

# HIKUIAI SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER

## Kia ora from the Principal



Welcome to Term 3. We have started back and straight into our Farm to Table inquiry, along with cross country training and kapa haka rehearsals for the Regional Hui later this term. We have a new spelling programme taking shape that will better support our learners along with our continued mahi in literacy and numeracy.

It has been great to have visits from whanau to be a part of our learning. You are all welcome. In week 3 we have our first health curriculum community consultation evening. Please join us at 6:00pm on Wednesday 2nd August to have a look at our 3 year plan overview and find out more about what we will be learning.

Ngā mihi, Rachell



## Cross Country Training

Our learners have started with a hiss and a roar! Every day at 12:15 training takes place around the new school track, using the field, including a variety of levels and surfaces to introduce cross country terrain. Our runners train for 10 minutes and work to beat their individual goals. We hope to hold the school event on the McKenzie Farm and are finalising the details there. Our families will be able to see the whole course and cheer everyone on. Well done to everyone who is working hard to develop fitness and reach their goals.

## Kapa Haka Festival

This term we continue to work towards performing at the regional festival with all the schools in our community of learning. We invite you to join the team and perform with us or come to watch and support. The festival date is Wednesday 20th September. We would also like to invite you to join our kapa haka and rehearse with us on Tuesdays at 11:00. If singing is something you enjoy we would love to have you in the team, please give Michelle a call for details.



# HELLO FROM ROOM 3



## Music Education

We were so lucky to have Taylor Sol visit with us on Tuesday. He brought with him some amazing instruments from South America and we loved listening to him play. The room was very quiet and peaceful and even Alba the school dog enjoyed the show! We found out that sound can make you feel different emotions and affect how you feel.



## Cheese Update!



Our cheeses arrived this week from the farm! They have been looked after over the holidays and matured, ready for us to eat. Pieter visited on Monday and we sang him one of our waiatas as a thank you again for all his time and efforts. We loved visiting the farm last term and finding out about cheese making, The children are still talking about it.





# KIA ORA FROM ROOM 4



## EOTC – Camp Cooking

Over the coming 2 terms, the students of Room 4 will be engaging in a programme themed around developing their 'Bush Skills'. The purpose of the programme is to highlight the incredible resource we have on our doorstep, by the way of the Puketui Valley. To pass skills and knowledge onto our tamariki which will help them enhance their experience, as well as take care of themselves whilst in the bush.



This Monday saw the inaugural session of our 'Bush Skills' programme take place at school. The session was broken into two parts, with Part One requiring all students to make a damper dough in the MP Room. The second part of the session was centered around how to safely build, cook over and then extinguish a campfire.

A massive thanks must be extended to Parent and BOT Member, Damian Johansen, for sharing his extensive knowledge in this space with our tamariki.

Our next session will see our students learn about the nutritional and medicinal properties of our native flora. It will include a small harvest of Kawakawa leaves which the students will use to make Kawakawa Balm

