

# Newsletter

## DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

NGĀ MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU KATOA. GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.

Literacy Week provided a fantastic start to our final term of 2021. We enjoyed the fun filled week with lots on offer to the children each day. There were over 250 entries in the story writing competition and teachers enjoyed being the “mystery story reader” in different classes across the school during the week. The dress up as a book character parade on Friday was very impressive with children and teachers making a fantastic effort. It was a very difficult job judging who the best characters were. Thanks everyone who contributed to a very successful Literacy Week, in fact Miss Buckner has already locked in a date for Literacy Week 2022.

We have lots of things happening over the next nine weeks. It will be an action packed term including swimming for Hārewa Hub and the transition to college programme for our Year 6 students. We have started this term with 372 students. This is our largest ever roll and is most definitely a sign of continued growth in Cromwell.

It is great being back at school after my Principal Sabbatical during Term 3 and I have enjoyed catching up with the children and staff. It seems like lots has



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## REMINDERS

- Fri 29 Oct, Raffles due back
- Fri 29 Oct, Scholastic Book Club due
- Wed 3 Nov, New Entrant Parent Meeting—3.15pm
- Thur 4 & Fri 5 Nov, SOK's Plant Sale, 3-4pm
- Fri 3 Dec, Teacher Only Day —SCHOOL CLOSED
- Thur 16 Dec, Last Day for 2021, 1pm finish

happened while I have been away and it has been exciting to hear about the progress children have made during another COVID interrupted Term 3 for everyone. My sabbatical research project was based around effective strategies for parental involvement in education and I feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity to undertake research in an area which is of vital importance to student learning, progress and success. The countdown is on for me, as I make the most of my last few weeks as Principal of Cromwell Primary (Wendy)

### WELCOME

We welcomed the following students to school at the beginning of the term– Ollie M, Lily O, Jimi M, Poppy J, Angus L & Jemma M. We also welcomed three trainee teachers to our school - Aleigha Butcher (H2K), Brodie Devon (H2P) and Suzy Jorgensen (K1) who are on placement for the next few weeks. Welcome to Cromwell Primary School everyone, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

### THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to Olivia Buckner and Katharine Grigor for their organisation of Literacy Week. It was a great way to support our annual school goal of increasing student achievement in reading and writing.

### CARETAKER RESIGNATION

Sadly last week, Dave our amazing caretaker announced his resignation and that he would be leaving us sometime in November. Dave has such an impressive range of skills – he can fix anything, make anything go, make something out of nothing – he simply is a genius. What a huge contribution Dave has made during the more than eight years he has been with us. He has been to camps, class trips, sports events, chess tournaments and that is before he even starts his job at school!! I have often caught him in “action” in his office helping someone complete a project, make something they have designed or fixing something. The most used phrase in our school is most definitely “Ask Dave, he’ll know what to do”. We hope that Dave has a great last few weeks at CPS and if you see him around at school, please make sure you farewell him in person and acknowledge what a huge difference he has made for everyone.

### CONNECT CROMWELL – “WINNING IDEAS”

In the final week of last term, two groups of our senior students from Ako successfully participated in the Connect Cromwell Winning Ideas Project. The Connect Cromwell Group facilitated a Community Led Development Initiative funded by the Department of Internal Affairs. The exciting news for both our groups involved was that their presentations to the judging panel successfully gained their financial support for a Community Pantry Remodel and a Lake Improvement Project. Congratulations to all the students involved and also a huge thank you to Danella Smallridge, Andrew Ede and Megan Phillips (Guardians of the Lake Community Engagement Coordinator) for their encouragement and support. The students involved will now be joined by other interested students to execute their projects that will “make a difference” for the wider Cromwell community.



Congratulations to Lily F, Pixie S, Finlay M for their Guardians of the Lake Project and Sophia K, Ruby S, Cara N & Henry J for their Community Pantry Project.

### TERM PLANNER

We have included our Term 4 planner this week. Please keep this in a place for easy reference, as it will help to keep you informed about what is happening each week.

