



L' Archipel's Fortnightly Newsletter

Week 9-10 Term 4 2016

What's happened

Bush Survival Trip

This Monday, the three l'Archipel classes went onto their bush survival trip at Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre. There, along with 5 parents, our Teacher Aid Brigitte and our stagiaire Lisa, we have been welcomed by Matt, our friendly bush expert.

After having organised three groups, we went on a rotation between:

- 2 bush activities: how to prepare a fire and a bivouac
- what New Zealand forests can provide to us
- a teacher-lead game period.

Here are some pictures to give an idea of the day:







Children had a very busy day enjoying a bush walk, building a shelter, playing team games and learning about bush flora and fauna through the discovery trail. What a fantastic summer day it was!



Children had to problem solve the given tasks and build a shelter in a limited time. There was a lot of rush and excitement trying to find the solid base or structure for building a bivouac using a small provision of cords and trying to find the best branches to fit its desired form and size. Three out of four teams have completed successfully this challenge. The excitement of being able to finally all fit under the bivouac and enjoy the cosy feel from inside was hard to describe. Nobody really wanted to leave the bush and abandon their masterpiece!



On our way through the bush we had to practise a range of skills like, for example, getting down or up the steep hill using a cord and keeping our balance, making sure we don't slip. There were some real pros among our group!





Assembly - week 8

Ruma 13 co-hosted the last assembly with Ruma 10 from the Hub (Kiwi connection). Sabina was our French representant to introduce in French each participant. She did a great job.

Our class performed their song “On ecrit sur les murs” loud and clear! A big thank you to the great effort they have put into this.



What is happening

Sports activities reminder

SWIMMING LESSONS WEEK 9

Ruma 13 / Year 2 swimming:

Week 9: - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday (12:15 - 12:45)

Students require swimming togs, goggles and towel.

Rm.1 Swiming - last day Tuesday 6 December

BE SUN SAFE : WEAR A HAT & SUNSCREEN *slip, slap, slop, wrap !*

School assembly certificate recipients

Vesna's Home Group: Cerise for "excellence in all subjects and for being the student of the year 2016 in Ruma 1".

Beatrice's Home Group: Nina for "always being kind and considerate and for her outstanding effort in all areas of the curriculum. "

Florence's Home Group: Ollie for "his participation in class and for being such a good team player" & **Tristan** for "being so positive and helpful over the past weeks." Well done!

Please visit **our blog or Seesaw (Rm.1)** to see your children's work and don't hesitate to post comments:

<http://bienvenuealarchipel.blogspot.co.nz> or Rm.1: <http://web.seesaw.me/>

Events to come

Week 9 Monday, Tuesday 5-6/12 11:40-12:10pm

Wednesday 7 December - **Piano concert** in Ruma 13 & 14 (1:50pm)

Thursday 8 December

- Ruma 1 - **Kelmarna Gardens** (10:45am to 1:30pm)
- **Year 6 Graduation** 6.30-8.30pm

Friday 9 December - **30 years celebration of Mua i Malae**

Monday 12 December:

- 11:00am: **Farewell to our stagiaire Lisa**
- 1pm - 1:50pm: **L'Archipel shared lunch**

Tuesday 13 December (2pm to 3pm): **End Of Year Assembly - whole school goodbye to Year 6s.**

Wednesday 14 December: **Last day of school. School finishes at 1pm.**

