

Rāpare tekau mā waru o Piripī: Thursday 8 June 2017

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Marae Visit

At our Teacher Only Day on Tuesday, we visited Kawiu Marae. What an amazing experience we had. Levin North, Levin and Fairfield Schools were welcomed on to the Marae and experienced workshops to develop our understanding of Muaupokotanga and our understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi).

Those who hosted us were so welcoming and approachable; we asked questions and were able to have open and honest dialogue. We learned about kitchen protocols, the powhiri and the importance of all aspects including the process of karanga and the whai korero. We also learned about the waiata of Muaupoko; many of us had very little understanding of the extent of the protocols associated with these areas.

The afternoon presented by Dr Bronwyn Campbell-Heihei was truly enlightening. Most of us were commenting this morning that even though we have been through Teacher Education we had not heard of the Declaration of Independence (1835) or didn't really understand the context for the 'signing' of the treaty – nine copies - unbelievable!

In summary, I came away with even more understanding that there is big part of my world that I know very little about and as we move forward as New Zealanders, this surely needs to be addressed! We were inspired by the knowledge on our doorstep and look forward to having our tamariki and whanau have this experience.



Two workshops down
- a bit more relaxed!



Health Curriculum Consultation

Every two years we are required to consult with our community about the Health Curriculum. I am just working on this at the moment and will include a link in our newsletter next week which will also be accessible on our website and school app. It would be great to be overwhelmed with feedback!!!



Flax weaving with Whaea Janine and Matua Manu in Room 12 – a bit harder than it looks!

School Photos Tomorrow - Friday

Photos will be happening this Friday in our school hall. If you have any questions, please contact Erin in the school office.

Matariki at Te Takere: Friday 23 June

We are on the countdown to our performance at Te Takere with Levin East School and our Kiribati group on 23 June. Our ropu went to Levin East last week for a practice and while we were OK, will be having some extra practice to be sure that we are 'top of our game' week after next!

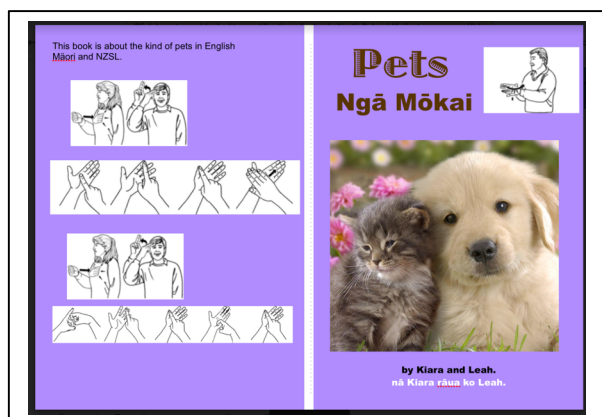
ERO Visit

The Education Review Office will be visiting our kura from Monday 19 June – Wednesday 21 June. We will be formally welcoming them on Monday 19th at 11.00 am in our school hall. ALL FAMILIES are welcome to come and support us!

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Authors in our midst...

Room 11 have been writing their own books and they are **trilingual** – yes trilingual! As you can see from the image below, the books have been written in English, Te Reo and NZ Sign which of course are the three official languages of our country! Well done Kiara and Leah!



Fundfinders

Fundfinders are launching a new fundraising campaign next week - Disaster Plasters!

What home or work place doesn't need plasters! Each family will be given a pack of 15 boxes (of 50 plasters) to sell starting the week of 12 June – next week. Each box is only \$5. The money raised will go towards new sports uniforms and/or playground safety. So get on your thinking caps of who needs plasters. (If you are a super seller - there will be extra boxes available). Thank you!

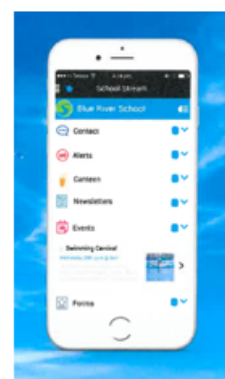
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