### TERM 4 VALUE: CONTRIBUTION

This term our value is contribution. The four areas we will focus on are:

- Being an active learner in the classroom.
- Showing commitment and initiative to take on roles in class, around school and in our community.
- Demonstrating pride by being a positive role model.
- Caring for the environment and working towards sustainability.

### HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS

- Hats – all children must wear a hat with a brim during Term 4. Please ensure that your child has a named hat to wear at school. From Week 3, any student without a hat will be directed to a shade area for all breaks!!
- Children must wear shoes at all times at school. Please make sure your children understand that they are not allowed bare feet during the school day.
- Highlighter vests help keep children safe on the roads. Please encourage your child to wear these to and from school. **Vests are compulsory for children travelling on school buses.**
- We remind everyone that our carpark is out of bounds for students unless accompanied by an adult.
- When dropping students off at school on the far side of Monaghan Street and Molyneux Avenue please ensure your child uses the road patrols provided.
- Police have been targeting speed past school buses. They are focussing on people who speed past stationary buses. Motorists must slow down to 20kmh going past a stopped school bus. This is particularly important around bus stops on the open road.
- It is important that we take care around school buses and outside school during those busy drop off and collection times during the school week

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*‘Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people can transform the world’*

*Howard Zinn*

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## THE GREAT NEW ZEALAND SHAKEOUT – 2021 NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL (PHOTO PAGE 11)

The Great NZ Shakeout National Earthquake Drill was held today, 28th October at 9:30am to mark the International Day (13 October) for Natural Disasters. This drill and associated activities is an opportunity for the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (MCDEM), Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Groups, partner agencies and other organisations, to focus on public education and preparedness activities.

*We know that when kids are involved in preparing for emergencies and learning about natural hazards, they encourage their families to be more prepared and play a more active role in responding to and recovering from emergencies.*

We completed a full earthquake drill that aimed to ensure our children are well-prepared for coping with a disaster or in the event of an emergency. We review our emergency preparedness plans annually and use drills we undertake throughout the year as a platform for reflection and improvement. We hope that families will follow up this focus by talking at home about your preparedness for a disaster. It is important that your children are fully involved in this process.

### EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

- Our school drill involves **drop, cover, hold**. Our students also know not face a window when they are in their covered positions and that they remain in these positions until they receive further instructions from an adult. We have practised moving outside to our designated assembly area (in the middle of our field) on mass following an earthquake drill. We have also practised the turtle position which can be used if you are outside during an earthquake.

### FIRE RESPONSE

- When the alarm bells ring students leave the classroom in an orderly manner and assemble on the netball courts where a class roll is called. Classes remain on the courts until given further instructions from the adults in charge.

### LOCK DOWN

- When the bells ring five times this signals a school lock down. If the children are not in their classroom, they are required to move quickly back to their rooms and to sit quietly on the mat while a roll is taken. During a lock down the whole school is locked – no one can get in or out.

### USEFUL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

- Cromwell – Community Response Plan provided to all homes by CD & CODC
- [www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz](http://www.whatstheplanstan.govt.nz)
- **Civil Defence Website**
- **Local radio – More FM 99.2FM & National Radio 101.5FM or 1134AM**
- [www.codc.govt.nz](http://www.codc.govt.nz)

## NEW ENTRANTS - COHORT ENTRY

As you may know, we have had Cohort Entry at Cromwell Primary School since 2016. Cohort Entry means that children start our school in groups at the start or middle of each term. The Ministry of Education has seen the benefits of this entry policy and is now promoting this option to all schools in New Zealand. At the start of the year there was a law change which means that parents no longer have the right to ask for their child to start on their fifth birthday or another chosen date if the school has a cohort entry policy. When parents enrol, they can choose another agreed cohort start date, if the date suggested doesn't suit their family, but children cannot start before they turn 5.

## UPDATE: SCHOOL GALA 2021

As the safety of our community is always the number one priority, we have tried our hardest to hold the School Gala while keeping our community safe but feel that the current government restrictions would be very difficult to adhere to.

