

Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome back to term 2 2017

Thank you very much to those students who turned out for school and other groups at the ANZAC service during the holiday period. It was wonderful to see so many of our young people taking part in the remembrance of our fallen soldiers and the heroes that returned to us.

Congratulations to Maisie Cornelius and Pippa Jones who were third and highly commended in the writing competition and also to the artists, Hani Evangelista-Hurst and Ruby Thomas, who won placings with their work.



This term is the winter term and we are already feeling the cold change. Please ensure your children have jackets to wear to and from school and that they have suitable footwear. At this point in time our hot lunch pie warmers have not been fixed and so hot lunches will be on hold. I will attempt to get some prices soon.

We welcome Mrs Doody back to school and also introduce Mrs Young (Walsh) and Mrs Bonnington (Kelly). Joining the staff is Mrs Olivia McLennan who will be doing some Teacher aide work in Mahitahi. Olivia replaces Jo Jackson who left us at the end of term 1 to work at Hampstead School.

Our term focus is on "Culture and Community"

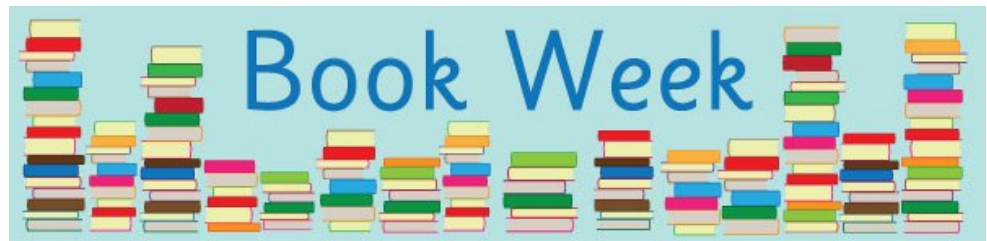
This term Team Ako will be learning about belonging to groups and our community. We will be looking at groups we belong to such as family, sports, cultural, religious and other community groups and we are hoping to get out into the community for some visits.

In Team Whānau our inquiry will explore the cultures and community (social science) within our classroom Rakaia, New Zealand and the world. We have a 'special character' who will hook us into our inquiry and help us explore what makes us unique. The students and their families will meet this character on Wednesday! We will move through the inquiry cycle exploring different aspects of our own and others cultures, including using tools like google earth and skype to help us find out more about others and where they come from.

In Mahi Tahi we are looking at Culture and Community, by using research skills to investigate other countries and their culture. We will be looking at cuisine that is traditional to that particular country and celebrate this with a shared lunch at the end of the term. The focus throughout the term will be to encourage parents to talk to the class about their particular culture.

Week 4 will be our annual Book Week at school and will culminate in a dress up day, theme to be notified. Books from

Scholastic will be for sale again so you can look at what is on offer and purchase gifts for family and friends with some of the proceeds going to school.



Full School Assembly - This Friday May 5th we will have our first full school assembly for the term. It will be a chance to welcome new pupils and give out the “Caught being good” awards. Please come along at 2.15pm and enjoy the successes of our pupils.

Sausage Sizzle - the winter sausage sizzle is ready to get underway again. A note is included with this newsletter for your attention if you want your children to enjoy the Friday BBQ. We are also still looking for support to help and ask that you let Lara Reihana know if you can help in anyway.

GoldPine Rakaia - Thank you so much to GoldPine for the picnic table and compost bins. We appreciate your support and thank you very much for the kind gestures.



**RANGI RURU ROADSHOW –
Ashburton**

Join Principal, Dr Sandra Hastie, and new Director of Boarding, Kyleigh Lyth, to find out what’s happening at Rangī Ruru this year, and our plans for the future.

**Monday 29 May at 6.30pm
Erewhon Room
Hotel Ashburton**

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