

Kia ora koutou te whanau

What a lot of fun we experienced with Paris from Footsteps. Seeing all the smiles and laughter was energising to us all. Paris passed on how impressed she was of the natural talent of our students. She was able to extend them to learn three dances at a more difficult level. Ka pai Tokoroa North.

A few weeks ago we were all once again thrown into a whirlwind of emotions as news was shared connecting our community to two people who had positive COVID-19 results. As a school we activated Health and Safety requirements to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The Ministry of Education has requested that all children return to school. The only children who need to stay away are those who are unwell, self isolating (at the request of health authorities) or waiting for COVID test results. We look forward to seeing you all back at school.

We are all adapting to watching live sport with few spectators. Thank you to the coaches of our own school sports who have continued to be committed to your teams. We know the players are hoping to continue their competition as they had only just started. Hopefully we will be able to also return to have our parent community more involved in our school when Alert Levels change.

*Waiho I te toipoto,  
Kaua I te toiroa,*

*Let us keep close together, not wide apart.*

  
Judith McLean (Principal)

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER

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Team 1 & Team 2 Cross Country

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National Young Leaders Day

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Wig Wednesday

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Reading Together 6pm

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Team 2 & 3 Disco

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Tabloid Day Tok Intermediate School

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Team 1 Noho

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Tokoroa Intermediate School Kapa Haka

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Reading Together 6pm

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Team 1 Marae Visit

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Team 3 Crosscountry

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Team 3 Crosscountry postponed

TEAM ONE (Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 20) *Nada Harpur*

Kia ora Whānau, We had a welcome and routine start to the term and are well into our training for cross country. We even managed to get a few weekends of winter sport in too which was great for our tamariki.

We have had a productive PLD Teacher Only Day about Digital Learning. This has been welcome professional development as we have been faced with becoming online teachers and learners this year. We learnt about all of the different Google Tools we can use for learning and had heaps of fun exploring some of these.

We appreciate your effort as whanau to keep your children safe and well during this time, especially those who are keeping their children home when they are unwell. We are looking forward to returning to a little more routine once things settle in Aotearoa again and hope that we can enjoy more of the planned events on our calendar.



TEAM TWO (Rooms 8, 9, 17, 18, 19) *Karen Tyrrell*

Team 2 tamariki have continued to pound their way around the school in training for the Cross Country which we have postponed a week till the 1st September so we have an extra week in which to get fitter.

This week to complete our technology challenges, all the students will be making a balloon racer. These should be lots of fun and you will probably have stories about whose balloon racer went the furthest. Ask your child what the challenges were in making their racer and what they did to overcome them.

We were fortunate to learn 2 new dances when Footsteps visited our school. All the students were involved and had a great time over the 3 days. Perhaps find the two songs and see if you can learn the dances at home. We also had Perform join us last week and share their show And the Winner is..... Our winner was the book Dinosaur Hunter.



We will now be finding out all about Pirates for the next few weeks. Your child might try practising some Pirates' sayings in their best Pirate voice.

Please listen to your child read each night, encourage them to do as much homework as they can and read to them as often as you can.

TEAM THREE (Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16) *Kim Lannon*

It has been a busy few weeks with dancing lessons from Paris, cross country training and a performance from Perform Education called, "And The Winner Is ...". Have a conversation with your child about these. They may even perform a dance for you and your whanau.

If your child has a cough, a sore throat or a runny nose, keep them at home. We are continuing with safe hygiene practice but it only takes one unwell child. In this cold miserable weather children get cold and can get sick.

Keep up with reading poems and readers with your child. The more reading they do and are read to, the more excited and motivated they are to practise their reading. If you have any concerns about their reading, contact the school for information on the "Reading Together" workshops we are holding in September. Last week Room 15 won the "Golden Rubbish Bin".

