

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 or book, 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.

Mum and Dad went to the shops. *By Rangimarie*



The girl is playing in the crunchy leaves and she is throwing them up. The yellow, brown and orange leaves are floating down in the air.

By Summah



The bad troll is eating crunchy, red apples under the tree. He is stealing red apples.

By Landon



This is Summah learning to write independently in her scrapbook.



This is Rangimarie working on her cut-up story.



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

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Gala 2017

Thanks to everyone who has brought in non perishable items. There is still time to enter the competition, so please keep them coming. We will draw the competition tomorrow, **Friday 29th September**. If you would like to enter, please send your non perishable items along to the office and complete the entry slip below. Don't forget to have a look around your house for any good quality clean, working and still usable items for our 2nd hand stall. With school holidays coming up it will be perfect timing for a spring clean. Please contact the office if you have any large items that need to be picked up.



Gala Day Raffle Competition

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Grocery Item 1. _____ 2. _____

2) Far North Speech Finals

Last **Friday 22nd September** the Far North Speech Finals were held at Kaitiā REAP. **Garnet Berghan** placed 2nd in the Year 5 & 6 section and **Robbie Dawson** placed 3rd in the Year 7 & 8 section. Congratulations to you both.



3) Health and Safety

Health and Safety in our school requires that we know who is on the school grounds during the school day. Visitors to our school please come to the office first and sign in. We now have an electronic sign in system for visitors which is quick and easy to use. You also need to sign out any student leaving school early or for an outing such as lunch and then sign them back in when they

return. If you are dropping lunches, etc off to your children, you can leave these at the office to be delivered to your child's class.

4) Duffy Role Model Assembly

On **Monday 25th September** at 11.30am we held our Duffy role model assembly. Our Duffy role model was **Shelley (Shelby) Ryan**. This was not Shelby's first time to Ahipara School. She had been here with Norm Hewitt and the SPCA educational programme called 'One of the Family', which was about how to look after your pets. She spoke about her life and how her passion for her pets led her to her work with the SPCA. Her other passion is cars and this has played a big part in her changing her name legally from Shelley to Shelby after a 'Shelby Mustang'. She was really entertaining and everyone thoroughly enjoyed her.



5) 'Snapped Ya' of the Week

This weeks 'Snapped Ya' awards have been presented for students demonstrating our school values. Congratulations **Kauri -Tinielle Marshall-Ormsby, Roscoe Jobe, Cameron Thomas, Hayden Frost, Taylor Rawiri, Miriana Wharewaka-Cassidy and Dillon Merlo**.



6) Term 4

Next term is shaping up to be very exciting. We have a number of school wide events planned from athletics to our end of the year production. Liana Hape is our new choreographer (as Nadia is unable to do it this year) and classes will begin in week 1 for preparation for dance items. There are also classes involved in camps, with junior outings also planned. We have a Gala in week 5 and we also have a number of sporting events and cultural events. All this is taking place in a 9 week term. Phew! It makes me tired just thinking about it!! BUT it is very important that students continue to work extremely hard towards achieving their LEARNING GOALS in both literacy and numeracy. Our core business is learning and students need to make sure that the distraction of these great events does not prevent them from reaching their targets. What I suppose I'm trying to say is "Now is not the time to slacken off." Keep focussed!!! Keep reading over the break and try some of these sites for learning. Assessment starts in week 5. Some great sites for learning over the break

nzmaths.co.nz This is a great site that runs alongside supporting the New Zealand Curriculum. When you go to the site explore the 'families' option. It tells you what the Numeracy project is about and how you can help at home. On the Homepage is also links to sites to practice addition and subtraction / multiplication and division.

ictgames.com A wonderful site with heaps of interactive games to support numeracy and literacy. This site is very useful for younger learners.

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk Rather large web address but has heaps of fun learning interactive games for literacy and numeracy.

coolmath-games.com Has a number of excellent maths games. Just need to keep an eye on some of the games as they are more about blowing things up than learning, fun though!

primarygames.com Another maths site that has quite a few different maths games based around supporting number knowledge.

maoridictionary.co.nz A Maori dictionary that converts English To Maori. Easy to use with clear explanations.

teara.govt.nz This is the New Zealand Encyclopedia site, it is brilliant. As you can imagine it is a big site but quite easy to navigate around. Using the button 'Get the Short Story' provides easier reading for the children. There is access to videos and pictures to support the reading.

discover.natlib.govt.nz

7) Room 3 & 4 Camp Raffles

There are two raffles on sale at the office. One raffle is for a hamper and the other is for a slow cooker. They are both only \$1 a ticket. These raffles will be drawn tomorrow. Tickets can be purchased at the office. Don't miss out on your lucky ticket.



8) Room 4 Lego Club

Room 4 would like to have a lego club open at break times next term. We only have a little bit of lego so are seeking donations of any unused or underutilised lego anyone has. Please drop it to the office if you can help - Attention: Room 4.

9) End of Term

The last day for this term will be tomorrow, **Friday 29th September**. School will be closed for two weeks break and will recommence on **Monday 16th October**.

10) First Aid

Our staff have refreshed their First Aid Certificates and I would like to thank all our staff members for their willingness to continually update their qualifications. It is very reassuring to know that our staff members are trained to assist in emergencies.

Kia Ora,
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal

