

Room 7's Awesome Writing



These are some of the awesome writers in our class!
L-R: Shannon-Jo Pene, Hannah Oughton, Rata McCarthy, Ahi Koha and Eli Harrison.

We have been learning to write explanations with Mrs Hammond. An explanation tells us: what something is, how things work or why things happen. They have: a title, a question to ask the audience, tell what you are going to explain in a sentence, describe how/why it works and last of all comment on anything special or interesting. Here are some explanations about ...

How Frogs Grow

The frogs lay eggs. The egg hatches and tadpoles come out. Froglets lose their tails. Finally, the froglets turn into adult frogs. *By Rata*



Why Baby Teeth Fall Out

Why baby teeth fall out is because we get our adult teeth. My baby teeth are little and when I am 5 or 6 the adult teeth push the little teeth out of the gums to make room for the big teeth. I need my big teeth forever. When your tooth falls out, you put it under your pillow. *By Ahi*



Why Popcorn Pops

Have you ever known why popcorn pops? Did you know the seeds have tiny drops of water? The water inside heats up, the water isn't boiling hot, but it's warm. After the water starts to steam up, then ... the popcorn explodes. It's delicious, buttery popcorn. *By Eli*



How Trees Grow

Trees need lots of help to grow. Trees are used for food and oxygen. They need lots of water to grow, shelter, good soil and compost. Trees are useful for many things like building homes and wood items. *By Hannah*



How Trees Grow

Trees need lots of help to grow so they can grow fruit. Trees need heaps of things like sun, water, food, soil and compost. Trees make the bad air turn into good air. I like trees because they make shade. *By Shannon-Jo*



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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 **managing self**. This weeks 'Snapped Ya!' winners are **Ely Saxon, Liquan Hampton -Snowden, Jessie Lee Beatson, Eli Harrison, Layla Thirkettle and Unaiki Motu.**



2) Junior Swimming Sports

Unfortunately due to a clash with an event next week we have had to change our Junior swimming event. The new date is next **Tuesday 21st March at 12.30pm**. See you next week. **Far North Swimming Finals** take place on **Wednesday 22nd March**. Your child will have bought home a permission slip if they are one of the swimmers selected by the western zone to compete. It is very important that these are returned so that we can organise transport etc.

3) School Photos

This year our school photos will be taken by Shutterbug Photography on April 3rd and 4th. An order form has been given out with this newsletter and all orders need to be returned (with payment) by Friday 31st March.

4) Uniforms

Winter Uniforms are now available in Kaitaia at The Warehouse. These are a winter polar fleece and jacket.

5) Garden Update

Although it may seem that not much is happening with the school garden as yet, I can assure you lots has been happening behind the scenes around infrastructure. The Board has approved the fencing which will happen very soon, the lime is almost ready to be spread, the raised beds are being made next week and we are now planning how we can transplant our fruit trees at the end of this term, beginning of next. In class our tamariki are wondering about the rich question. "Do trees have value?" They are exploring a diverse range of ideas through science and social sciences in an integrated curriculum. If you have any skills in these areas we would love to hear from you.

6) Trillion Trust (Previously known as Variety Club)

This group of amazing people will be joining our school on **Wednesday 22nd March**

and will be arriving at about 12.45pm on the day and will be around until 3.30ish or when jobs are finished! They will be helping the school out by doing some painting, making steps into our garden and building ten raised garden beds. There will be 130 odd people, 35 vehicles (half of them are Fire Engines.) They will have some giveaways for the kids and have lots of fun. You are more than welcome to join us.

7) Breakfast Club

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who are making our Breakfast Club happen. We are absolutely thrilled that our tamariki are able to have access to this and it has proven to be a very popular club. If you would like to be involved just let the office know (please bring two forms of photo id because we will need to police check). We would love to have you on board.

8) Support Staff Paid Union Meeting

Our support staff will be attending a paid union meeting on **Tuesday 21st March**, so will not be in the classes on this day.

9) Kapa Haka News

Our Kapa Haka roopu is up and running now with the sweet sound of waiata and haka drifting through the school on a regular basis. We have different events planned for our roopu and parents in the near future too. We also have some fantastic, supportive experts who are willing to show parents and students how to make new poi, new costumes and even piupiu!! **Are you interested?**

10) 'A School of Fish' Fence

Our specialist Art Teacher - Kim Subritzky, has started work on our latest project. Our senior classes and students are well underway with an art project for the school fence area. They are painting fish to attach to the fence that surrounds the front the school. It is envisioned that every one in our school community-students and staff will complete one of these fish and it's already got the kids talking about how one is so much better with many. Kim is at school teaching on a Thursday and you are welcome to come in and have a look at what we are doing and where we're up to. We hope to have this completed by the end of next term.

11) Charter and Annual Plan

Our charter and annual plan have been approved by the Ministry of Education and are available for viewing at the office. Annual charter updates are required to be submitted to the Ministry each year. The charter is a key planning document that sets out the school's objectives and targets for the year. It is effective in setting teaching and learning programmes and guiding the activities of our school. The purpose of a school charter is to establish the mission, aims, objectives, directions and targets of the board that will give effect to the Government's National Education Guidelines and the Board's priorities.

12) Lit Quiz

Next **Thursday 23rd March** we have two teams travelling to Kerikeri for the annual Lit Quiz. We wish them all the best of luck.

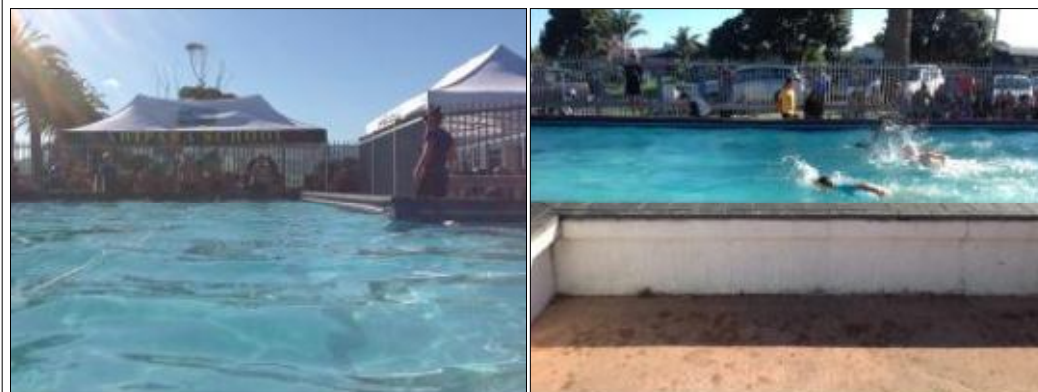
13) Board of Trustees

Trustees have the overall responsibility for a school. Their role is to ensure that students get the best education possible and includes strategic planning as well as the governance of property, personnel and finances. Trustees are people who are committed to education. We are very fortunate to have a BOT that is committed to putting our students first. Our Board members are **Dion Masters, Rowen Burt, Amelia Marsh, Ken Mullarkey, Patau Tepania, Maureen Te Paa** and **June Matiu** (Staff Rep). They are very approachable and do introduce yourself if you don't already know them.

Kia Ora

Jackie Osborne

Tumuaki/Principal



ACTION FROM TODAY'S SWIMMING ACTION