*They presented the bin to Room 10 for caring about the rubbish in and around their classroom. Tenei ka pai.*



Reading is the **KEY** to learning

ACHIEVEMENT BY PROMOTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (APSEL) *Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne*

Over the last few months many of us have appreciated the jobs we have which have meant our incomes are consistent and we have not been greatly effected by the consequences of the Covid virus financially. My son, a fireman in Australia, commented this recently in a very appreciative way, I heard someone else recently making a rather sarcastic comment about another families ability to pay and manage things at home. I immediately thought how easy it is for people to forget the privileges they have and to fail to consider those around us. Probably the part that got to me the most was not just that they thought they had the right to comment but that they did so sarcastically. Often people say things as a "joke" but have no thought for the feelings of others. I have often referred to my Mum's key quote "is it kind, is it true, is it necessary?" None of us are perfect but just a little empathy and acceptance of each other and of children can make any one's journey a little easier. We rarely know the full story, the pain or struggles of someone's life, therefore Jacinda's term "Be Kind" should always apply. It's more than a gift you can unwrap, it's a gift that wraps a person in acceptance, in respect, caring and a gift that is given without conditions.



READING

Reading is the best homework. Have a time each night to listen to your child read and read to them often. "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success is reading aloud to children." - Richard C. Anderson

NETBALL *Karen Tyrrell*

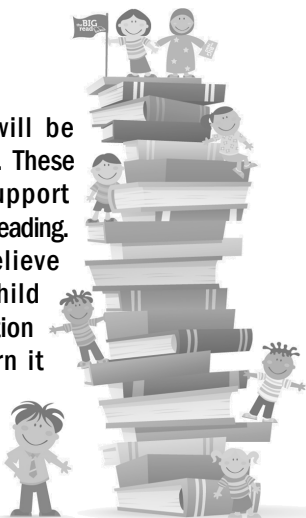
As you are aware due to Covid Level 2 restrictions we have not had netball. It is still hoped to complete this year's competition when we return to Level 1. The remaining games will take place one Saturday.

Cross Country - Teams 1 & 2

Initially interschool cross country was delayed a week so we postponed our Cross Country until 1st September. Unfortunately since then it has been decided that due to Covid 19 the Interschool Crosscountry has now been cancelled. As Level 2 is still in place whanau will not be able to come on to school grounds to watch the cross country. However there are many places around the track where you are able to watch the students and cheer them on.

Reading Together *Kim Lannon & Karen Tyrrell*

Two 'Reading Together' workshops will be held on the 9th and 16th September. These workshops have proven effective to support parents to assist their children with reading. Teachers identify children they believe would benefit by attending. Your child may have come home with a participation form, please fill the form in and return it asap. If you did not receive a letter about Reading Together but would like to participate please contact Kim Lannon or Karen Tyrrell for more details.



STUDENT Voice

TEAM ONE

I bet you would like to know how Room 20 made these Island donuts. First Janice and some of Room 20 started to make the batter so that we could get started. The dough was really thick. It was amazing how the dough just came to life. It was as gooey as a giant jelly. As Janice kept mixing I could see it all start to come together but then the scary part happened. Janice put her hands in. It looked like a monster was attacking her. Then when it was all done and mixed we left it to rise. It got super steamy but I was really excited because after it had risen we got to make dough balls. Yay it finally raised and we got to start making dough balls. We each got little dough patches and started to make the shape of a ball. They looked extremely cute. We let them fry and after they fried we got to eat. They tasted delicious but I'm not really a fan of them. My favourite part was giving them away to teachers because it makes me joyful and I like knowing I did a good thing.



By Peyton Gunner

TEAM TWO

Last week our class made Balloon Racers. It was quite tricky, you had to follow a plan, test your Balloon Racer and then make modifications. We learnt that to have a fast Balloon Racer the wheels need to spin really well. When we were happy with our Balloon Racer we had a class competition to see whose was the fastest. Our Year 3 girl champ was Amy and the Year 3 boy champ was Marley. The Year 4 girl champ was Penny and the Year 4 boy champ was Calais. We can't wait to race them against the other classes.

By Room 18

TEAM THREE

In Room 16 we have been bringing the magic back into our learning through drama and music. We are enjoying our new bucket drums. They are so much fun and we've been learning to make soft and loud noises as well as slow and fast. This all lead up to our assembly item we preformed last Friday. We were all very proud of ourselves.

By Room 16

take turns and share ideas

use your imagination

learn new words and be a good listener

be confident

make friends

BENEFITS OF DRAMA & PLAY

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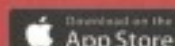
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