We have had to make the hard decision to **CANCEL** the Gala due to us remaining in level 2.

We would like to thank everyone for your patience and support while we worked through the decision making process, as this hasn't been an easy decision to make. A special mention must also be given to all the generous businesses in our community that have supported us - over the coming days/weeks we will display them on our Facebook page so please continue to support them

We are very sorry for not being able to hold this event.

It is not all doom and gloom, we have worked hard to enable some of the Gala activities to go ahead

1. **The famous Donkey Poo Raffle** - On Friday 5th November a donkey/pony will be present at school to 'do its business' to decide a winner.
2. **Major Gala Raffle** - The children will have already brought these raffle cards home to begin selling. They need to be returned to school by Friday 29th October. Once all the cards have been returned the raffle will be drawn on Friday 5th November.
3. **Plant Sale** - We will be holding this over two days Thursday 4th and Friday 5th November from 3-4pm, Barbara Caughey will be coordinating this. If you have any plant donations to bring in to be sold they can be brought to school next week after Tuesday and delivered to the trailer in the car park outside the office. Please do not bring them before hand as we have nowhere to store them.
4. **Class Art Auction** - The teachers and children have all been working hard creating a collaborative piece of artwork in their class. We plan to go ahead with the auction for each of these - Further details to follow

All the money raised from these fundraising activities will go towards upgrading our outdoor and sporting equipment, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for any updates.

Thank you for your understanding  
SOK's Gala Committee

## KAHIKATEA PLAYGROUND VALUES AWARDS

Well done to the following students for demonstrating our school values in the playground: Chad F (2) Beau H (3), Preston DV (2), Ted L and Oliver H (H2K)  
Thank you for making a difference in our school!

## YEAR 5/6 TRIATHLON

Wednesday 3 November, 2021 (postponement date Thursday 4 November) at the Cromwell Pool

Registration and Briefing - 9.45am

Individuals and Year 5 Teams start – 10.00am

Individuals and Year 6 Teams start - 10: 40am

Back to school approx 11.30am

Reminders—Shorts and t-shirts for runners and bike and helmet for those students biking. *Please note that students will be biking on the grass. It can be challenging on a BMX bike.* Togs, towel and goggles for swimmers.

**Parent help to manage children, be marshals and timekeepers. IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MARSHALS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RUN THIS EVENT. I will need helpers to meet me at the pool car park at 9.15am**

Health & Safety—While you are allowed to be on the event site we ask that you sign in using the QR codes displayed and please keep the finish line area clear for children and staff. Please keep to a 1-metre distance from anyone who is not in your bubble.

Any questions contact Mr Ede [andrewe@cromprimary.school.nz](mailto:andrewe@cromprimary.school.nz)

### STUDENT TEACHER MR DEVON JOINS H2 PUKEKO!



In Hārewa 2 Pukeko we have Mr Brodie Devon, a student teacher from Otago University, working and learning with us over the next 3 weeks. Today Mr Brodie taught us a game called Pukana.

We followed the beat of a song called E Papa Waiari with rakau. We learned about following great a beat and staying in time. A long time ago Māori warriors trained with rakau to build their hand eye coordination. This improved their fighting and hunting skills.



## SOK's Ice Block Fridays – Term 4

**SOK's will be selling ice blocks every Friday after school on the tennis courts and at the bus stop - \$2 - cash only please**

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*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

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## 2021 Karearea Team Cross Country Results

Year 3	Boys	Girls
1st	Isaac W	Milly L
2nd	Lukas M	Lily H
3rd	Maxwell M	Lottie F

Year 4	Boys	Girls
1st	Levi C	Quinn L
2nd	Jack C	Eden K
3rd	Lucas S	Angelina M

## AKO CROSS COUNTRY



### Results -

Year 5 Girls  
1st—Torlesse W  
2nd—Indy B  
3rd—McKenzie C

Year 5 Boys  
1st—Quade DV  
2nd—Keanu N  
3rd—Keryn H

Year 6 Girls  
1st—Kalea N  
2nd—Lucia W  
3rd—Isla T

Year 6 Boys  
1st—George L  
2nd—Lukas G  
3rd—Bernardo C



# Colour Poetry– Ako 1

## Literacy Week

We were lucky enough to have Wendy Clarke, a passionate writer and teacher from Arrowtown join us on Thursday for the whole day, to run workshops with some of our children with a focus on poetry.

