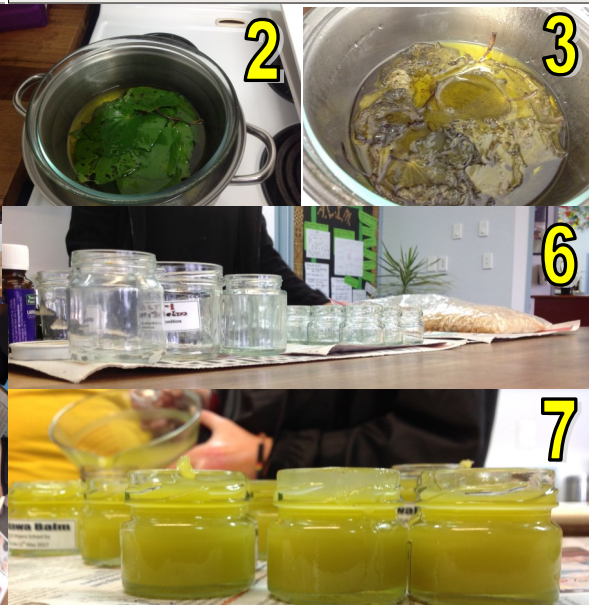


Room 3

Last Friday (12th May), Janine came and showed our class how to make Kawakawa Balm. She explained to us how to make it, what resources we would need, and gave us a few traditional tips. It was a great way of explaining Rongoa Maori (Natural Medicine), which we have been learning about recently in class.

Thanks Janine for making learning more fun and putting up with us! We appreciate you coming and giving up your time to teach us this skill.



AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Positive Behaviour for Learning - PB4L

We have been continuing to focus on the skills and values taught through the PB4L programme. Respect is an overarching value – respect for ourselves, our whanau, other people, respect for our school and respect for our community. We talk with children daily to reinforce what this looks and sounds like within our classroom and school. Speaking nicely to others, keeping our environment clean and tidy and helping others. As part of PB4L we have recently had an external review and we are very pleased with the results. Do talk with your children about our school values and I think you will be very impressed with their ideas around them.

2) Kiwi Netball Tournament

This year Kiwi Netball tournaments will be run over three different days for different Year groups. The first tournament is for our **Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4** teams on **Wednesday 31st May**. The **Year 5 & 6** teams are the following day, **Thursday 1st June**. The following **Thursday 8th June** is for our **Year 7 & 8**.

3) Uniforms

We are starting to accumulate a rather large amount of un-named uniform articles. (Some which are brand new!) Please ensure your child's uniform is named and also that what they wear home belongs to them.

4) School Camps

I know it's early but the first of our school camps, will be heading off next week. Next **Wednesday 24th May** our Year 5 and 6s will be attending their camp with Miss Peters and Ms Donald. They will be heading to Auckland, where they will be spending their first night staying at Auckland Zoo. It should be a very adventurous camp.

5) Medication At School

Due to the health and safety regulations, below is the procedure our school has to follow when administering medications.

1. Parent must bring to and collect medication from school.

2. The amount of medication at school should be no more than is required for a fortnight's dispensing.
 3. Agreement/consent form (these are kept in the office) needs to be signed by parent giving consent for staff member to give medication.
 4. Any training required in administering the medication shall be the responsibility of the parent.
 5. Children must be made aware of routines and expectations to turn up and take medication. It is impractical for a staff member to be hunting throughout recesses to find a child.
 6. Register needs to be filled in by a staff member when medication is dispersed – medical register in the office.
 7. Medication must be stored in a safe, appropriate place.
 8. Medication must by law, have the medical practitioner's directions on it and it must be dispensed according to those directions.
- It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to inform the school of any change in the student's medical circumstance.

6) Cellphones

A reminder that if it is necessary for your child to bring a cellphone to school they must sign it in at the office as soon as they arrive. This policy is in place for a number of reasons, but most importantly it is to provide a safe environment for our students. We have had a number of students who have not followed this policy and they have had their phones confiscated. Their parents will need to come into school to claim these from the office. We do realise that this could be inconvenient for some, but it will ensure that parents do realise that their children are bringing phones to school. If it is not vital for your child to have a cellphone during school hours, could you please ensure they keep them at home.

7) Mid Year Reports and Three Way Conferences

At Ahipara School we focus on learning and we constantly have conversations with children about what they are learning, why they are learning it and what their next steps are. Part of this process includes feedback from teachers, peers and parents and the research suggests that the way in which this feedback is given will contribute to how well learners move forward with their learning. As many of you will know, it is not only a time of celebration, but a time when your child can share their learning with you. This opportunity to share makes a real difference to the child's learning progress. There will be more information over the next few weeks on these Conferences and booking slips will be sent home closer to the date. These conferences will take place on **Thursday 6th July** and interview times will start at 8:00am and will finish at

6:00pm. During this time our teaching staff will not be available for normal teaching duties, so alternative arrangements will need to be made for your children when not in conference.

8) Public Health Nurse

The Public Health Nurse attends our school every Wednesday. If you would like a private consultation with our Public Health Nurse, please telephone the school and we will arrange one.

9) Geo Camp

Our students who have been participating in the Geo camp will be presenting their learning at the Te Ahu Centre on **Saturday 20th May**. The school community are very welcome to visit this exhibition.

10) Piupiu Classes

These started this week and talking with the participants, they are really enjoying this new learning. Thank you Joe for your fantastic mahi. If you still want to be involved its not too late - contact the office for details.

Kia Ora

Jackie Osborne

Tumuaki/Principal

Whanau Fun Maths

Thank you to all those parents who joined us for games with Ian Stevens yesterday afternoon. This graphic explains the key ideas that will make a difference to your child's achievement at school and thank you to Kirsty Saxon for the graphic design of these messages.

Think ...



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Teamwork

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