were unable to make this meeting. As a staff, we believe that when there are strong partnerships between school and home, the benefits to our children's achievements are immense. We enjoy the opportunity to work and talk with our students families and warmly invite you to "not drop your child off at the gate, but come on in". OOPs-During this afternoon glasses belonging to one of our tamariki were broken. These are very expensive and are a real necessity for him and his whanau so we would like to support them in purchasing a new pair. On **Friday 10th March** the student council will be holding a mufti day with all proceeds going towards new glasses. The theme is Fantasy Friday and if you would like your children to participate we ask for a gold coin donation. If you would like to give a koha, please leave it at the office, it will be really appreciated.

3) School Book Amnesty

Please, could you look around home for Junior Readers, Library Books, Journals and Senior Readers. They could be lurking in wardrobes, behind shelves, beds, etc. The replacement of these books costs the school a great deal of money, money that could be spent on other resources. If you find any, please return to

your child's class teacher or the office.

4) Western Zone Swimming Sports

Tomorrow, **Friday 3rd March** we will be taking a large contingent of Year 4 - Year 8 pupils into the town pools to participate in the annual Western Zone Swimming Sports competition. Students who perform well at this event have the opportunity to compete at the Far North Zone Swimming Finals. We are encouraging all confident and able swimmers to participate in this competitive event which will involve being able to swim at least one length of the town pool. The official start time is at **9:30am**, however, since we are organising this event we will be leaving school around 8:45am. We look forward to another awesome day and we extend a warm welcome to all parents/caregivers to come along and support your tamariki. We have sent out permission slips to those competitive swimmers who have been elected (or have been shouldered tapped!) to participate. If your child is not swimming, they will have the opportunity to participate at our school swimming sports.

5) School Swimming Sports

Senior/Middle Swimming Sports

The Middle and Senior Syndicates will hold their annual School Swimming Sports on **Thursday 16th March**. This event will determine our school champions, boys and girls for years four to eight. We will be starting this at **9.00am**. Do come and join us if you are able, as it is sure to be a fantastic day.

Junior Swimming Sports

These will be held on **Thursday 23rd March**. This will involve Rooms 1, 2, 7 and 8. This is a non-competitive event and start time is **12.30pm**. You are all welcome to join us.

Far North Zone Swimming Sports

This will be held **Wednesday 22nd March** at the Kaitia Swimming Pools.

6) Safe, Fun Place To Learn

As our focus is on providing a safe and fun place to learn, we have asked students to complete a SOCIOGRAM. This is a questionnaire that asks a series of questions from, Who is the most creative? Who says the kindest things? Who is the most annoying? Who is a bully in the playground? (This questionnaire format is available for viewing). Often teachers think they know the students who cause other children's anxiety but by asking our students in a totally confidential way, we have been given an insight from their perspective. We will analyze this information and will use this to develop some social skills programmes with those students identified. If your child has any issues with bullying please don't hesitate to let us know. If we know, we will and can help.

7) Important Notices

School Photos

Our school photos this year will take place **Monday 3rd April**.

Bus Fees

The town bus run is not part of the Far North Bus Transport Network but is a separate

bus run organised by the school to assist parents who wish to send their children to our school rather than send their children to their closest school. If they wish to use this bus, rather than provide their own transport, they have to share in the costs.

Costs are \$4.00 per child or \$6.00 per family per week.

There are times when your child would like to use this service on a casual basis and we can usually accommodate requests, but only if these requests are in the form of a note or verbal message from parents, not from students, as this is obviously a safety precaution.

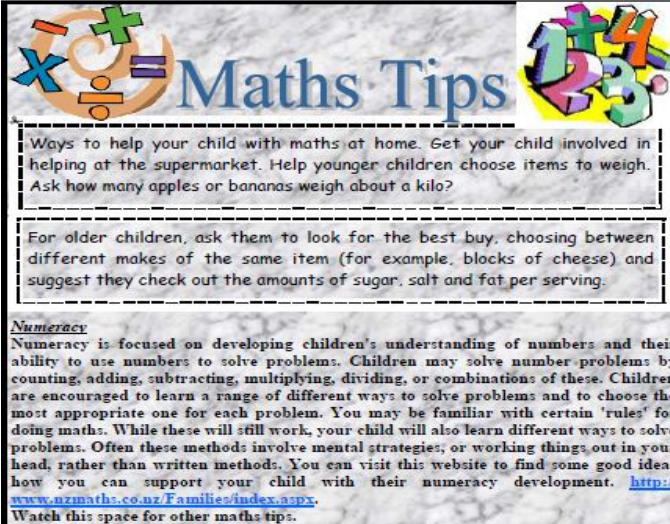
8) Students After School

Over the last week we have noticed that some children are not being picked up until well after 4.30. As you would know this could be a real safety issue as teachers are off duty after the last bus which leaves 3.40. Please ensure that your children are picked up when school is finished at 2.45. It is very difficult for both our teachers and very upsetting for students when we can't get in touch with parents to find out what is happening.

9) Uniform

Just a reminder that school polo shirts are compulsory and **MUST** be worn daily. The school has a few school tee shirts available for those times when the polo shirt is at Nan's or in the wash, but we envisage this as an occasional occurrence rather than the norm (especially as we do need to launder them daily). Some students think that plain black singlets or camisoles are permissible but this is not the case. Plain black sweatshirts /cardigans can be worn in place of the polar fleece but all students need to wear either the yellow or black polo shirt. The Warehouse Group has informed us that our uniform is available at the local Kaitia branch.

Kia Ora
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal



The poster is titled "Maths Tips" in a large, blue, stylized font. To the left of the title are several colorful mathematical symbols: a plus sign, a minus sign, a multiplication sign, a division sign, and an equals sign. To the right of the title is a colorful illustration of a child's head made of various mathematical symbols like numbers and geometric shapes. Below the title, there are two dashed-line boxes containing text. The first box says: "Ways to help your child with maths at home. Get your child involved in helping at the supermarket. Help younger children choose items to weigh. Ask how many apples or bananas weigh about a kilo?". The second box says: "For older children, ask them to look for the best buy, choosing between different makes of the same item (for example, blocks of cheese) and suggest they check out the amounts of sugar, salt and fat per serving." Below these boxes, there is a section titled "Numeracy" in a small, bold font. The text in this section explains that numeracy is focused on developing children's understanding of numbers and their ability to use numbers to solve problems. It mentions that children may solve number problems by counting, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, or combinations of these. It encourages children to learn a range of different ways to solve problems and to choose the most appropriate one for each problem. It also mentions that children may be familiar with certain 'rules' for doing maths, but that these will still work, and that children will also learn different ways to solve problems. It suggests that these methods involve mental strategies, or working things out in your head, rather than written methods. It concludes by saying that you can visit the website to find some good ideas how you can support your child with their numeracy development. The website address is <http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/Families/index.aspx>. At the bottom, it says "Watch this space for other maths tips."