

Ko Rāpare tekau mā waru o Haratua : Thursday 18 May 2023

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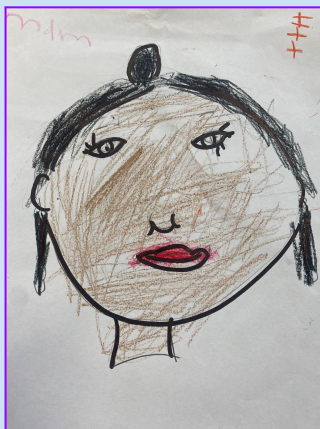
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Haere mai, Welkom, Afio mai, Huānyíng, Yōkoso and Bienvenida to all the new little people and their families who have continued to arrive this term!

## Big kids helping little kids out on the field at lunchtime - Kotahitanga



## Jessica's mum and Adriel's mum 🤔



Lots of trying new things and helping others on the playground.

## Learn, Create, Share and the teaching of reading at Levin North School

In the last newsletter Mr P shared the [BSLA approach to learning to read](#) which is used in our junior school. He also shared a [good reader profile](#) image which is part of the focus as our tamariki move through the school.

This week we have started work on another piece of this puzzle and this was our [classroom observations](#); which are of course focussed on the teaching of reading.

If you haven't guessed, this is part of our current key learning focus and also part of the work we do as part of the Manaiaikalani Cluster mahi.

The data from our observations helps teachers in our school to look at what they are doing well and where they can improve. It also contributes to a much bigger data picture which focuses on what is happening in 150 schools across Aotearoa NZ. The focus here is also what we are ALL doing well and how we can do things better!

I have observed four teachers this week and without exception they have been quite stunning in their work! I saw all the things we value as a school AND so much more.

I saw teachers:

- Celebrating each child as an individual person while they were learning
- Totally focussed on the needs of individual learners
- Ensuring kids had a GREAT time learning
- Making sure that kids kept trying and didn't give up

And lastly kids helping other kids!

**Our kids at North are so lucky!**

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**Congratulations to Anna Cooper (pink to match the hair 😊)** who has been appointed to the Assistant Principal role permanently at our school. We recently had interviews and the panel found it very hard to make a choice - EACH applicant (from inside our school) was stunning in their own way. Anna will start her role next term but in reality there will not be a lot of difference from the outside looking in!

This week has been **Road Safety week** and our senior students have been out taking action. This action has involved trying to encourage safe 'parental' behaviour on Weraroa Rd at 3.00 pm. UNFORTUNATELY we STILL have parents who:

- Do not use the crossing
- Dodge out in front of oncoming traffic to cross the road
- Park over residents driveways
- Double park
- Park on yellow lines
- Park on corners

**...GRUMBLE and IGNORE KIDS Who TRY TO EXPLAIN WHY THESE THINGS ARE NOT OK!**

Yes we REALLY do get all of the above! - what will it take to stop this - an AMBULANCE and an injured child?



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**Learning Conversations 2023 are coming....**

On **Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 June** we will be having our **Learning Conversation sessions**. These are AFTER school and into the early evening. At our school these look like your child talking with you about their learning with their teacher in support. Our kids LOVE doing this, so please make some time to celebrate their learning with them. We will send the online booking code out next week.

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