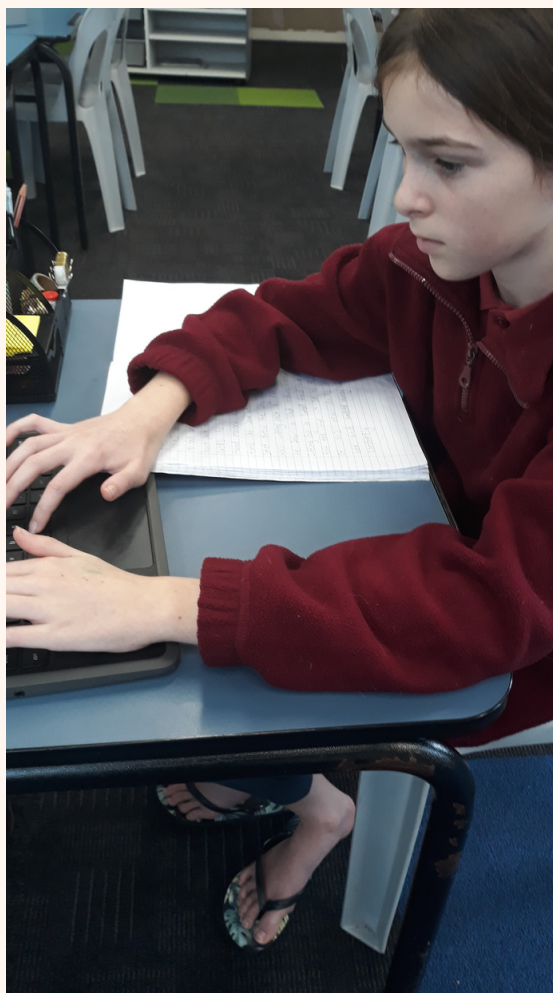
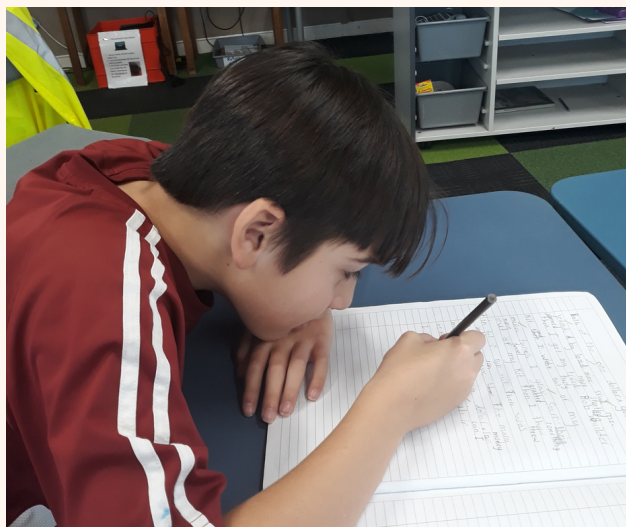
# HI FROM ROOM 5



## Literacy



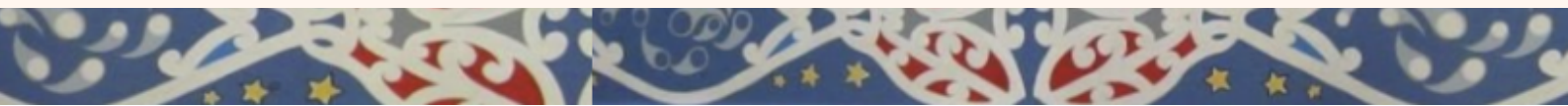
Students have been developing descriptive writing skills. They watched a you tube clip "The Wish Granter" and chose to retell the story as one of the characters. Lots of gold ticks were received for interesting verbs, adjectives, adverbs and similes.



The reading programme is integrated with topic inquiry. One group has been finding out about border security at New Zealand airports. We discussed why it is important to protect our environment and agricultural and horticultural industries from pests and diseases. Another group has been finding out about planting vegetables and how to make compost.



**Topic Inquiry:** Students have been exploring the NZ Dairy Board interactive site "Rosie's World. They are watching educational videos about dairy farming and playing farm rules games. "Be careful not to drive through cow pats or hit any fences. Check your cows at night time and herd them for milking twice a day.



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# UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Here are some dates that we already know about for Term 3.  
More will be added as they come to hand.

## Term 3

<b>Kapa Haka</b>	<b>Tuesdays 11:00-11:40 with Matua Brandon weather and roads permitting!</b>
<b>Weekly Hui</b>	<b>2:15 every Monday, You are most welcome to come along for songs, sharing of learning and certificates.</b>
<b>Cross Country Training</b>	<b>Weeks 1-3, Bring running shoes!</b>

## Term 3 July 2023

<b>27th</b>	<b>Visit to the Clarke's Farm- Farm to Table learning</b>
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## Term 3 August 2023

<b>2nd</b>	<b>Community Health Curriculum Consultation 6:00 pm in Room 5</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>School X Country (PPD 10th)</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>TOTARA Assembly</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>WHOT X Country for top school runners</b>
<b>29th</b>	<b>T.V X Country for top WHOT runners</b>

## Term 3 September 2023

<b>1st</b>	<b>School Disco!- Fluro Theme- get organised ASAP :)</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>TOTARA Assembly</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>Kapa Haka Festival at Coromandel Area School</b>