



Kiwi Connection

Growing Together As One

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 3

Book Fair Week

Tuesday 16 May

Junior Cross country/ Tabloids event

Thursday 18th May 17

Pink Shirt day- Anti-bullying campaign

Week 4

Thursday 25th May

6-7pm Parent Hui (Ruma 3)

Friday 26 May

School Assembly (9.10am)
Miss Tessa's Learning class is hosting.

BLOG LINKS



TERM 2 WEEK 3

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

We have had a busy start to Term 2 Week 3. We are now fully immersed in the excitement of production practice.

Our parent hui this term will be next **Thursday 25 May 6-7pm Room 3** (The Village) and it would be fabulous to see you all there. The topics we will be covering are as follows:

Junior Year 1-3 - Whanake Programme - this will show you how we are developing children's gross and fine motor skills and also the Casey the Caterpillar Handwriting programme.

Senior Year 4-6 We will be updating you on our use of ICT for Literacy, among other things.

There will be an opportunity to mix and mingle during the evening as well.

Reminder: Water only school

A reminder that we are a 'Water Only School'. Children will not be allowed to drink anything but water (with the exception of milk in schools) so any sugary drinks will be sent home with children at the end of the day. Any subway ordered drinks will be substituted with water.

PB4L- Respect for Self

This week we have been focusing on respecting others and ourselves by making good wet day choices.

VILLAGE NEWS

Whanake project: The village has been engaging in a project that focuses on gross and fine motor skills. The students seem to have been really enjoying themselves and are responding well to the mini fine motor skill challenges.

NZ sign language week: The village student's have been learning a beautiful song called paradise. They are picking up the sign language really fast.

Junior Cross Country/ Tabloids Event: The Junior school have participated in Junior cross country around the school and had lots of fun competing in the tabloid games.



Developing our fine motor skills



Practising our sign language



Checking out the book



Discovery time activities



Tabloid games

HUB NEWS

We have all been busily practising for our forthcoming Production. We will soon be into making our costumes for this. If you are able to offer help with sewing, gluing, cutting and preparing please let us know. It is certainly going to be a colourful and exciting event!

Last week was New Zealand Sign Language Week and our Hub students were prepared to sign for our National Anthem and Aotearoa song during Assembly. Unfortunately, due to heavy rain, Assembly was cancelled. However, we hope to be able to perform these at a later Assembly. We were also prepared to deliver a great Cheerleading rap highlighting our PB4L focus of excellent assembly behaviour.

This week we have been writing letters (yes, for 'snail mail') to some students in France. Their teacher asked if we would like to correspond with them. We are proud of the effort our students have put into writing their introductory letters.

We hope you have been enjoying our school Book Fair. It is on all this week. Our students have been to the Library to view the books and have made their "Wish Lists". These books are very well priced.



Photo 1: All joining in for Jump Jam, which is every Tuesday and Thursday.

Photo 2: The Hub students engaging in Math's games.

MINDFULNESS and YOGA AT RICHMOND ROAD SCHOOL

Wednesdays 3.15-3.45pm at Richmond Road, Room 19 by the bottom courts opposite the whare nui 5 week intro course: June 7th - July 5th .

The Kindness Institute specialises in mindfulness education & we've seen great benefits for students' learning, listening, confidence, improving sleep, focus and anxiety. Mindfulness is being practiced in many schools and is an evidence based tool that can be used over a lifetime to reduce stress and anxiety (which isn't unique to adults) and support people's ability to flourish.

Our program is developed based on research out of Holistic Life Foundation supported by Harvard and Jon Hopkins Medical School. In this fun course, we explore mindfulness meditation in a hands-on way through group & partner activities, art & crafts, play & breathing.

Children will learn about focus, calmness, gratitude, self love, stress management & yoga asanas. We take a small number of students over the term. All year levels (Y1-6) are welcome in this course.

The course is \$100 for the 5 weeks. Please click on the link below if you would like to make a booking.

<https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/mainclass?studioid=913887&tg=25&vt=12&lvl=&styp=-7&view=day&trn=0&page=&catid=&prodid=&date=06/07/17&classid=0&prodGroupId=&sSU=&optForwardingLink=&qParam=&justloggedin=&nLgIn=&pMode=0&loc=1>