



My tree is little and it has lots of leaves. It has a purple flower.
By Jacob



My tree has yellow and green leaves. It is growing.
By Kairangi



Room One Writing



My tree is golden. It has little leaves.
By Bayley

My tree has leaves, green, long, skinny leaves. My tree is going to be big.
By Mahinarangi



My tree has yellow leaves and green leaves and has wood.
By Keoni



My tree is going up, up, up. It is a cool tree.
By Sundown



My tree is little and I like it. The leaves are green. My tree is growing. The leaves are green and little.
By Milan



AHIPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NGA KORERO O TE KURA O AHIPARA



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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all pupils, parents and staff and a special welcome to any new families that have recently joined our school. Also, a special thank you to all staff members who have undertaken professional development during our break. Our teachers are very hard working, developing our core business of learning/teaching and of lifting student achievement.

2) Snapped Ya!



The winner of the 'Snapped Ya' grand prize for Term 2 was **Cypress Lewis**. He won a \$20.00 'North Drift Cafe' voucher. Congratulations Cypress! All students who have their names drawn out at our Values assemblies on Tuesdays will go in the draw for the next grand prize at the end of this term.

3) Pupil/Parent/Teacher Interviews

We have had very positive feedback from teachers, parents and students about our parent/teacher/student conferences. I would like to thank you for making the effort around your busy schedules to get there. Our core business of learning is strengthened when there are strong home and school partnerships. We have only a small number of our students who have not had the opportunity to share their successes with their parents/caregivers at an interview and hopefully they will be able to arrange an alternative time this week. This is an extremely valuable way for parents to ascertain how their child is performing at school and how they can support their learning. But remember you don't have to wait for a formal interview. **You are welcome to discuss you child's achievement at any time during the school term.**

4) Staff Changes

This week we welcome back Jessica O'Dea who has been on maternity leave. She will be working with Room 9 students Monday to Wednesday. Dr Angela Nunn will be working with these tamariki Thursday and Friday. If you haven't yet meet these great teachers please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself.



5) Town Bus

The costs for this private run is \$4.00 per child or \$6.00 per family per week. We offer a 10% discount if fees are paid in advance for the whole term.

Occasional Bus Use: If space is available, we are sometimes able to offer transport into town for one off trips at \$2 per trip. However, if students just turn up in the bus lines expecting to get on, they could be disappointed. We require permission from parents for this, and a verbal request from the child will not be acceptable. For obvious safety reasons we cannot just put students on the bus when they ask.

6) Library

If you have some spare time and would like to help in the library, we have some new books that need to be covered before they can be put onto the shelves. Any help would be much appreciated!

7) Ahipara School 'Speech Festival' 2017

As most parents/caregivers will be aware our pupils will be working hard on preparing speeches as part of the current literacy programme this term. We will have trophies for each level and I believe we will have a special guest judge on the day. Syndicates will be holding semi finals to find out who will progress through to the finals. Our finals will be held in Week 8 with the interschool competition in Week 9. We welcome all parents and caregivers to what promises to be an entertaining afternoon. Please if you have speech trophies could you return them to the school asap.

8) Cross Country

**Western Zone at Pukepoto School (Date to be confirmed)
Far North Schools Cross Country at Peria School,
Friday 8th September 2017**

Classes have already begun to prepare for these events. They can also be seen running a course around the school and domain, lifting the fitness levels of many students. The Far North Schools finals will be held at the Peria School.



Kia Ora
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal

There are 10 weeks in this term. If fees are paid by Friday 11th August:

- Per child **\$36.00**
- Per family **\$54.00**

Ahipara School Book Week

Week 3 – Monday 7th - Friday 11th August

Monday: Stop, Drop and Read.

Throughout the day when you hear music playing over our intercom system we will ALL stop what we are doing and READ, READ, READ. Yay!!!

Tuesday: Whanau Day.

Whanau can come in and read to your class. Ask your whanau if they want to come in and read their favourite book to a group of your friends or your whole class.

Wednesday: Book Swap Bonanza.

Bring along your old books to give away/swap. There will be a couple of tables set up outside Room 2, piled with books for children to take home and keep.

Thursday: Dad's Day.

Buddy class teachers will swap and read you one of their favourite books.

Friday: Dress Up Day - Who is your favourite book character?

Dress up as someone that you aspire to be or your favourite character. There will be a parade at 9am and prizes for best costumes.

Other Activities this week:

A Library Quiz.
Reading in Pukapuka Park.
Lunchtime Story time.

