

Room 2 writing

Last week we went to a show called 'Hiwi the Kiwi'. We learnt all about fishing for the future and water safety. Check out our awesome stories!

You tell your dad to put on a life jacket so you don't drown.
-Summah

Big fish go back in the water and you wear a life jacket.
-Gorgeous

You need to put the big fish back because they might have babies.
-Tyrin

You have to put a wet towel on the fish.
-Coby



You always wear a life jacket because it's safe for you and me.
-Kree

You put the big fish back in the sea because it will die and you take a bucket filled of ice for the fish.
-Aynjewel

Thursday 11th May, 2017

Number 13

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa



1) WHANAU Fun

Would you like to have fun and help with your child's maths? Then you really need to make sure that you join us next **Tuesday 16th May at 3.15pm** to take part in a fun maths session. We are really fortunate to have Ian Stevens from Maths Adventures to run this session and he is great! You will go away with some awesome ideas to engage and help your child with maths.

They're easy, enjoyable and will have them begging for more. Don't be shy this will be fun! We will also be running one later in the term, in the evening for those working parents.

2) 'Snapped Ya'

'Snapped Ya' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for this week is all our four values **Respect, Tikanga, Manaakitanga and Perseverance**. The recipients are **Taine Phillips, Rollin Pure, Tamzyn Howell, Coby Satele, Marshal Masters, Mahinarangi Barrett-Chadwick, Magic Hoani and Milly Andrew**.



3) See Saw Draw

Thank you to all those people who have signed up for seesaw. Everyone I have spoken to about this app is very happy about the interaction they are able to have around their child's learning. The winner of \$100.00 Pak n Save voucher is Mahinarangi and her mum, Lucarine. Huge congratulations.



4) Books in Homes - Caught Being a Good Mum (Mothers Day this Sunday)

The Caught Being a Good Mum award celebrates female caregivers, be they mums, step mums, aunts, grandmothers, etc. We encourage all pupils to nominate their special female person who will go in the draw to win a copy of

‘Rants in the Dark, from one tired mama to another’ - By Emily Writes. Please complete the form below and hand it in to the school office tomorrow, **Friday 12th May** to be in the draw. Good luck to all !!!

Caught Being A Good Mum

I nominate _____ because she _____

Person Nominating _____ Room _____

5) Seasonal Flu

We have noticed an increase in children presenting with seasonal flu like symptoms, which can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. The most important thing you can do as parents and caregivers, is to reinforce these messages to your children.

- ◆ Ensure your children wash and dry their hands thoroughly and regularly, especially before meals and after toileting.
- ◆ Always use a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing and discard it in a closed rubbish bin.
- ◆ If your child has flu-like symptoms, please keep them home.



6) ‘Become a Heart Saver’ March Winner

Ahipara School is ‘Become a Heart Saver’ winner for the month of March. We have won an AED or commonly known as a Defib. Thank you to everyone who voted for us.

They loved how excited we were to have won, they shared your feedback:

"Wow thanks so much we are super excited. This is fantastic for our community. We are so happy to have won this amazing prize!"

The school is situated right next to beautiful 90 Mile Beach and is a hive of activity - as well as the 240 students and 30 staff, it's also used by local sports teams and fitness clubs after hours. Applicants told us Ahipara is a tight-knit community of around 1500, plus there's always tourists in the area, so an easily accessible AED at the centrally located school will be greatly appreciated.

7) Piupiu Making

Thank you for all those who attended our meeting for piupiu making yesterday. It was great to see so many people wanting to learn this skill artform. Our first official lesson is **Wednesday 17th May, 3.00pm** in **Room 10**. Don't forget to bring your



flax (only 3 or 4 blades) and your knife. Watch this YouTube link on how to cut flax - www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDAZa9n34-I.

Kia Ora

Jackie Osborne

Tumuaki/Principal

Ideas for Family Writing Activities

Children become better readers by writing, and better writers by reading! Writing, like reading, is best learned when you have something real to write for a real purpose. You can find plenty of opportunities at home for your children to write.

Lists: Families make these all the time: shopping lists, to-do lists, invitation lists, holiday packing lists. Encourage your children to make lists of their own.

Ideas: birthdays of family and friends, chores, school assignments, top-ten lists.

Notes: Encourage your children to jot notes to family members and capture special moments in writing.

Ideas: saying goodbye to grandparents after a summer vacation, the taste of a chocolate chip ice cream, a booster message for a sibling facing a challenge, a love note to a parent, a thank you note.

Journals and diaries: In the process of writing, journal writers often come to deeper understanding of their lives. The journal becomes a precious keepsake as the journal writer continues through life. You could make a diary or journal an annual essential of Christmas giving.

Dialogue journals: These are a written conversation between a parent and child, usually in a notebook passed back and forth at different times of day. This is a way for a parent to develop a deeper relationship with a child – questions, answers, encouragements, apologies, and words of affection can be written that might never be spoken.

Letters and e-mails: Letters can help children stay in touch with distant family members. All children love getting a letter or e-mail back. Getting into the habit of letter-writing can become a lifetime pleasure.

Birthday and special-event books: Provide blank books for family members and guests at birthday parties and special events so they can write personal notes and wishes. These become treasured archives of people and occasions.

Parodies: Make it a family thing to write spoofs of songs, poems and advertisements to mark special occasions or achievements.

Home-based writing should be enjoyable, real and frequent.

Make the writing an authentic part of everyday life. Avoid making it overly instructional. Give a quick response to requests for help rather than subjecting children to a lengthy ordeal of explanations or looking up words or information. This can be done later so the flow of writing is not interrupted.

Don't be too overly concerned with grammar and spelling. Pointing out every mistake will discourage them from writing. Encourage SENSIBLE ATTEMPTS at spelling. Keep a dictionary close to hand and let your children see you using it to check a word in your own writing. Your attitude to spelling and grammar will naturally influence theirs without having to make a correct piece of writing a "chore" that takes away the pleasure from their writing. (always remember who the writing is for– a shopping list doesn't have to have every word spelt correctly)

Always have writing materials available – pens, pencils, coloured markers, paper and staplers. Visit stationery shops to find attractive paper clips, stickers, notebooks and blank cards. The family writing kit could include envelopes, postage stamps and scissors. When shopping with your children, look out for items to add to the collection.