



# NEWSLETTER No. 26

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This week is **Te Wiki o te Reo Maori** – Maori Language Week. This year's theme for the week is '**Kia Ora te Reo Maori**' – **Let the Maori language live** and is the phrase for the week which the students will use when leading the daily kiwaha. Each week at school we learn a kiwaha – or phrase, that can be used in daily conversation. Our aim is to increase the amount of te Reo Maori that is spoken and heard around the school and in our daily conversations with others. Each week we will include the phrase in our weekly newsletter so you can practise it at home if you wish.



**Whanau Day:** To help us celebrate Maori Language Week we are holding a Whanau Time on Thursday afternoon. You are invited to come into your child's class and participate in some activities and games designed to learn a little more of te Reo Maori – Thursday from 2.00pm – 2.40pm.

We often hear the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child" and we are always very appreciative of the people and organisations in our community who support our school in so many ways. At assembly yesterday morning Whakatane Rotary Club presented our Year 4 students with a personal copy of an illustrated dictionary. Students are able to use them at home or school and are free to take them home if they wish. This is a very generous gesture which is most appreciated by students and staff. The school was also presented with its own small bee colony along with lots of seeds to plant, courtesy of New World. This helps to increase our students' knowledge of pollination and the pleasures associated with maintaining your own vegetable and flower plants. Recently we were recipients of another Oticon sound system from Whakatane Quota and of course the rebounder trampolines from Child Flight. A big 'kia ora' for all those in our village who support our children so generously.



Aaron from New World with Bob Ohlson, Harper Sheedy and the new bee colony.

Lily Hopkins enjoying one of two new rebounders from Child Flight.



This week our **Growing Great Learners** focus is 'I am proud of our school. I represent our school with pride. I sing the National Anthem and our school song proudly.' We will be learning that our school song was written especially for us by a past parent and we think of it as a school taonga in the same way that our Anthem is a national taonga.

We sing both at our weekly assembly with pride. We also will learn about what the community sees, hears and thinks when they see James Street School children out and about in the community – what messages are we conveying about ourselves?

### Reading Together Programme

We are pleased to offer a programme for parents who are keen to make reading together at home a pleasant and profitable experience for both you and your child. The programme will run for four sessions of an hour each starting in Week 1 of term 4 where you will learn some useful strategies, share ideas and experiences with others and watch a typical session in practice. All parents are welcome to attend but it is especially useful for new entrant and junior school parents. We propose two times so would be keen to know which you prefer. Please complete the form below and return to the office. The sessions will be run by our Assistant Principal, Ana Byrne.



### Bizzy Buddyz

**October School Holiday Programme available now!**

**Lots of exciting activities and outings planned for the October Holiday Programme - holidays are just around the corner.**

**WINZ subsidy forms available at the office for those families that qualify. Plenty of spaces available - please ring (07) 308 4314 for further information and costs.**

### Rongohia Te Hau—Sniffing the Wind

Last week we invited **ALL** parents to complete the online questionnaire about cultural practices within our school. Despite it taking no more than a couple of minutes to complete, **not one** parent completed it. We again ask that you go to the link below to help provide us with a full picture of our school's current practices from a parent point of view. The link is:

<https://goo.gl/forms/0IJZkLH3XfMzPwCh2>

*You are welcome to come into school and complete it on one of our computers if that is easier for you.*



This week all classes are learning the importance of being Firewise. Knowing what to do when there is a fire and having a family escape

plan have saved many lives in the past. Our Junior classes will be visited by the New Zealand Fire Service who will run the 45 minute Firewise programme with them.



Voting for your representatives in Parliament is a democratic right in Aotearoa New Zealand. Make sure you exercise your right. Polling booths are open from now until election day – If you are not enrolled yet, no problem! You can enrol and vote on the same day!

### KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

THEME: **Once Upon A.... Tale**

WHERE: Knox Pressie Church

DATE: 3 & 4 October 2017

TIME: 9am-3pm

COST: \$15 per day per child

AGES: 5-12 Years

REGISTER: Phone: **3084268/**

email: [maria@pressiesatwhakatane.co.nz](mailto:maria@pressiesatwhakatane.co.nz)

- Exiting environment with games, activities, competition, music & tales
- Morning Tea & Lunch provided
- Limited spaces available

Principal

**I am interested in participating in the Reading Together Programme in Term 4.**

I would prefer: **Tuesdays from 8.45am to 9.45am or Wednesdays from 1.45pm to 2.45pm or Happy with either**

Please circle

Signed: .....

Room:.....

