

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui 2 September 2021



CO-PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

**Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou e te whānau whānui,
dear parents, families, and friends.**

We hope you enjoy this special edition of our newsletter, with some treats from our kindergarten and specialist teachers.



Over the past few weeks all families have had to adapt to a new rhythm. For some whānau this brings challenges and added stresses. On the other hand, we know that some families have appreciated the opportunity to go a bit slower and spend more time together. However, as human beings we all feel the need of community and connection! Even with the current restrictions, it is amazing to see the many ways that this need can be met and we can still feel the warmth of the social realm - in his note below David shares a personal examples from his own family experiencing the whanaungatanga that is alive in our community.

We all hope to be back in kindergarten and at school again before long!

Ngā mihi mahana, nā **Kerstin & David**

Reminders

Dates

Remember to check the diary of dates at the bottom of this newsletter. There have been a number of changes due to school being closed. There could be more changes, but this is the most up to date information we have.

School Grounds

As you are probably already aware, school grounds remain closed to the public in Level 3, just as they were in Level 4. This applies after school hours also.



PERSONAL NOTE FROM DAVID

I have really appreciated seeing Class 6 every morning for our zoom classes. While this is a poor substitute for the life of a real world classroom, it is meeting a need and allows us to maintain a connection while we keep going with some of our learning. We have consistently high attendance, which hopefully shows that students and whānau are valuing what is offered. There are, of course, challenges in making this work - we are all still learning! Accessing learning and connecting in the online world takes a degree of objectivity and self management, and Class 6 seems a good age for our students to start learning these skills!

On a personal note, my daughter Ameline had her 9th birthday on Sunday. She had been counting down the days for many weeks, and was suddenly faced with the prospect of a lockdown birthday! With everything closed though, we had no way of buying presents and no prospect of a party 😞. Thanks to the benefits of social media, the call went out to the local community and we ended up with some amazing gifts from school families, and even from people we don't know! Combined with a home made, stitched horse from her creative big sister and a family party, she said that she had a really good birthday and loved her presents! It was so nice to feel that warmth and connection at this time. Kei te mihi ki a koutou e hoa mā!

Nā David

*** KINDERGARTEN PĀNUI ***

We do hope you have received our recent all kindergarten pānui this week. We are planning to send another next week if we do not get to see each other face to face. Below is an extract from last week's newsletter - if you have missed the pānui do let your kaiako know and they will forward it to you ...



A Spring Story – Tui Teoteo (Part 1)

Once upon a time there lived a little Tui called Tui Teoteo. He was much smaller than all the other Tuis, and he felt very different from all his friends and family. Indeed, he was so small that sometimes he even wondered if he was a Tui at all. But, all of his friends and family loved him and accepted him just as he was.

When his big friend, Tui Nui, saw the children in the garden gathering together and getting ready to sing their songs, he would fly over and tell Tui Teoteo come and see. They had the perfect place to watch from, the old kowhai tree by the gate. They loved to listen to the children singing. When the children had finished their song, the Tuis would all sing at the top of their voices, and then they would sit on the kowhai branches and hang upside down to get their tongues into the dangling kowhai blossoms and drink the sweet, sweet nectar. How they loved listening to the children singing and how they loved that Kowhai tree.

But when Tui Teoteo hung upside down to try to drink the nectar, it made him feel very dizzy. He would try and try but in the end he would just tumble down in a heap, managing to save himself at the last minute with a quick flutter of his shiny black-green wings. He hoped no-one had seen him. Tui Teoteo loved the taste of the sweet kowhai nectar but he just could not stay upside down long enough to drink very much of it. In the end he would give up and just sit and watch the children eating their fruit and his friends feasting on the blossoms.

At first his friends did not notice, as they were all too busy watching the children and sipping the sweet nectar. But one day, Tui Nui saw Tui Teoteo fall.

(Continued further down in this newsletter ... read on to the happy end!)

Kia haumaruru te noho (Stay safe!)

Arohanui – Lotti, Eija, Shelly, Livi, Gussie, Rebecca, Yvette, Emma, Norrita, Di

*** SCHOOL PĀNUI ***

GREETINGS FROM OUR SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Sharon's Dishcloth Knitting Challenge

For those of you eager to keep those needles clicking ... here is an idea.