Here are some examples of the wonderful poetry the children produced in the workshops.

<p>Green is like fresh grass sprouting from the ground. Green is like swimming in a lagoon with lucious turtles. Green is like starting a race and sprinting. Green is like eating fresh sour limes. Green is like grainy green seeds</p> <p><b>Kiki, Ako 1</b></p>	<p>Blue is like a clear bright blue sky after a freezing frosty night. Blue is like overlooking the crashing ocean waves while flying in a glider. Blue is like walking through a blueberry forest. I feel blue when it's a warm morning.</p> <p><b>Josh Blackadder, Ako 1</b></p>
<p>Pink is like freshly cleaned pigs that shine in the glistening sun. Pink is like a paddock of cherry blossoms chilling in the cool air. Pink is like feeling energetic, jumpy and excited all day long. Pink is like the smell of sweet strawberries freshly picked from the garden. Pink is like freshly baked marshmallows ready to be packaged.</p> <p><b>Paige, Ako 1</b></p>	<p>Yellow is like sunflowers bursting open and waving in the wind. Yellow is like the sun gleaming through the clear and clean windows. Yellow is like feeling happy and bright on a sunny day. Yellow is like the smell of cheese ready to be sliced and up and put on a cracker. Yellow is like eating a sour lemon and squishing your face after eating it. I feel yellow when I am happy.</p> <p><b>Annabelle, Ako 1</b></p>
<p>Orange is like a raging fire filling your house with a warm gentle breeze during the cold misty night. Orange is like the warm heart filling feeling like when you shoot a half court shot and you win the game. Orange is like that crunchy and soft cheese cracker filling your mouth. I feel orange when I'm on my bike flying through the air.</p> <p><b>Tyler, Ako 1</b></p>	<p>Blue is like a sky just after a frosty cold dark night. Blue is like a jet plane flying across the bright blue sky. Blue makes me excited, happy and eats sweet things like blueberries. Blue is like a blue blueberry that was just picked off a blooming tree. Sweet blue tomatoes are a random disgusting sour blue food to me.</p> <p><b>Issey, Ako 1</b></p>
<p>Violet is like grapes on your vines on a frosty night barely hanging on. Violet is like feeling warm and cosy after a frosty winter night. I feel violet when it's a warm sunny day.</p> <p><b>Ali Hansen, Ako 1</b></p>	<p>Yellow is like the sun shining brightly down on the meadows. Yellow is like the sunflowers blooming in the meadows Yellow is like feeling happy and positive and makes me want to smile. Yellow is like the smell of crispy banana bread freshly baked from the oven . I feel yellow when everyone around me starts to laugh.</p> <p><b>Klaudia, Ako 1</b></p>

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING RAFFLE SPONSORS!



## Donkey Poo Raffle

Support Cromwell Primary School and be in to win a Queenstown Fun package. This includes: a deluxe room for 2 with breakfast and complimentary wine on arrival at the Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa; a family pass on the Skyline gondola and luge; a great escape for a family at Thrillzone; and a pass for Basecamp.



## Certificates from Ako Team Assembly– Week 1



**Back: Indy B, Mark–Allan S, Sophia K, Kyle D, Richie , Pixie S**  
**Front: Chase P, Noah S**

## JUNIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATES—END OF TERM 3



## CROMWELL HALF MARATHON

On Sunday 24 September CPS entered a team in the Cromwell Half Marathon primary schools mixed relay event. We had 11 students from Y3- Y6 run along the lake in very hot conditions. All our runners ran with determination and success to complete their leg of the race. A big thank you to Jacky Blackadder for managing the team and to whānau for your support of all runners and transporting children to transition points.



