



L'Archipel's Fortnightly Newsletter

Week 5-6 Term 2 2016

What's happened

Lactic Turkey Orienteering Race Y5-6

On the 24th of May, 46 children from Richmond Road School participated in the Lactic Turkey Schools Sustainability Challenge taking place in the Long Bay regional park. L'Archipel was well represented, with our seniors making up a third of the teams from RRS! Their enthusiasm was truly heart warming to witness. The outing was very successful, with the kids using their orienteering skills and team work to find clues in different check points and also complete sustainability based activities to earn points in a fun race. Some of the activities they did involved preparing trees to be planted, identifying different insects living in streams and associate pests with the traps used to catch them. Big thanks to Peter, Michel and Stuart for acting as parent shadows to keep the kids safe. We are already looking forward to the next event, which will be in October. Encore une fois, bravo les enfants! (by Julie Cave, Mum Organiser)



Children's views:

Emilie: "It was great! There was lots of fun questions and activities. Some of the questions were really hard. It was fun to make David (our new Deputy Principal) go round in circles!"

Anais: "I liked the part when there was a lookout. It was like looking over the D-day beaches. You had to find 5 objects that were used in WW1."

One of our parent helper's view:

Stuart Crosswell: "After a bit of a slow start working out what was going on, the girls made steady progress, learning something about delegating tasks and cooperation I think ;)

Of course, the first thing they did was head straight for the stream crossing and wet their shoes... they missed the bridge that was shown on the map, but the stream crossing was much more fun!

They also learned some cool stuff about the ecology of the area at the formal 'Activities' that were part of the event, e.g. aquatic Macroinvertebrates found in the streams, kauri tree die-back, and sculpting sea creatures from sand - they seemed a little disappointed when they were informed that mermaids are not real sea creatures :(."



Seniors Cross-Country

Last Friday morning students from Y4 to 6 ran the school cross country in Grey Lynn Park. All got muddy, some got REALLY muddy! But everyone in the end was happy and Florence's Home Group's students did particularly well as many of them qualified for the Inner City Cross Country next week! (Thursday 2 June). Well done to Emilie, Alice, Tristan, Luca and Molly in the 10 year-old group, and Hereata and Alana in the 9 year-old group. Although they will not be taking part in the Inner City run Siaan, Arthur, Sophie Maia and Gaspard also did very well coming 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th place in their age group . All the best for next week's run to our Y5s and 6s!



National Young Leaders Day 2016

Two students from each unit that display leadership qualities went on to represent our school at the National Young Leaders Day conference at the Vodafone Events Centre on Thursday last week. Only Year 6 students could be nominated. In Florence's Home Group the two students were Alice Sharpe and Molly Abbott. Congratulations to them! Here is what they thought of the day:

Alice: "It was funny and fun, we learnt how important it was to keep trying and not give up!"

Molly: "Attending the day gave me a better understanding of what being a leader is about. The speakers made it fun and involved us in their presentations."



Goodbye to Hugo Leo

On Friday Vesna's Home Group had to sadly say goodbye to Hugo Leo and his family, who are returning to Belgium. Oscar and Cerise presented a lovely card to Hugo. We wish Hugo a nice summer holidays and a great start at his new school.



School assembly certificate recipients

Vesna's Home Group: Olivia Gibert for her friendly attitude and for her efforts in reading, writing and maths. Congratulations!

Beatrice's Home Group: Riley Gillett for being a great listener and being always on task.

Florence's Home Group: Samuel Coates for his amazing efforts in improving his focus and participation in class. I am very proud of you, Samuel! Keep it up!

What's happening

3 new stagiaires are starting this week

We welcome Pauline, Tony and Pierre, who are adding to our team of friendly helper with Heimoana, Justine and Constance.

They started on Monday at l'Archipel and they will stay the last 6 weeks of term 2 and the first 5 weeks of term 3.



We are now lucky to have 2 stagiaires per class for the rest of term 2 !

Spot the difference...



YES!! Harry Potter, Dobby, Bubbles, Ruby, Sapphire and Doode are finally here! They have arrived in their new home in Florence's classroom on Friday after school (thanks to Lili and her mum). They are happy (it seems) and healthy (so far). It is now the class' responsibility to keep them that way. Students have already organised themselves into feeding and tank cleaning groups. 

PB4L

In Vesna's homegroup: Congratulations to children who have received our Positive Behaviour for Learning Bronze certificates so far: Amélie, Teana, Theo, Olivia, Cerise, Precilia and Caitlin-Lily. Nice prizes are waiting for many more who are trying very hard to do the right thing and demonstrate our 3 classroom rules: respect for self, for others and for the environment.

In Beatrice's homegroup: In Ruma 13, this term, it is all about learning to know each others. The rules we are expecting from each other in the classroom are: "walk in the classroom", "listen to the teacher and act accordingly", "raise your hand and wait your turn to speak" and "respect each other". We are also setting up routines in our different fields of activities: numeracy, French literacy and English literacy. If you have any concern or questions, please send me an email or come talk to me before or after school (especially on Mondays and Fridays).

Friday Bake Sale in on!

Ruma 1 & 2 were responsible for the stall this Friday. A big thankyou to all wonderful parents for your baking donations and to parent volunteers for help at the stall. The children enjoyed the sweet treats to the fullest!

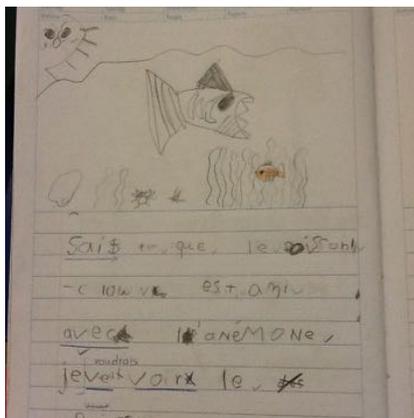
Parent helpers

It has always been a tradition at l'Archipel to welcome the parents who are able to give a little of their time, in helping us support our children in their reading skills. If you are able and willing to do so, please come talk to Beatrice in class. These reading sessions are usually 15 to 20 minutes at any moment of the day (not necessarily at 9 o'clock!).

Upcoming events

- Wk. 5 Wednesday 1 June - 9.10am - 11.00am MIM celebration of Samoa's Independence
- Wk. 5 Thursday 2 June - Inner City Cross Country
- Wk. 6 Mondays 6 June - Queen's Birthday - No school
- Wk. 6 Tuesday 7 June - 9.30am - 2.30pm - Trip to Kelly Tarlton's for all 3 classes

Student work



Zac Y2: Sais-tu que le poisson-clown est l'ami avec l'anémone? Je voudrais voir le poisson-clown dans les anémones.

Le poisson-combattant a des écailles, il est rouge et bleu et ses yeux sont rouges aussi.

Est-ce que tu sais que le poisson porc-épic peut manger des crabes? Il peut aussi manger des coquillages et peut se gonfler en forme d'un ballon.

Please have a look at the blog for more students' work !