

Ko Rāpare iwa o Poutū te rangi : Thursday 9 March 2023

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**Haere mai, Welkom, Afio mai, Huānyíng, Yōkoso and Bienvenida to all families and whanau to Levin North School for 2023.**

### So how do kids learn to write?

This week we shared our first 'reporting posts' for the year. This post was in writing and as principal, I always have a look at what was shared.

In particular I always love looking at the posts of those who have just started school. These to me highlight just how big a task it is to get kids writing. Many people in the wider community don't really understand how this happens nor do they understand the skill, expertise and knowledge that it takes in teachers for kids to be able to write! (Just as I wouldn't know how to build a house from scratch!)

The pictures on the right are from tamariki who have just started school. The shapes, big and small, are the stories that each child has shared with the teacher.

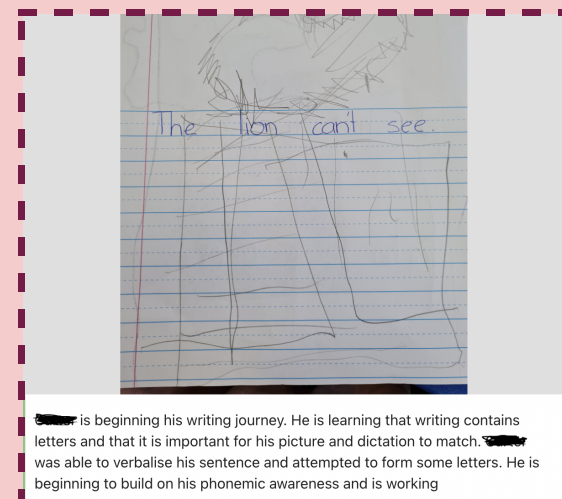
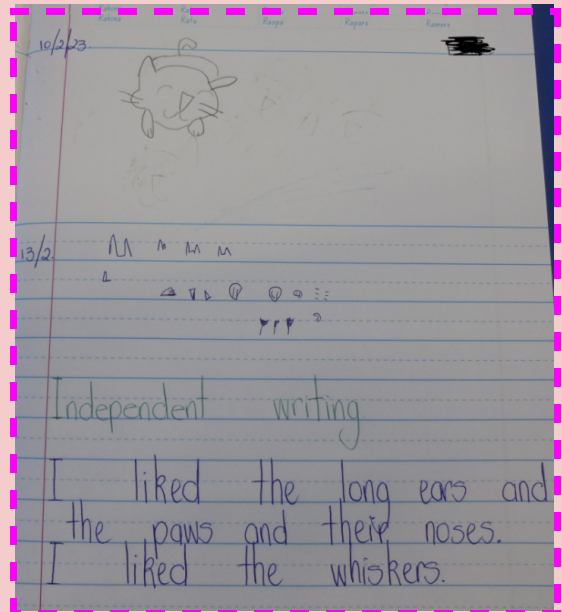
We call this 'writing' because each child believes that they have conveyed their ideas through print. With this self belief and teacher input, children will get better and better. HOWEVER this is never at the same pace; each child 'pops' according to their own rhythm, as it is really important that our kids always **love** learning!

There is no such thing as one size fits all!

### A small but important grumble...

**We have some very lovely school neighbours who are starting to get VERY grumpy about some of the parking at the end of the school day.**

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK OVER DRIVEWAYS.. This does not help our school-neighbour relationships!**



\_\_\_\_\_ is beginning his writing journey. He is learning that writing contains letters and that it is important for his picture and dictation to match. \_\_\_\_\_ was able to verbalise his sentence and attempted to form some letters. He is beginning to build on his phonemic awareness and is working

**Cars cars and more cars... the speedway car (yellow and red) is sponsored by Mr P ( LOL)**

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## The best teacher in the world...

Last week we had to advertise for a teacher and I thought who better to ask than the kids, so Mrs McKenzie asked her 6 year olds about **the best teacher in the world!** Their responses were so good I made a job advertisement out of them! I got some very funny applications!

JM - Know who my friends are and be good if that teacher can read :-)

SB - Be fabulous and short, so they don't get hit with branches from our trees.

HT - Sports - soccer and rugby and the one like cricket. Will they play? I hope they can play.

ZG - we want her to be happy

CR We want the teacher to be nice and be good at science, making and creating

LS - We hope they are good at teaching us about learning and sounds

KHB - we hope they will be good at making us learn better

BDW - must be good with cardboard - especially making cars that we can drive.

SM- must be good at putting pictures on the TV so we can create them into something

JF - Sit down on the floor and play games with us

LB - Must be good at fun stuff like Ultimate Tag and be kind

MM - Must be good at hugs and making everything okay - high fives and fist pumps will be okay too

FG - being tall so they can reach thing for us

R - must like kids

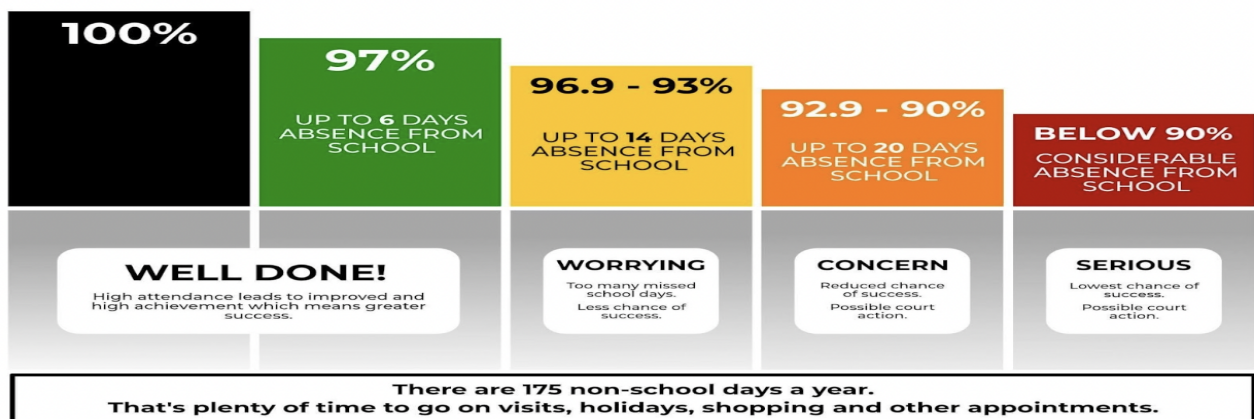
P - a good teacher knows how to use a computer - no yelling, being loud and not looking out for us.

TB - Be good at helping us with Kapa Haka

TP - Dinosaurs are very scary and teachers need to know this.



## WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



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## Black and White Day for people in Hawkes Bay

Last week we held a Black and White day for those people affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in Hawkes Bay. As part of the day tamariki (and staff) dressed in black and white, spelled out the word 'Aroha' by sitting in the shape of the letters ( thanks Anna 😊 ), giving a gold coin donation and buying slices of pizza.

On that one day we raised a massive \$650.00!!!!

We have since found out that one of our families has a direct connection with Eskdale School which was particularly badly impacted, so we will do more over the term to create some connection with learners and teachers from that kura!

Thanks everyone for your donations big and small and if you would like to add to this fund, please let Andrea at the school office know!.



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