## THE GREAT NEW ZEALAND SHAKEOUT



# LITERACY WEEK 2021



Lunch time activities!



Mystery readers!



Book character dress up day



## FINANCES

- School Costs will be billed to your child's account. A statement will be sent out monthly that shows the items billed and payments made.
- Please pay by internet banking (03-1735-0004162-000). Please put name and what it relates to as the reference and/or e-mail Tegan to advise. If you are unable to pay by internet banking, payment can be made by cash or cheque. Please place cash/cheque in a named envelope and specify what the payment is for on the envelope. The envelope can be given to the classroom teacher to come to the office in the purple bag. If dropping the envelope to the office, please put envelope in the post-it slot. **We do not have eftpos.**
- **We have limited cash, so please endeavour to pay the exact amount of cash.**
- **You can pay regular amounts to cover costs e.g \$5 per week if NE-Y2, \$10 per week if Y3&4, \$15 Y5&6.**
- Should you require assistance to meet school costs, please contact the principal or Tegan in the office as there is assistance that is available.

## UNIFORM

New Uniform can be purchased from Tanya at Metrografix. Tanya is in the Metrografix office from 9am until 2:45 daily. If uniform is needed outside this time please call and arrange a time that suits.

E-mail: tanya.metrografix@xtra.co.nz, telephone 03 4454533, cell: 027 6213582.

- House T-shirts are available for \$20
- Highlighter Vests can be purchased for \$10 each
- Boys School Socks, lovely quality nice dark navy - available in twin packs \$9.00 per pack (so \$4.50 a pair).
- School hats with the house colours (\$20) - pre-ordering available now

## SCHOOL LUNCHES...

### Heat Ups:

**There will be no heat ups until further notice.**

### Subway Tuesday:

Please **order and pay online**. Visit [www.subwayexpress.co.nz](http://www.subwayexpress.co.nz) (you will need to register if you haven't already) and click on the School lunch option. Choose Cromwell Primary School from the drop down list. Choose your sub and then work down the list to select or deselect cheese, salads etc. On the last page is a box where you can make additional notes (eg..no sauce). The subs ALL come with sauce by default. You will have to do a separate order and payment per child. At this stage you can't order school lunches via the app.

### **"Kumi's Sushi at Highlands" Fridays:**

Vegetarian or Teriyaki Chicken, Tuna & Mayo —\$6 for 6 pieces or \$7 for 8 pieces. Please order before 9am on Fridays via the link on our School Facebook page.



**Cromwell**  
Primary School  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

CROMWELL JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB FUNDRAISER

# ORCHARD ROGAINE 3 HOUR

**7 NOV 2021**  
27 MCNAB ROAD  
OPPOSITE SCOTT BASE WINERY

**10.30AM START**  
**REGISTER FROM 9.30AM**

**PRICE**  
\$60 FAMILY (2 adults, 3 kids)  
\$30 ADULT (individual)  
\$15 U18  
\$40 YOUTH TEAM (max of 3)

**GREAT PRIZES**  
INCLUDING SPOT PRIZES

**PRE REGISTER AT**  
[WWW.HIGHLANDEVENTS.CO.NZ](http://WWW.HIGHLANDEVENTS.CO.NZ)

FUNDRAISING FOR THE CROMWELL COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB BUILDING UPGRADE

CROMWELL J.R.F.C

## THE LONG LUNCH IS BACK SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER // 11am – 2pm



### LOCATION

AT BURN COTTAGE RETREAT  
168 Burn Cottage Road, Cromwell 9384 (PARKING IS LIMITED SO PLEASE CARPOOL)

### TICKETS: \$75

INCLUDES DELICIOUS FOOD & WINE (Just like last time) BUT THIS TIME YOU CAN BRING THE MEN IN YOUR LIFE TOO!!

