

Awesome Descriptive Writing in Room 7

We have been writing descriptions about animals.
Can you guess what these animals are?

I creep 'n crawl everywhere.
I am scaly and green.
I am silent like a mouse.
I am slippery and slimy.
Who am I?
By Bella



I have four legs.
I am very fast.
I feel soft and furry.
I make lots of noise.
I live in a kennel.
Who am I?
By Ahi



I swim in a tank. I feel hard
on the bottom and top.
I sound quiet most of the
time. I am fast in the water
but slow on land.
I am cute because I have
small feet. Who am I?
By Taj



I catch my prey. I am
fluffy. I roar. I have a
large mane around my
neck. I look like a large
cat. Who am I?
By Ely S

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Class Organisation for 2018

Our staffing for next year is complete and we can inform you of our class structures and the teachers for our 10 classrooms. As a staff we are currently finalising our class lists for next year. As most parents can appreciate we have to look at a range of factors before we put together class lists.

Some of these factors are:

- class size
- the year levels within class eg: Year 5 & 6 or Year 6 & 7 combination
- combination of children

As soon as they are complete (over the next two weeks) you will be welcome to discuss your child's placement.

Junior Syndicate:

(Rm 1) NE & Year 1 : Donna Barry
(Rm 2) Year 1 & 2 : Sam Smaill
(Rm 8) Year 2 & 3 : Esther Dickinson
(Rm 10) Year 2 & 3 : Danni Logan

Middle/Senior Syndicate:

(Rm 7) Year 3 & 4 : Keriana Te Paa
(Rm 9) Year 4 & 5 : Tralee Rupapera
(Rm 6) Year 5 & 6 : Lisa Murray
(Rm 5) Year 5 & 6 : Angie Peters
(Rm 4) Year 6 & 7 / 8 : Dr Angela Nunn
(Rm 3) Year 7 & 8 : Tina Takimoana

Specialist Teacher: Penny Cutler

2) Staffing

It is with great reluctance that we say goodbye to a number of staff members. Kate Clarke, Liz Smith and Lisa Tepania. They have made significant progress with the students in their care over their years at our school. We wish them all the best for the future and look forward to seeing them in a relieving capacity next year.

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, 2017**. 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) Snapped Ya! of the Week

Snapped Ya!' is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) initiative. The PB4L focus for this week has been on 'Respecting our Environment'. **Brody Broughton, Isabella Cutler, Holly Parker-Johnston, Ava Kearney, Taylor Rawiri, Mana Peterson and Tyrese Tamihana-Terewi** were the lucky 'Snapped Ya!' for week 7. Congratulations to you all.



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) Juniors Beach Day

Tomorrow, **Friday 1st December** our juniors will be having their 'Junior Beach Day'. It will be a day full of fun activities, games and sharing at our local beach. Children will be participating in a variety of activities and will be able to wear mufti on the day. Please remember togs, lunch, water and a hat. Parents are welcome to join us.



7) Sport at Ahipara School

Sport is a big part of our school curriculum. Latest studies are showing the relationship between sport and achievement in the classroom is closely connected. It makes sense. You learn so much from sport - that practise is essential to learning a skill, that success feels great and you learn how to be a team player. Students at Ahipara are working with Paulo Montino who is our sports co-ordinator and loving it! We are waiting on an announcement and are

very hopeful he will return next year.

8) Art at Ahipara School

Next year we are very fortunate to again have the services of Kim Subritzky, a specialist teacher, who will work with our students. She will be working with classes and groups to create a beautification project. This will be an art interactive installment where the old junior playground and sandpit was situated. Early next term we will be having a school wide assignment to help us design this space and this time we will be inviting whanau into school to help us paint it.

9) Health Curriculum Survey

Please return these by tomorrow as the draw will be held at our Friday morning assembly. If you have lost yours they are available at the office.

10) Ahipara School Garden

Next year Ahipara students along with the help of our school community will be creating a school garden. This garden will be able to provide vegetables, fruit and authentic learning to all students and our wider community. Before the end of the year we are hoping to complete the fencing, slashing and fertilizing of the area we have set aside for the garden. Remember to get your homework assignment in. There will be a school wide competition to see who can design a remarkable plan of what our garden could look like and all the things we could have growing in it. This is an exciting learning opportunity for all involved and we can't wait to get started!

11) Year 8 Presentation

The Year 8's will be having their graduation lunch at the Bayview restaurant on **Friday 8th December**. Details will be sent home via class newsletters.

12) End of Term and 2018 Start Dates

Our last day for the 2017 term for students is **Friday 15th December**. The school office will be open for new enrolments on **Tuesday 30th January** and **Wednesday 31st January** and will resume for students on **Thursday 1st February, 2018**.

Kia Ora
Jackie Osborne
Tumuaki/Principal