



Kiwi Connection

Growing Together As One

NEWSLETTER

**Kia ora koutou e te whanau**

**Welcome to Week 7 Term 3**

## Village Updates

Our teachers and students worked so hard to produce some amazing art work for our Richmond Road School - Ritimana Visual Arts Exhibition. Based on the theme of Street Art, our work was vibrant and varied. Thank you to all our families who attended our successful auction night. If you have not yet purchased your child's small art piece please pay online or at the office and you can then take this home. The cost is \$5 per canvas.

Now we are looking forward to our second exciting trip for the term. On Thursday we are off to explore life in the past at Howick Historical Village. We know we will take part in many experiences that will give us insight into how life in NZ was long ago. We are continuing to enjoy exploring the past and hearing many stories of long ago and learning many facts about a great variety of places and times - from dinosaurs to Ancient Egypt and our Grandparents younger days. Many of us have followed our curiosity with our learning.

Thanks to Miss Sacha's students for their great assembly item last week with its awesome message to us all about resilience. Also Miss Tessa's group performed a song about kindness for the PB4L item. Great messages for all.

Spring is definitely in the air and, along with the improved weather, many of us are removing our jumpers and other items of clothing. It is very helpful if our clothing is named so we can ensure it is returned to the owners. The same goes for our lunchboxes and drink bottles. Thanks for your support with this.



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### Ms Sacha's Assembly

Our Village Kaiako Ms Sacha and her students hosted our school assembly on the 31st August and did a fabulous job. They performed a pop song and dance 'get back up again' and pulled off some mighty pyramids. We celebrated all our wonderful winter netballers.



### Hub Updates

This week in the Hub, we have worked very hard to finish our art pieces for the Art Exhibition! Lauren's Group did Graffiti names against brick, Barbara's group painted Flash words, and Abby's group drew "cracks in the wall." We had lots of fun making these paints, and had even more fun at the exhibition on Wednesday!

On Friday, we celebrated the male role models in our life for Father's Day.

We've got a new addition in our Hub, the wonderful Abby. She is from the USA, and we are lucky to have her for the next couple of weeks. She has taught us about Ice Hockey, American Football, and lots of other things.

Top 5 things to know about Abby:

1. Abby is 24 years old and her birthday is May 20
2. Abby loves music and plays clarinet in a community band
3. Abby loves the beach because there's no beaches in Kansas
4. Abby's favourite TV show is The Office
5. Abby is a big cat fan

We are looking forward to our Stardome Trip coming up.

We are also working hard during our choir and dance rehearsals for "In Our Beat" coming up in October.

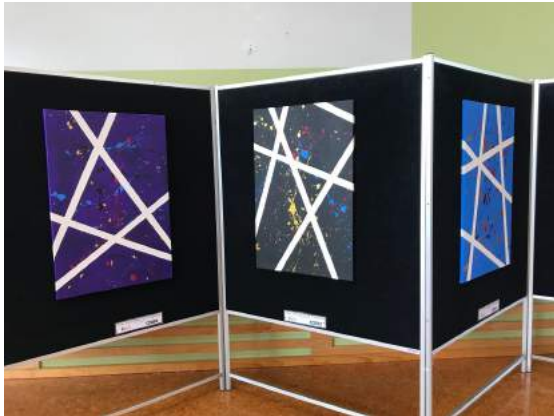


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### Art Exhibition

Our school collectively celebrated our creative minds with our annual art exhibition. It was astounding to see the difference in interpretations with our theme of graffiti art. Thank you to all those who came along and supported our school, and the lucky auction winners who have a beautiful reminder to display.



### Water Only School

We are a 'water only' school. School staff will be reminding children of this and will also remove drinks other than water from children. They will be asked to take it home and not to bring it back.

### Upcoming events

**Friday 7th September:** Camp Club Sausage Sizzle will now be a weekly event for the remainder of the term. All profits will go towards our Year 5 and 6 camp. \$2 per sausage. Vegetarian option is available for \$2.

This event will happen outside the hall on Fridays from 1pm.

Week 8: Next week is Māori language week 10-16 September.

### Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori



Here is a great link if you would like to practice with your child at home <https://tewikiotereomaori.co.nz/>



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We will be celebrating the week by building on our use of Reo and Tikanga in our learning spaces.

Week 9:

**On Tuesday 18th September** from 9:00am to 11:00am our *Kiwi Connection* (The Village and The Hub), *Mua I Malae* and *L'Archipel* will be hosting our termly *Treasure Hunt of Learning - Whānau Open Morning*.

One of the purposes of learning events such as these is to build upon parent engagement to enhance our school values, vision and culture. Also to build upon your child's success as a learner.

If you are new to our school we would like to provide the opportunity for you to participate in what the school day 'looks like' for your child.

#### **What will our *Treasure Hunt of Learning - Whānau Open Morning* look like?**

- You are welcome anytime from 9:00am to 11:00am in our classrooms and to join your child for playtime from 11:00 to 11:30.
- Your child will look forward to celebrating aspects of their learning with you. This could be related to a reflection on their inquiry, a piece of writing or a piece of artwork. Please ask your child questions about their learning and school life. This can be a continuing conversation at home.
- During this time you are welcome to ask your child's teacher questions related to this learning. You may also be asked to read with or to a small group of children

We look forward to your participation. Please come along and join us.

*"As you see, the world is a never-finished sketch.*

*Always brazenly and wonderfully fresh."*

Loris Malaguzzi

*Nau mai Afio mai Welcome Bienvenue*

Week 10:

Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 September Parent Interviews

### **Year 5 and 6 Camp**

On Wednesday 31st October our Year 5 and 6 students will be venturing to our senior student camp at Carey Park Adventure Camp. We will be leaving school at 1:00 pm on Wednesday and returning at 2:00pm on Friday afternoon.

Our tamariki will participate in the following experiences:

- Burma trail
- Archery
- Kayaking
- Abseiling
- Water slide and rope swing
- Indoor rock wall
- Flying fox
- Raft Building
- Confidence course
- Outdoor cooking and campfire
- Bush study and bush survival
- Orienteering

The cost for our camp per child is \$230. Payment is due by Friday 28th September.

This cost includes: transport, all meals (the camp is catered) accommodation and an activities package which includes qualified instructors for kayaking, abseiling and the indoor rock climbing wall.

Parents/caregivers can pay in installments or the full amount through the online shop, via internet banking or at the office. If payment may be an issue for you please contact David [david@richmondroad.school.nz](mailto:david@richmondroad.school.nz) and we can discuss options. Payment is due by Friday 28th September.

Camps are self funding so the individual cost per child subsidises adults who take part as supervisors.

[Carey Park Adventure Camp](#)

Ngā mihi

Barbara, Troy, Novena, Florence and David (organising committee)



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