LIVE MUSIC FROM TAI FORRESTER

BOOK YOUR WORK FUNCTION, OR GET THE CREW TOGETHER FOR A FEW PRE FESTIVE SEASON DRINKS

### TICKETS AVAILABLE:

Please book direct with the Molyneux Educare team via email or phone, or pop in to purchase yours (cash or bank transfer). [admin@molyneuxeducare.co.nz](mailto:admin@molyneuxeducare.co.nz) // 03 445 0632  
17 Molyneux Avenue, Cromwell 9310

HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:



**ATHLETICS NZ COMMUNITY COACHING CLINIC**

**OTAGO**  
SATURDAY 30/10 9.00 AM TO 3.00 PM  
Level 1 Sprints, Jumps and Throws

**COST:** FREE FOR ALL ATHLETICS NZ ACCREDITED AND COMMUNITY COACHES, \$10 FOR ALL OTHERS

**TO REGISTER:** 2021-22 ATHLETICS NZ COACHING CLINICS [www.athletics.org.nz/events/2021-22-coaching-clinics](https://www.athletics.org.nz/events/2021-22-coaching-clinics)  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**  
MARIAHR@ATHLETICS.ORG.NZ OR 021 588 439

**LOCATION**  
WANAKA RECREATION CENTRE, 581 TIM WATKINS DRIVE, WANAKA

**FREE in Term 4**

**Golf lessons for school pupils**  
Coached by Cromwell  
Golf Professional Willie Moore  
Sponsored by the Eagles Golfing Society of Otago Inc

Held at Cromwell Golf Club — All sessions 4-5pm  
Years 1-6 : Tuesdays October 19 to December 14  
Years 7-13 : Wednesdays October 20 to December 15  
Contact Willie 445 0165 or 021 521 901 to book in  
No need to have your own clubs.  
Bring your friends, water bottle, suitable footwear and a sunhat!

**DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICE

**Paediatric Occupational Therapists can help with...**

- Behaviour problems
- Mental Health issues
- Emotional Regulation
- Gross and fine motor delays
- Reading or writing issues
- Sensory processing
- Social skills
- Poor attention
- Hyper or Hypoactivity

[Dynamicdevelopmenttots.co.nz](http://Dynamicdevelopmenttots.co.nz)

Cromwell Junior Football Club

## Summer Soccer Sevens

**What:** 7 a-side social soccer  
**When:** Starting Friday Oct 29th and running for 6 weeks until Friday December 3rd  
**Where:** Alpha Street Reserve  
**Why:** Because we love Soccer/Football!!!!!!  
**Who:** For any boys and girls aged 4-14  
**How:** Please register here <https://forms.gle/fGq69bXR88b75x676>  
**Cost:** \$20

\*\*\*Summer Soccer will only proceed under Covid Level 1\*\*\*

**REPAIR REVOLUTION**

**BRING IN YOUR BROKEN TREASURES FOR FREE REPAIR AND ADVICE**

**CROMWELL REPAIR EVENT**  
10AM-2PM, SAT 30 OCT, CROMWELL RUGBY CLUB ROOMS, BARRY AVE

LOVE STUFF, HATE WASTE • REPAIR REVOLUTION

For further details, or to sign up as a volunteer, visit [wastebusters.co.nz](http://wastebusters.co.nz)

