

Room 5's Projects

Recently Room 5 has been participating in some really fun projects. They have been making Kawakawa balm with Whaea Janine and planting at Mapere with Room 6. Here's what some of our students learned...

Can Kawakawa balm heal you?

"Yes it can!" Kawakawa balm is a Maori medicine that can help you. Firstly what it does is it can heal your itchy bites and heaps more. Kawakawa balm is made with bee's wax, olive oil and kawakawa leaves...

By Ruiha



Kawakawa balm

Did you know Kawakawa balm could heal your hakihi (sores)? Well it does! To make Kawakawa balm firstly you get the Kawakawa leaves and put them in a bowl. Then you count them (there should be 24 leaves)

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By Rivers



How to plant at Mapere?

First you dig a hole big enough to fit your plant in. Next you have to get a fertilizer tablet to help it grow better and put it in the hole. Then you put the plant in and then fill it in with dirt till it is covered.

By Pyper

Why is it important to plant at Mapere?

Planting at Mapere is important because it helps with the environment and it helps to support the sand dunes. It was really important to me because my ancestors were buried there and these are some of the reasons we helped to plant at Mapere...

By Terina

Thursday 24th August, 2017

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Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoua

1) Mufti Day/Daffodil Day

Tomorrow, **Friday 25th August** the Student Council will hold a mufti day for Daffodil Day. The theme for the mufti day is yellow. Please bring a gold coin donation to support the Cancer Society. There will be classroom winners for best costumes.



2) Year 4 - 8 Western Zone Cross Country

Our annual Western Zone Cross Country will be held on **Tuesday 29th August 2017** at **Pukepoto School**. The first ten place getters in each event will be eligible to attend the Far North Schools Cross Country Finals at **Peria School** on **Friday 8th September**.



All students are now running in AGE GROUPS not in class levels.

The following are approximate times only! - **NOTE: AGE AT 1st JANUARY**

2017

Assemble on bottom field by 9.30am before walking the course.

10.00am	8 year old boys	1.5 km
10.10am	8 year old girls	1.5 km
10.25am	9 year old boys	2.5 km
10.40am	9 year old girls	2.5 km
10.55am	10 year old boys	2.5 km
11.15am	10 year old girls	2.5 km
11.30am	11 year old boys	3 km
11.45am	11 year old girls	3 km
12.00pm	12+ year old boys	3 km
12.15pm	12+ year old girls	3 km

There will be sausages (\$2) and drinks (\$1) for sale on the day.

3) Junior Cross Country

The Junior Cross Country will be held at Pukepoto School on **Tuesday 5th**

September at 10am (Year 0 - 3). This will involve all students from Rooms 1, 2, 7, 8 and the Year 3s from Room 6. If you do not wish your child to participate please inform the class teacher or the office. There will be a sausage sizzle (\$2) available on the day. They will be assembling on the field at 10.00am and will then be walking the course. Children will be running in 'Ages at 1st January.'

Runs and times are as follows.

5 year old boys	10.30 am
5 year old girls	10.40 am
6 year old boys	11.00 am
6 year old girls	11.10 am
7 year old boys	11.20 am
7 year old girls	11.30 am

4) Ahipara School 'Speech Festival' 2017

As most parents/caregivers will be aware, our pupils have been 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 on **Tuesday 12th September**. 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 as soon as possible.**



5) Pet/Ag Day

Our annual 'Pet/Ag Day' will be held on **Thursday 14th September**. More information will be in a newsletter closer to the day. In the meantime pencil in this date on your calendar.

Kia Ora
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal



WANTED - SMALL POTS

Room 5 would like small pots with lids. These are for their Kawakawa balm they are making to sell at our Gala day. Baby food jars are perfect.

'Board of Trustees' News

Kia Ora Whanau,

As the Ahipara School Board of Trustees Chairman and spokesperson I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about some of the work we have been doing behind the scenes.



We have been discussing and reviewing several options for our new library. This has been going on for several months now, we really want to make sure we do it once and do it right. I'm very pleased to say that we as a Board are very nearly in a position to "green light" the project and set the wheels in motion. We won't see any construction for several months but this is a very exciting time and the benefits to our kids will be awesome.



I take it you all have seen the works that were undertaken in the old horse paddock below the School earlier on in winter?? Contrary to public opinion it is not a horse arena, haha. This area is being converted into a garden area using raised gardens. Work came to a screeching halt with a very wet winter, rest assured we are preparing to complete the garden through Spring. This area will be an awesome learning area for the kids where each class will have their own garden to plant and grow vegetables.

We have also been developing plans for the junior playground so our kids will be able to vote for their favourite.

So that's all from the Board for now, watch this space though, I will be putting in more effort to keep you all informed as these exciting projects progress.