

**17 March 2017**

Welcome to our new students Hunter, Preston and Arama to our Whanganui East School Community.

Last week we had a fantastic day at Mowhanau beach. The children were divided into groups to experience seven workshops. They found fossils and heard how sand is made, saw dragonfly nymphs and native fish, made beach art and heard how to look after the coast. It was a fabulous national event co-ordinated in Whanganui by the Conservation Department (DOC). Community ranger Scotty Moore invited Whanganui East School to be a part of the event. We want to thank Horizons Regional Council for supplying an educator and paying for buses, educators from Whanganui Regional Museum and the Sargeant Gallery, educators from Castelcliff Coast Care and DOC, sunscreen from the Cancer Society and a gazebo from the Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre. A big thankyou to our parents who came along to support our children.

Mrs Barry  
Principal



### **School Photos.**

Class photos will be taken on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Individual and sibling photos are available on request - collect an envelope from the office. All photo orders, with money, must be in to the office by 9.00 a.m. on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **High Achievers Awards – 10 March.**

- R1 Kapi. For taking pride in his maths work.
- R1 Peyton. For being proud of her work and always trying hard.
- R2 Cora. Striving for her best in her learning.
- R2 Chloe. High expectations and striving for her best in her maths.
- R3 Iyasha. For always trying her best and being proud with her reading.
- R4 Frank. For taking pride in his writing and always trying his best.
- R6 Mackensie. Excellent effort at all times.
- R6 Kyan. Excellent effort at all times.
- R7 Kya. Completing Level 1 Achieve early.
- R7 Nikita. Scientific observations.
- R15 Anaru. For setting his expectations high in his reading and writing.
- R15 Jessica. For being such a good role model and helping the juniors during the beach trip.
- R16 Veronica. Maintaining high expectations for your learning. Wetiweti ana!

### **Rodayo Robin Award**

Leeroy. Showing high standards in book work.  
Ka pai!

### **Dublin Street Bridge Closure.**

The Dublin Street bridge will be closed from 7 am – 5 p.m. on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Early Closing.**

School will close at 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March for learning conversations.

### **Sickness.**

If your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea it is recommended they stay away from school until 24 hours free of symptoms.

## **PTA News.**

### Garage Sale.

PTA Garage sale is *Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April* 10 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. Any donations can be left in the hall foyer or contact Kelly on 027 365 6083 or Karen on 027 347 3909.

### Mufti Day.

*Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March* will be a mufti day for a donation of home baking for our cake stall.

### PTA Meeting.

Next meeting in *Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March* at 2.20p.m. in the library. All welcome

## **Student Absentees.**

Please advise school of all absences by txt on 021 107 6551 or phone 343 8054 and leave a message.

If we do not hear from you we will endeavour to make contact but if unsuccessful your child will be marked as Truant.

## **Year 5 & 6 Camp.**

This year the year 5 & 6 children will be going to Mangetepopo, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November.

We are in the process of finalising the cost. If you would like to start paying off small amounts at the office this would be great.

## **Eastside Community Hub.**

Live in Whanganui East?

Have children 0 – 5 yrs?

Come and have a cup of coffee, a chat, feel supported and connected to your community.

*When:* Tuesday mornings 10.00 - 11.30a.m.

*Where:* The Community Space, Room 12, Whanganui East School.

*Contact:* Jacinda through the Eastside Community Hub Facebook.

## **Matarawa Stream Visit.**

On the 3rd of March Rm 16,15, and 7 went on a trip to Matarawa Stream right next door to Saint Anne's school. This fitted in with our Inquiry about the water cycle. We went to go and learn about the environment and have lots of learning experiences. We learned many things about the "habitat" of the stream such as: which side of the stream is safer for the small creatures that live around the banks. Also, how polluted the water is.

Sarah from horizons was an expert at sharing her knowledge and was prepared to get wet to help catch small creatures from the stream.

The senior school will also like to say a big thank you for all the great outstanding parents who took time out to be able to help support our schools learning.

*From: Maria & Haeleigh. Rm7*



**Every Child Achieving**