

Awesome writing in Reading Recovery

These students have been working really hard in Reading Recovery. Each day they compose their own story from a photo, then Mrs Hammond cuts up their story and they put it back together using reading strategies taught. Check out their super stories, where the focus is on using interesting vocabulary.

The red sports car goes fast
like a fire engine. *By Diaz*



The big shark is hunting for a snapper.
He is strong and powerful .
He swims in the deep, dark sea.

By Pire



The big shark is going to eat the fish.
He has sharp teeth and he lives
in the ocean. *By Tyresse*



This is Diaz learning to write
independently in her scrapbook.



This is Pire working on his
cut-up story.



This is Tyresse building
phonological awareness skills by
segmenting words into
individual sounds using
Elkonin boxes.

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Duffy Role Model assembly

The Duffy Role model assembly takes place at the Te Rarawa clubrooms, **Monday 10th April, 11.30 am** with **Keith Tonkin**. Keith has written on a variety of subjects from film-makers to New Zealand adventurers, often creating stories that are factually based with imagined characters, combining his love of New Zealand history with fictional writing. As usual, you are very welcome to join us.

2) Unlocking Learning Potential

As part of our aim to personalise learning for all our students, we have a number of personnel and programmes in place. These people can develop programmes that will support your child and help adapt the curriculum to meet their needs.

- Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour
- Resource Teacher of Literacy
- Accelerating Learning Groups and GATE programmes
- Social Worker in Schools
- Supplementary Learning Support
- Group Education Services
- Talk to Learn
- Reading Recovery
- Teacher Aide support

If you have any concerns about your child's achievement and progress, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are always happy to assist in any way and we value your input, as you know your child best.

3) Whangarei Boys High School Visits

Whangarei Boys' High School - Carruth House, will be visiting Ahipara School on Tuesday, 9th May at 11:00 am. All Year 7 and 8 students and parents/caregivers, interested in boarding at WBHS or WGHS are invited to attend the presentation.

4) 'Blue Day' Friday

Tomorrow is "Blue Day" and there have been numerous fundraising opportunities to support autism awareness. The student council will be holding a Mufti Day, gold coin donation. 'Guess the Marbles' and the 'Blue' raffle will be drawn and pre ordered blue cupcakes will be eaten. A very cool blue day with beautiful blue skies.



Please don't park in our bus bays-we have our usual pick ups morning and afternoon but we can still use buses during the day for sport events etc. It is very frustrating for the driver of the bus and for our staff when on duty. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents and teachers are essential partners in a child's development of reading, writing, and language skills. Family members can do the following activities at home to encourage literacy. Be a model for your child. Children learn that reading and writing are important when they see adults using these skills!

- Spend time in conversation with your child to develop vocabulary and knowledge of the world. Label what you see and explain how things work. (Oral language)
 - Play with language to help your child listen to rhymes and letter sounds. Read rhyming books. See how many rhyming words you can think of together: hop, top, bop, mop, lop, stop, drop, and flop. Use words that start with the same letter (alliteration) and help your child to hear the letter sounds - 'Big Bob Bounced a Ball.' (Phonological Awareness)
 - Teach your child about letters and words. Notice words and letters in the world around you. Read cereal boxes and favorite snacks. Post your child's name in his or her room. Point out the letters in your child's name that you see in signs and billboards around town. (Alphabet Knowledge)
 - Read aloud with your child every day. Talk about the stories you read to make them more meaningful to your child. Children will learn about books and print, for example: we read the words, rather than the pictures, from left to right, and from the front of a book to the back. (Print Concepts)
 - Encourage your child to draw and write by allowing access to pencils, crayons, markers, chalk and a variety of paper. Activities to develop the muscle strength needed to be able to write successfully include: playing with play dough, tearing and crumpling paper, scooping and pouring, using Lego blocks, sticking stickers, and using tongs. Help your child send a letter or write an important list. (Writing)
- Remember that you are the first and most important educator in your child's life!!!

We will be offering six external exams to all pupils, Year 4 to Year 8. Closing dates and costs for entries are as follows. **Science** - 2nd May, \$9.50, **Writing** - 15th May, \$20.50, **Spelling** - 16th May, \$11.50, **English** - 23rd June, \$9.50 and **Maths** - 23rd June, \$9.50.

If you have internet access and would like to have access to some learning sites for kids here are a few to get you started.

<http://www.e-learningforkids.org/> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools>
<http://www.starfall.com/> <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en>
<http://www.fairytale.htm> <http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>
<http://www.ictgames.com> <http://www.crickweb.co.uk>
http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/literacy/lit_site/html/fiction/fairytale2/
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

As part of our goal of connecting with whanau, to celebrate our tamariki's learning, we would like to invite all whanau to sign up with the Seesaw app. This app will allow your child to share their learning with you. Please see your child's teacher if you have not received a login code or if you need help setting up. If you have already signed up to the Seesaw app or if you sign up before Week 1 of Term 2, your name will go into the draw to win \$100 Pak 'n' Save voucher.


Kia Ora,
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal

**Ahipara School PTA
Outdoor Movie Night**

Wednesday 12 April - 6pm
Gates open 530pm, movie 630pm

Spot Prizes

Raffles



\$2 (U3'S FREE)
Snacks available for purchase
(We would prefer it if you didn't bring your own)

Bring a blanket to sit on

Purchase your ticket on the night
(Weather dependent - may be postponed: check FB or phone APS)