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Welcome our new students Laykin and Cleveland to our Whanganui East School Community.

Whanganui Girls College visited our school this week as part of the school providing the girls with the opportunity to do something positive in the community. Some girls chose to go to the SPCA, others to clear parts of the river bank and some chose to come to our school. They spent an hour in the Junior and Middle classrooms working alongside the children. A big thankyou for choosing our school.



On Thursday the children had the opportunity to meet Fifi Colston. She is a well known book illustrator, author and artist. It was also fantastic to have Mr & Mrs Restieaux and Mrs Sung from Wanganui Rotary at assembly and to present the books to Room 3 & 4. Whanganui Rotary and Mr Horrocks are our school Duffy sponsors who pay for the books the children receive across the year.



Sonson modelling one of Fifi's wearable art pieces.

Earthquake Drill:

Each term we have an Earthquake drill to ensure that the children know what to do in case of an Earthquake.



High Achievers Awards – 24 March.

- R1 Danyon. For having a positive attitude towards his learning and giving new things a try.
- R1 Haizley. For having a positive attitude towards his learning and giving new things a try.
- R2 Jade Whale. For always putting her best effort in to her learning.
- R2 Daemyn. For excellent effort in his spelling and writing.
- R3 Tawhiti. For always participating in maths and being proud of his maths work.
- R6 Ava. Working hard and using manners.
- R6 Kailahi. Working hard and using manners.
- R7 Paige. Keeping tidy book work.
- R7 Summer-Lee. Keeping up with all classwork.
- R15 Keara. For trying hard in her Inquiry about pollution and giving it a go.
- R15 Liam. For trying hard to complete your work in the time given.
- R16 Shayna. For working hard on your science investigation. Wetiweti ana!
- R16 Jayda. 100% effort and pride in all your learning. Tumeke!

Rodayo Robin Award.

Rhythm. For giving your reading your best go and taking pride in your work.

Achieve Leaders.

Congratulations to our 2017 Achieve Leaders. Chase, Trishana, Veronica, Nirvana, Olivia, Haeleigh, Maria, Quilashey, Chanelle, Brodie, Jayla.

Canteen Special.

American Hotdogs - \$2.50

Available Wednesday 5th April.



Discovery Learning.

Room 1.

In Room 1 we are putting our creative skills to test through technology to create irrigation systems for our garden boxes. As the weeks have progressed so have the designs. The children are really thinking of the most efficient way to get water to the roots of the plants in order to ensure they grow and we don't waste water. As you come into school check out our work which can be found in the big garden boxes that outline our field. And we would like to say a big thankyou to Mr Whetton for helping us to use the drills and installing the children's designs.



Room 2

We have been discovering a lot about how to look after our waterways and oceans. First, we read about Maori legends and Paieka and the whale- looking at the Maori designs to inspire our artwork. We looked at the ocean sea life which is affected by the amount of plastic and rubbish entering our water systems. We discussed how pollution is damaging our sea creatures. It has been great fun working collectively to make a paper mache' whale surrounded by fossil shells.

Room 3/4

We love Discovery Learning in the Junior Team! On a Tuesday, we have Developmental, where we can use our imaginations in the Playhouse and Dress-up corner, or build using our blocks or lego, or be artists when painting. Wednesday is all about Being Active. We work in teams and participate in activities where we are learning to throw and catch, skip and balance. By the time we get to Thursday, we are looking forward to Being Creative. We get to design and make all sorts of things and we are super proud of our creations and inventions. Our underlining skills we are working on are using kind words, problem solving and working together.

Room 6.

Room 6 are looking at water through literacy. After sharing the book "All the Water in the World" by George Ella Lyon and Katherine Tillotson we discuss how the words and illustrations combine to show the Earth's water cycle and our relationship with all the water in the world.

Step 1: children draw a picture showing one way water is used.

Step 2: children compile an A - Z of water words together and choose one to show in an art form.

Step 3: completing a piece of marbled paper to use as background.

Step 4: discussing completed work and ways we can help to look after all the water in the world.



Room 7

Discovery learning centres around some mini-experiments and the Water Cycle. We are learning to make predictions and record results about how and why clouds are formed. Students get to share their prior knowledge and make discoveries about the natural environment. Amazing facts are discovered about the amount of water we have now and the amount of water that existed in the time of the dinosaurs. Has it changed?

Room 15.

In Room 15 we are learning about pollution. The students have made a model of what polluted water looks like. They also tried to clean the water but it proved to be very difficult. The students then decided that it would be a lot easier to tell people what pollution does to our Earth so they would stop throwing rubbish everywhere.

Create awareness! DO NOT THROW RUBBISH!

Room 16.

Ko Au te Awa, Ko Te Awa Ko Au: Our River Stories

Our beautiful river is very much a part of our lives here in Whanganui. For Discovery Learning we are looking at the ways we use and care for our awa, Te Awa Tupua, historically and today. Whaea May is collecting students' Whanganui River stories and if you have a River story you would like to share with us, nau mai, haere mai whānau!

Inter-school Swimming Sports.

On Tuesday 28th March a group of ten children travelled to the Splash Centre to compete in the Inter-school Swimming Sports. Everyone swam well with six children and the girls' relay team making the finals. Ruby won the 9 yr old girls' 25 metre breaststroke with Jennifer coming a close second. Ruby then went on to come second in the 9 yr old Girls' Freestyle event.

Well done to the Whanganui East Swimming Team.



LOVE OUR SCHOOL

"We love our Library and our playground"

Paige & Summer-Lee, Room 7.

Every Child
Achieving