

Newsletter



24th October 2019 – Term 4, Week 2

Tēnā koutou

I hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready for the busy-ness that will be term 4!

We welcome Nala this term to Tawa, and hope she will enjoy her time with us. With Nala's enrolment we have 33 students to begin the term with, 13 in Tawa and 20 in Rimu. We welcomed very happy, smiling, excited children at the beginning of the term, and they are still coming in full of beans, which is great to see. This week, you should have received your children's class newsletters and a term planner. Please note especially, the dates for athletics at school the rural schools, athletics, and the final assembly/production night.

Our term started with an activity filled week, which culminated in our Ag Day last Thursday. Students created beautiful native bird art works using a variety of techniques – painting, pastels and printing, painted gumboots and terracotta pots to beautify our school gardens, decorated cupcakes, made miniature gardens and vegetable creations, and transformed trash into treasure. All this was on show during Ag day and drew many positive comments – the children were amazingly creative and can be very proud of their art pieces.

Ag Day was a great day for all. We were fortunate with the weather and proud that we had 20 of our 32 students with animals on the day. It was great to see calves back in the ring and keeping them separated until judging times was easily managed by all. Congratulations to all students who raised a calf, lamb or chicken over many weeks. You can all feel very proud of your efforts, and can relax now that most have been returned to their herds. The judges noted a high quality of most animals, and recommended they be taken to Group Day - good luck to those who have chosen to do so. A big thank you to the PTA for all the work behind the scenes that makes this day such a great celebration of traditional rural school activities!

To finish a week of alternate activities we ventured up to the Hill's farm and planted 300 trees, bushes and flaxes as part of our Trees for Survival programme. Each year we receive seedlings to repot, grow on and take care of until they are ready to be planted on a local farmer's farm as part of riparian planting of sectioned off waterways. All students took part with enthusiasm and we completed the task within 2.5 hours. Our students are becoming quite the professionals at this, as this is now the 4th year we have taken part. AND we have already re-potted this year's seedlings and filled our shade-house, ready for next year's planting. Thanks to the parents who helped with transport and planting, Michelle, Julia and Eric and to the two Enviro-schools' facilitators, Alex and Ruairi who came out to support us.

This Monday we welcomed Cascade from the St Johns who took 3 levelled groups through first responder first aid. Year 0 – 2, 3 & 4, and 5, 6, & 7 all learnt various levelled skills based on the DRS ABC. The senior group even got to practice CPR on mannequins and see a defibrillator in action. All students learnt what to do if they come across an accident, including how to phone 111, roll a person onto their "safe side" and how to bandage bleeding. It was a great learning day enjoyed by all!

This week we are settling into the business of learning more conventionally, once again. Next week we will again attempt to make our catch-up visit to MEIT on Thursday, 31st October. We have been thwarted several times now, by the weather but hopefully as we move closer to summer, we will find a fine available day to complete this trip. We will need transport and parents to help, so please let Melleney know if you are able to help – thank you.

Over weeks 3 & 4 we will begin formal and informal assessments in preparation for End of Year reporting to parents, and gathering data for the BoT and the Ministry. Please try to have children at school each day, well rested and ready for their day. Thank you again.

Looking ahead, we have our whole school camp to Waihi Beach in week 6 (19 – 21 November). Let's hope the weather will be kind to us over these days!

Thank you for your support.

Joanne, Angela, Sarah-Anne and Liz

DATES TO REMEMBER

28th October – Mitre10 BBQ
31st October – MEIT visit
14th November – School athletics
22nd November – Rural Schools' athletics
1st December – Christmas Parade
12th December – Final assembly and Production
13th December – Last day of term
27th January '20 – Term 1 starts

AG DAY : 17th OCTOBER – Well done to all our students for your beautiful cupcakes, fruit/vegetable creations, art, flower art, chickens, lamb and calf rearing. We were very lucky with great weather and everyone had a fun filled day. Congratulations to the students who achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



PRIZES TO BE WON

OPEN TO:
5-12 years old
13-18 years old

Kids ECO FESTIVAL

WEARABLE ARTS COMPETITION

Design a garment or outfit out of waste products and let us know how it is good for the environment, including what will happen to it once you've finished with it (is it compostable? recyclable?) Your design should be wearable. There will be points for creativity and looks, and bonus points if it reduces waste to landfill.

Contact us for more information kidsecofestival@gmail.com

Kids ECO FESTIVAL

Saturday 16 NOVEMBER 9AM-2PM

CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
Corner Wilson & Duke St, Cambridge

Zero waste event - BYO coffee cup & smoothie mug

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JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL & FOOTBALL COMPETITION

ALL AGES (YEARS 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11-13)
TERM 4 2019 & TERM 1 2020
FRIDAY FROM 4PM
6 WEEKS

PRACTICE SKILLS ALL YEAR ROUND

FIND OUT MORE INFO
- 07 847 1653

REGISTER TEAM/INDIVIDUAL
- hamilton@actionindoorsports.com

CAR FOR SALE

Dark blue automatic Nissan Tiida 2005 - \$4100
140 000 km
4 new tyres
Current WOF
Interior in good condition
Please text Monica 0225034543 if you would like more details

RENTAL WANTED

We are a young professional family of 4 recently relocated to the area and are employed at Takapoto Estate. We are looking for a 3+ bedroom rental close by to live in while we are searching for our piece of land to build on. Please could you call or text us on 027 388 5920 if you have leads regarding both the rental or the land opportunity. This is greatly appreciated, we are excited to be a part of the community. Kate & Matt.

Young Engineers now available in Rototuna and Te Awamutu

Term 4 enrolments open now!

e2 Young Engineers - bricks challenge and Gali-Lego Technic are exciting programmes that will boost a student's mind in creative thinking and problem solving. Students will explore basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and get a practical experience building motorised Lego models. It's fun, its challenging, and it'll help them prepare for other educational pathways in science, physics or engineering!

Places are strictly limited. For more information please go to www.squiggle.org.nz or contact Katrina on : 027 909 3903 Email katrina@squiggle.org.nz