

Kia ora koutou te whanau

What a buzz of excitement we have had this week. Team 3 had a great two days visiting Marshall’s Animal Park with children returning full of stories of the animals they were able to see, touch and hold. We are very fortunate to be able to explore our own backyards again and be tourists in our own country!

On Friday Team 1 created a market day with a “Pay it Forward Fundraising Day”. Watching children excitedly clutching their coins to spend and then getting change (more money) with their purchases was delightful. These experiences are life-long memories that can be shared forever. Further learning opportunities for all are planned for the remainder of the year.

We value having our community involved in our school activities and events. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering to assist during these trips and events.

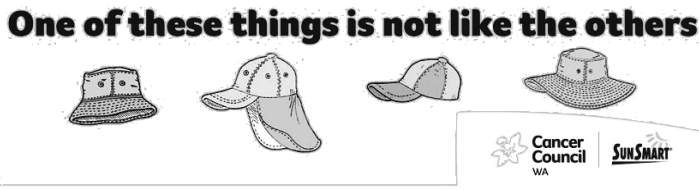
“Mauri tū mauri ora”
“An active soul is a healthy soul”


Judith McLean (Principal)

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER	
5	Team 1 Mount Trip
10	Team 2 Athletics
16	North School's Got Talent Auditions
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19	Road Patrol Student Trip
25	Tokoroa Intermediate Orientation Day
27	Interschool Athletics
DECEMBER	
1	Folk Dancing
3	Team 2 Trip
7	Students visit their classes for 2021
11	North School's Got Talent/Colour Run
15	Final Assembly

TEAM ONE (Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 20) *Nada Harpur*
Kia ora Whānau, We have had a busy but productive start to Term Four. Interclass sport, training for athletics and end of year assessment have kept us on our toes. Our highlight so far though has to be our 'Pay it Forward' fundraising day. The tamariki of Team One worked tirelessly to plan for and market games, treats and trinkets to sell school wide. The event was a huge success and it was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces and excited squeals on the day. A massive ngā mihi to whānau who sent their children to school with small change to tautoko our event and to those who helped out in the senior classrooms. The money raised is to help fund our camp for 2021 and a koha will be given to camp Keswick since we could not give them our business this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. The spring sun is gratefully upon us. With this we know it is important to be sun smart. All of the tamariki at school were gifted a sun hat to be worn in the playground. These provide optimum protection from our hard sun rays and we strongly encourage all children to wear them during this term. We appreciate your support on this. We are looking forward to a fun filled calendar over the next few weeks. Keep safe, and rested so that we can enjoy our final weeks of the school year together in 2020.



TEAM TWO (Rooms 8, 9, 17, 18, 19) *Karen Tyrrell*
We’ve all had a great time making containers to hold a biscuit and going to varying places in our neighbourhood to make sure our containers could carry our biscuits safely including dropping them from a height. It seems that Team 2 students are very good at construction and all biscuits survived the drop and the walk. We are all looking forward to our Athletics day next Tuesday. Students will be participating in Long Jump, High Jump, Vortex, Shot Put and Sprints. We’ve been training hard when the weather allows us too. We will start at 9:30 and do the sprint finals and keenly contested class relays from 2:00. Remember to pack sunblock, plenty of water, and sweatshirts as we never know what the day might be like. Please keep encouraging your child to do as much homework as they can, listen to them read each night and read to them as often as you can.



TEAM THREE (Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16) *Kim Lannon*
It’s hard to believe that it is Week 4 and we are in the month of November. Last week we visited Marshall's Farm at McClaren’s Falls. There was a huge variety of animals to meet and pet including piglets, lambs and kids. A highlight for many of our children was holding the guinea pigs. Our tamariki had lots of fun. Thank you to all the parents and whanau that came along to help. It was great to share the experience with you. The children are busy creating wonderful pieces of artwork for their calendars.

Our focus is on preparing our children for 2021. Consolidating their reading, writing and maths strategies and knowledge. Please keep at this at home as well. Practise, practise, practise. Congratulations to Ruma tekau ma tahi. They won the “Golden Rubbish Bin” at assembly last week.

ACHIEVEMENT BY PROMOTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (APSEL) *Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne*
Wow it’s been a busy fortnight. This time of the year is always busy at school, then at home lawns need doing weekly, weeds jump out of the ground, we notice dirty windows and so on. In saying that I love summer and won’t complain. I am thankful for what I have.

Thanks to those who contacted me about welfare and well-being of some of our families in the last 2 weeks. Yes we did get a house and the family is very appreciative. I love good news.

In saying that, the last two weeks have presented many of us with some tough situations and again I remind myself and all of our village how great a world we would live in if we were all being kind and considerate of others. It’s wonderful to hear stories of some of the good things families do in our district and it’s not just the good things we do, it’s the way we treat people on a daily basis.

That doesn't mean liking everyone. It means choosing to use our connecting behaviours so they become connecting habits. Here are two to try for this next fortnight:

- Lets see how we go with accepting and listening.
- One check for listening, is to repeat something back that your children have said and see if you got it right.
- Accepting is about accepting people but not always their behaviour.

I am looking forward to hearing how you get on.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE (*Safe Kids In Daily Supervision*)
Thank you to the whanau that have expressed interest via the link on our Facebook page. If you are interested in this and are yet to fill in the form please do so as to be financially viable for sKids we need at least 20 children per day to attend the after school programme.

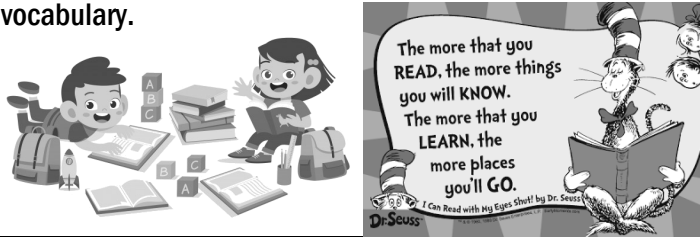


TEAM ONE
On Friday the 30th of October Team One had a fundraising day. The seniors had to make advertising posters, stalls, food and much more. The hardest thing was when heaps of people came in to play a game and you got confused about who has paid and who hasn’t yet and the easiest thing was helping the juniors with reading how much the price was. The best part about that day was hearing people say they enjoyed it!
By Nevaeh Harris and Keeley Robson

TEAM TWO
In the last week Room 18 have been busy making baskets. Our challenge was to make a container that would protect a cookie during a drop test and a walk test. We walked around the block and dropped them from the green playground. ALL our cookies survived and only one bounced out! The best part was eating the cookies, everyone liked this part. We are also excited about learning lots of new skills in our Athletics rotations for PE. We can’t wait for the real day when we do all of the events.
By Room 18

TEAM THREE
Last week we had a great trip to Marshall's Animal Park. We saw guinea pigs, ostriches and peacocks. We patted piglets, guinea pigs, rabbits and goats. One of our favourite creatures was the eel that we could see in the underwater viewing tank. On Friday Team One invited us to their Market Day. We loved playing the games that they had made. Some people threw sponges at Mrs Martin. It was funny. Thank you Team One for sharing this fun time with us.
By Room 7

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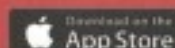
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