

ROOM 6 WRITING

Here is some of our writing
Earth."



about "Caring for Planet



Plastic is Dumb!

Plastic is a very big problem to NZ including our ocean, our land, beaches – everything! Plastic causes many problems with our water world like many turtles are getting their heads stuck in the new six-pack can holders. This is not good enough.

Before I tell you anything else sad I will tell you this. My dog Jeddy has escaped many times and eaten many bits of plastic. He is getting quite sick. Everyone in my family is very sad and decided to try and stop plastic from killing everything.

That is not the only bad thing about plastic. There is a whole other problem about plastic. I mean the dump or Northland Waste! It is right next to the beach!!! Like come on man whoever came up with that dump is crazy!!! All they do there is dump a bunch of plastic there and let it rot then blow away to sea.

I think we should stop this! Maybe we should build a giant stone cabin and put the rubbish in there then stop making plastic maybe?

Well now you should know what I mean about how we could all work together to save our earth from plastic.

By Teal

Deforestation

Millions of trees are getting chopped down by the minute, we need to plant more trees immediately!

Did you know that when people chop down trees you are losing oxygen and you aren't only killing yourself but believe it or not you are killing everyone else in the country, maybe even the world. Even worse you are killing animals that make food for us like cows, chickens, bees and much more. Cows make milk, chickens lay eggs and bees make honey. Imagine how many other animals make food for us. They might even be some of the healthiest food in the world. Also for the animals cuteness.

Getting back to people, we need to stop cutting down trees as soon as possible (not in a million years! I mean like this week or today). You are probably wondering why you are killing these types of things. It is because when you cut down trees you are actually getting rid of oxygen, so some of the ways to fix it would be to plant more trees Also did you know that when you spray prickles and other weeds you are also killing oxygen.

Have you guessed what the main topic is yet? It's about deforestation, so when you chop down trees plant them again or just plant more in general.

So now you should know not to cut down trees or spray weeds ever again.

By Kate

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Celebrating Success

This week in the 'Celebrating Success' spotlight we have our Far North Athletes who place in the top 3 in the finals last Friday. **Troy Berghan** (Year 4 boys) - 1st in 100m and 2nd in 400m. **Garnet Berghan** (Year 5 girls) - 2nd in 200m. **Brody Takimoana** (Year 5 boys) - 1st in high jump. **Miriana Wharewaka-Cassidy** (Year 7 girls) - 2nd in 100m, 3rd in 400m. **Kaleb Andrew** (Year 7 boys) - 2nd in 400m. **Waimitikia Perene** (Year 8 girls) - 1st in shot put, 3rd in Long jump. Congratulations to you all



2) Snapped Ya! of the Week

'Snapped Ya!' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for this week has been all our school values. **Pipi Jobe, Rylee Brown, Cyrus Wiremu-Munu, Jonathon Cutler, Hayden Huntley, Tauwharangi Pene, Ava Mullins, Keoni Nathan and Milan Cummings** were the lucky 'Snapped Ya!' for week 6. Congratulations to you all



3) End of Year Reports

At this present time all teaching staff are currently preparing to assemble end of year reports. These reports will be ready for parents/caregivers on **Monday 11th December**. We will be sending these reports home with pupils. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to make alternative arrangements for receiving your child's report.

4) Have Your Say

At the gala we had a consulting room where we asked for your opinions and ideas on a wide range of topics. Anyone who participated in this review went into a draw for a \$50.00 Pak n Save voucher. If you would also like to be in the draw (and a voucher would be very handy for Christmas) please fill in the survey and return them to school by Friday 1st December.

Health and Safety Survey

We value your feedback and comments, so please could you fill in the accompanying health survey so we can ensure the delivery of these programmes are aligned with our community expectations.

5) End of Year Production 2017

This year we will be holding our usual very entertaining school dance production. All classes have been practising extremely hard since the beginning of the term and I believe we will be in for a fantastic night. The production night will be held on **Thursday 7th December** and will start at approximately **6:00pm**. We have a number of food stalls and you will have a great choice of delicious kai before the show.

6) Raising Student Achievement

As many parents will know we are at the business end of the school year, which means all classes are carrying out very important assessments to gather results about individual pupil progress. These results are then entered into your child's end of year report. **I cannot stress enough how important it is that your child attends school for the remainder of the year.** As per normal we collect and analyse data at the beginning of the year and at a mid year point, so we can ensure that our programmes are catering for the specific needs of each individual child in our school. As a whole learning community we are looking forward to seeing some positive results as all our pupils and staff have worked extremely hard throughout the year.

7) Bullying

It is our vision that all children and staff that attend our school feel safe, included and supported in their own learning environment. We believe that we have a number of programmes in place to reinforce the message that bullying will not be tolerated at Ahipara School. These initiatives have included Building Leadership Potential, Positive Learning for Behaviour, our Virtues Programme, Health Promoting School, school behaviour procedures and most importantly, strong partnerships with our wider school Whanau. If students and parents inform us and we then know of incidences of bullying **we will do something about it.** We look forward to your support with all matters concerning our pupils/staff and their right to a safe and enjoyable learning environment.

8) 2018 Planning

We are currently finalising staff for the 2018 year and hope to inform whanau of class structure in next weeks newsletter.

Kia Ora
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal

AHIPARA SCHOOL

EMERGENCY PLAN

The school has comprehensive emergency response plans in place. Our primary aim is to keep all students and staff safe in all situations. We have two main features of the plan, a LOCKDOWN and a FULL EVACUATION

LOCKDOWN

In the case of a LOCKDOWN:

We ask parents who are onsite to follow the instructions of staff. Our staff are trained in this procedure and know how to keep people safe.

If the school is in lockdown you will not be able to uplift your children.

Please do not come onto the school grounds, for your own personal safety.

FULL EVACUATION

In the case of a FULL EVACUATION:

All staff and students will be evacuated to Pukepoto School hall located at 818 Kaitaia-Awaroa Rd, Phone 09) 4094557.

It is from this evacuation point your children can be uplifted.

In the event of an emergency we will endeavour to keep you informed via phone, school Facebook page and the schools website: www.ahipara.school.nz