Using wool that you have at home (unravel that old scarf? or the jersey you started but never finished?) or a ball of cotton twine (which you can get from most supermarkets) see if you can try out some of the knitting patterns to create your own dishcloths or face cloths.

If you think this sounds boring, think again ... and maybe look at [this link](#) for inspiration!

<https://www.studioknitsf.com/category/home/home-decor/dishcloth/>



The patterns use a combination of knit and purl stitches to make a variety of patterns. Once you have mastered some of these you can create your own and add different colours if you have them.

If you make them from wool or yarn and you don't want to use them as cloths you could sew them together to make a blanket/cushion cover/hot water bottle cover (if it is wool)

Apart from looking after the children and their home learning in my own bubble, I have been busy organising a few things for when we get back to school. Term 4 resources for knitting are sorted! I have to add this is just was well, as our Auckland supplier is out of action at the moment - so if we do end up running out we will get creative in different ways!

Arohanui from Sharon



Greetings from Paul's wood(home) workshop

The last two weeks have been a challenge as I haven't been able to go to school for materials. Although we were all taken by surprise on the lockdown day, I did have a few things at home to carry on with. One of them is the tekoteko in the photo. This is an example of one of the projects the adult carving group have been working on with Chris Gerretzen on Wednesday evenings. It's being carved from a beautiful piece of heart totara from an old fence post I found years ago washed up on the south coast. One of our prized carving woods, it's a real pleasure to work with!

Besides that I've been developing a couple of new woodwork projects for our classes and have also resurrected numerous chisels which we have been donated. I'm fortunate in having a workshop at home but I'm looking forward to getting back to our wonderful school woodwork room with the children and my colleagues - fingers crossed!

Ngā mihi - Paul Denford



Fiona's greetings: get creative with gifts from the garden

Our fabulous cooking teacher Fiona has sent through some of her favourite snapshots from cooking lessons and hopes that it will inspire everyone to get creative! These herb & flower (and olive) breads use the recipe below - enjoy!!!



FOCACCIA BREAD OR PIZZA DOUGH

1. In large mixing bowl add:

1 cup wholemeal flour

2 cups white bread flour (High Grade)

½ teaspoon salt

2. Make a well in flour and add:

1 + 1/3 cup warm water*

½ teaspoon dried yeast

½ teaspoon sugar

3. Wait until bubbles appear then add 1 tablespoon of olive oil

4. Mix with a wooden spoon until dough is wet and sticky, then mix for about a minute longer until you notice dough is becoming elastic or “stringy” *(dough should not be dry, add a small amount of water if necessary.)

5. Cover bowl with damp tea-towel or plastic wrap and leave in a warm place to rise for 2 -3 hours or until doubled in volume.

6. Preheat oven to 250C (230C for pizza)

7. Turn dough onto a well floured surface. Divide in 2 and flatten each piece into a 20-23 cm round (larger and thinner for pizza of course)

8. Focaccia- dimple top with flour dusted fingers

9. Brush or rub top with olive oil and add creative toppings

10. Transfer to floured baking tray and let rise an additional 10 minutes

11. Bake 10-12 minutes till golden



Te Reo Māori from Papa Rongo

Ways to answer the question "Kei te pehea koe?"

Parents, have your children teach you the actions to this activity, learning how to answer the question: Kei te pēhea koe? How are you? To answer, you can just say the word, or you can use the structure "Kei te _____ ahau."

- Pai = good/well
- Pōuri = sad
- Ngenge = tired
- Wera = hot
- Makariri = cold
- Mataku = afraid
- Manahau = excited
- Hiainu = thirsty
- Hiakai = hungry
- Mamae = sore
- Pukuriri = angry
- Harikoa = happy
- Tino pai! = great!

A new karakia kai from Uncle Mokena Reed

Ngā mihi ki a Papatūānuku
Mō āna hua e hora mai nei
Kia tika ai te hauora tangata
Haumi, hui e, tāiki e.

Thanks to Mother Earth
For Her fruits spread out before us
Giving good health for all
Let it be so.
--Mokena Potae Reedy

CONTINUED FROM THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION ...

A Spring Story - Tui Teoteo (Part 2)

"Are you alright Teoteo?" asked Tui Nui, "what made you fall out of the tree?"

