

Rāpare iwa o Poutū-te-rangi : Thursday 9 March 2017

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Kids making a difference. Our senior students are currently working on two projects... (amongst many other things). These are creating a **cover for our sandpit** and **bilingual signage** around our school and I thought some of you might be interested to know how this happens.

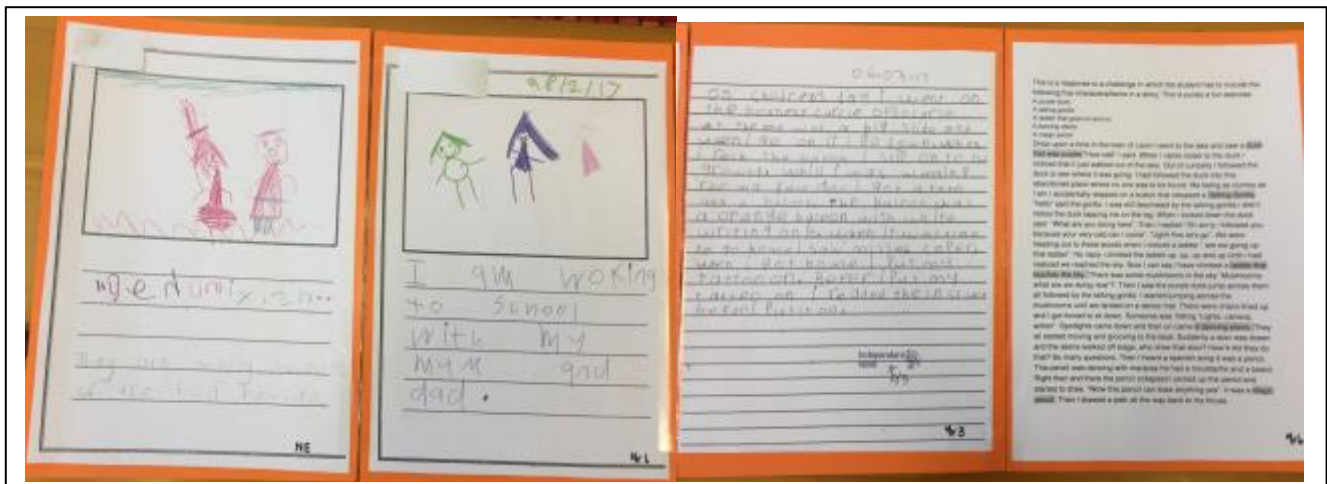


The Reading Hub sign took us 2 weeks. We used paint. Me, Riley, Storm, Anna and Mia drew out the letters then we painted it. We waited for it to dry, then we decorated it by mixing colours and adding heaps of shades to it. By Alyce

We have a focus on self-managing learners and students have “must do’s” and “can do’s”. They can organise their time however they wish to (within reason)

and must complete some things. One of our teachers has put out a technology challenge to our students and it is amazing the designs that they have come up with for the sandpit cover. The current design is of wood and folds up to seats at either side. However, the challenge is its weight! As the year progresses, watch and see how this is resolved in the finished product.

The signage is also being developed. Students look at other signs online or in our local community and develop criteria for the development of signage for our school. Once again it will be interesting to see what emerges. These are some of last year’s students with signage that they created for our ex ‘Reading Recovery’ room; how proud they are and what a powerful message for them about the difference they can make and the value we teachers put upon their skills.



The ‘WRITE STUFF’ Evening – Wednesday 15 March

This week you will be receiving an invitation from your child to come to a hui/meeting at our school about writing. We are having a HUGE focus on raising the literacy achievement in our school in 2017 and we hope the

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evening, which will include lots of activities and children speaking about writing, will be the start of something great!! The images above demonstrate the journey of a writer through our school and reflect the complexity and challenges in teaching children to 'write'.

Childcare will be available. Please let us know if you require childcare for the evening so that we can get an idea of numbers.

Scholastic Book Fair Next Week – 'ahoy me hearties'

To support literacy in our school, Fundfinders have organised our Scholastic Book Fair. This is an opportunity for friends and family to come in and buy a book. **Each purchase will help our library increase its stock and help our kids to develop their skills in literacy.** The 'fair' will be held in Room 18 and be open for book purchases each day – hours below ...

Monday	8.30 - 9.00 am and 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Tuesday	8.30 - 9.00 am and 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Wednesday	8.30 - 9.00 am and 3.00 - 4.00 pm
Thursday	8.30 - 9.00 am and 3.00 - 7.00 pm
Friday	8.30 - 9.00 am

Book Character Day is next **Wednesday 15 March** - dress up in your favourite book character and bring along a can of 'something' as a donation to a local food charity.

HUGE SHOUT OUT TO NOEL LEEMING

... Who came last week with some IT 'stuff' to replace some of the goods that were stolen – we continue to be incredibly humbled by the generosity of our LEVIN community!



Orange Friday – THIS WEEK

This Friday is the '**SHINE**' organisation's **ORANGE FRIDAY**. This is a day to raise awareness of the impact of Domestic Violence in our community.

Each year we try to show support for a charity as part of Participating and Contributing – **Shine's Orange Friday** appealed due to the effect it can have at a local level.

Please send your child with a gold coin and **an orange** (if you can). **OUR ORANGE FRIDAY** will include an extended lunchtime from 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm where there will be plenty of activities for everyone. Children can come dressed in something **orange** and take part in a range of free '**orange**' activities. Our pool (it WON'T be orange) will be open.

We are having an **ORANGE parade at 1.37 pm** where our **OTTO (Over The Top Orange)** awards will be given out. We would love for our parents and whanau to come along to school, visit our classrooms, stay and play or bring a picnic. You are invited even if you don't **do orange**!

Spectacular Sports Word

Term 1, Week 6

SWIMMING

This week the Years 4 - 6 children have started their swimming sessions in the school pool. The main focus for these sessions is to continue to develop water confidence, basic skills, then moving onto stroke technique. Please ensure your child has named togs and a towel for each session. Unless told otherwise by their teacher, assume that they will be swimming every day until the end of term. Having a warm jumper to put on after swimming always helps too!

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CRICKET ACADEMY

We are well into the cricket academy season. Results from yesterday's games are:

North Green played Ohau 1 resulting in a win of 261 runs against 187. Congratulations to Sharman for earning Player of the Day.

North Black played Ohau 2 resulting in a loss of 280 runs to 255. A close game. Congratulations to Talan for being chosen as Player of the Day.

Both teams dedicated their matches to Kaylan; hoping he makes a speedy recovery and is back playing with them again soon!

TEEBALL/SOFTBALL

Games continue this week. The draw has been handed out to the children but the office also holds a copy if you haven't been given it by your child.



YEARS 4 - 6 CHILDREN

Week 7 - Thursday 16 March

Starts 9:30 am

Finishes 3:00 pm

Next Thursday it is the Years 4 - 6 Sports Day. The children have been out practising regularly to ensure they know what to do in each event.

On the day, your child needs the following: **a sunhat, big water bottle, more food in their lunch box than normal.** Feel free to come along and watch!

Many thanks, on behalf of Mr Davis, Mr Bennett, Mr Prior, Mr Clark, Miss Hansen and myself.

And finally...

CHILDREN: Don't aspire to be the best **IN** the team; aspire to be the best **FOR** the team!

Ngā mihi nui

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Scholastic Book Orders

Book orders have gone out to each class so if you would like to make an order, please make sure your order is returned to the office by Wednesday 22 March 2017. Thank you.

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