Tui Teoteo flew back up and shook his glossy feathers. He was a bit embarrassed and shyly said, "I am fine, it's just that when I hang upside down, I get very dizzy and I can't hang on so well, and then I fall down."

"Ah" said Tui Nui "That used to happen to me when I was small too, but as I got bigger, I grew out of it. Maybe you will too."

This made Tui Teoteo feel a little better, and he kept trying, hard though it was. But no matter how many times he tried, the dizziness did not stop and he did not get to drink as much of the nectar as his friends did, and so he stayed very small.

One day, after he had fallen once more, Tui Nui said "I think I can help you to get some nectar."

"How?" asked Tui Teoteo eagerly.

"You sit on that low branch there and just see."

Tui Teoteo did as he was told. Tui Nui jumped up onto the branch above Teoteo and his weight bent the branch with the blossoms down to Tui Teoteo. At last Tui Teoteo was able to sit upright and sip the sweet nectar. He drank and drank until his tummy was full of sweet kowhai nectar. He thanked his friend for his kindness, and every day after that when Tui Nui called him over, first they would listen to the children's singing and then Tui Nui would choose a branch above Tui Teoteo and bend it down to let him drink his fill.

After a few weeks Tui Teoteo began to change. He had begun to grow bigger and fatter from drinking all that nectar, and one day, when Teoteo tried again to hang upside down to get the nectar, he didn't get dizzy and was able to stay there and drink it just like his friends. After that Tui Teoteo grew big like all the other Tui and he never forgot the friend who had helped him. Whenever he found a new flax flower or a kakabeak bush he would tell his friend Tui Nui, and when the children had their fruit picnic outside it was Tui Teoteo who sung the loudest and sweetest of all.

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Troy Kingi to perform with NZSO for Ode to Joy in te reo Māori concert

Award-winning musician Troy Kingi and his band join the NZSO in September for a unique concert featuring Beethoven's famous *Ode to Joy* sung in te reo Māori.

Kia Kotahi: He Toirangi Ā-Ao Kia Harikoa in Wellington on 11 September is part of an international project *All Together: A Global Ode to Joy*, created by the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York.

Ode to Joy, written by German poet Friedrich Schiller and adapted by Beethoven, will be sung in te reo Māori by a mass choir of about 300 young singers from high schools, youth choirs and kapa haka groups, along with members from Voices New Zealand.

Kia Kotahi also features the world premiere of three exceptional new songs written by Kingi (Te Arawa, Ngāpuhi, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui) and performed by his band, guest vocalists and the NZSO.

Tickets on sale on Thursday 12 August, 12pm.

Piano Teacher Wanted

(not keyboard), for a beginner pupil. Email michael@snowfield.net.nz, or phone 04 902 1203.

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DIARY OF DATES 2021

Tue 31-Aug

Teacher Development Day POSTPONED TO TERM 4

Sat 4-Sept

Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm - POSTPONED - NEW DATE TBC

Tue 7-Sep

Parent Evenings for Korimako, Ruru and Kereru Kindergarten Groups - POSTPONED

Kapiti Interschool Senior Winter Tournament Classes 6 and 7 - CANCELLED

Tue 14-Sept

Information Session For New Whānau 2:30pm - HOPEFULLY

Thursday 23-Sep

School Board meeting 7pm

Friday 24-Sep

Classes 1-7 Sharing Assembly for whānau (9.30am)

Fri 17-Sept

12:30pm Finish for Kindy & School

Sat 18-Sept

Open Day Bring Your Whānau!!!

Fri 1-Oct

Michaelmas Whole School Games Day &

Last Day Term 3

Mon 18-Oct

First Day Term 4

Tue 2-Nov

Information Session For New Whānau 2:30pm

Fri 12-Nov

Kapa Haka Fundraising Evening. Tennis Court Road Hall

Mon 22-Nov & Tues 23-Nov

School Teacher Development Day*

(*No school classes. Kindergarten sessions as usual.)

Sat 27-Nov

Advent Wreath Making

Mon 29-Nov

Raumati Kindergarten Groups Advent Festival

Tue 7-Dec

Information Session for new whānau 2:30pm

Fri 10-Dec

Christmas Market (TBC)

Wed 15-Dec

Last Day for Kindergartens

Thurs 16-Dec

Last Day for School 1:00pm finish

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