CONNECT CROMWELL Local wastebusters

## TERM PLANNER - TERM 4

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	18 Oct	19	20	21	22	23/24 Oct
18 Oct - 22 Oct	<b>Term Four Commences</b> SOK's Meeting 7pm Ako Literacy Week	Literacy Week	SOK's Raffles sent home Literacy Week	Literacy Week	SOK's Ice Blocks Character Dress Up Day Literacy Week	
2	25	26	27	28	29	30/31 Oct
25 Oct - 29 Oct	<b>Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	Kārearea Team - Water Safety, Cromwell Pool	Kārearea Team - Water Safety, Cromwell Pool	Great NZ Shake Out ODT Quiz (Online)	SOK's Ice Blocks SOK's Raffle Cards & money due back	
3	1 Nov	2	3	4	5	6/7 Nov
1 Nov - 5 Nov			New Entrant Parent Meeting - 3.15pm Yr 5/6 Triathlon	Plant Sale 3-4pm PP Year 5/6 Triathlon	Plant Sale 3-4pm Donkey Poo Raffle Drawn SOK's Ice Blocks	
4	8	9	10	11	12	13/14 Nov
8 Nov - 12 Nov				Remembrance Day Service, Centaph (Some Ako Students & Councillors)	Hārewa Athletics Day SOK's Ice Blocks	
5	15	16	17	18	19	20/21 Nov
15 Nov - 19 Nov	Hārewa Swimming Sticks n Stones Junior Ambassador Day (if in Level 1)	Hārewa Swimming	Hārewa Swimming	Hārewa Swimming	Hārewa Swimming Yr 6 Transition - Yr 7 teachers to visit Kārearea Team - Mining Centre Trip SOK's Ice Blocks	
6	22	23	24	25	26	27/28 Nov
22 Nov - 26 Nov				Yr 6 Transition - Parent Evening 5.30-6.30pm	PP Hārewa Athletics Yr 6 Transition - Visit to Cromwell College Year 3/4 Duathlon SOK's Ice Blocks	
7	29	30	1 Dec	2	3	4/5 Dec
29 Nov - 3 Dec		Kārearea Team Kayaking		H2 Clip 'n' Climb - TBC Kārearea Team Kayaking	<b>Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
8	6	7	8	9	10	11/12 Dec
6 Dec - 10 Dec		Battle of the Year 6's, Go Karting, Highlands Motorsport Park	Whole school Transition, 10.30-11am Year 6 Leavers Function (TBC)	Whole School FUNDAY	PP Whole School FUNDAY SOK's Ice Blocks Whole school Transition, 10.30-11am	
9	13	14	15	16	17	18/19 Dec
13 Dec - 17 Dec	Reports Home 2022 Meet the Teacher - Session 1	2022 Meet the Teacher - Session 2 <b>Final Assembly for Mrs Brooks</b>	Hārewa Movie morning	<b>Final Day Term 4 - 1pm finish</b>		

## Literacy week writing competition winners

This year's writing competition was very popular with 256 entries!! The judges were amazed by the quality and found picking the winners very difficult. The children were given a range of picture prompts to choose from. They were asked to think about how they could hook the reader, use a variety of interesting sentences and vocabulary. Congratulations to all that entered. Below are the names of the runners up and winners. The winning stories are published below.

<b>Year 0:</b> Runner up – Eve M Winner – Xanthe H	<b>Year 1:</b> Runner up – Emme H Winner – Florence W
<b>Year 2:</b> Runner up – Preston DV Winner – Emily K	<b>Year 3:</b> Runner up – Max M Winner – Matai A
<b>Year 4:</b> Runner up – Lexie-Jane A Winner – Te Raki Joe CB	<b>Year 5:</b> Runner up – Bryan R Winner – Isabella C
<b>Year 6:</b> Runners up – Joshua H and Ruby S Winner – Annabelle N	



# Literacy week writing competition winners



## Year 3 – Cat school

One beautiful day in spring, 20 cats were just reading silently when a gigantic ferocious bulldog smashed through the window. However, the terrified cats scrambled out of the way. Suddenly the door burst open. The animal patrol wrestled the dog. It was a catastrophe. The cats were so happy they had a disco. **By Matai A**

## Year 5 – What dinosaurs saw

Sparks spitting. Fire colliding. Distant mountains blazing. CRASH! The burning meteor blasted down heading straight towards the terrified and unsure dinos. Unsure. Uncertain. Concerned for their young, the mature adults immediately start to migrate to safety. Unfortunately the explosion hit early. Black smoke tortures the polluted air. Cac-tie crumbles down and steaming tar bubbles. Creating dints the size of a small human adult, these ferocious beasts watch their world shatter as they dissolve into tears. Like a rocket ship the meteor blasts at world record speed straight towards the dinos. KBOOM! It's too late and all that's left is bones and brains.

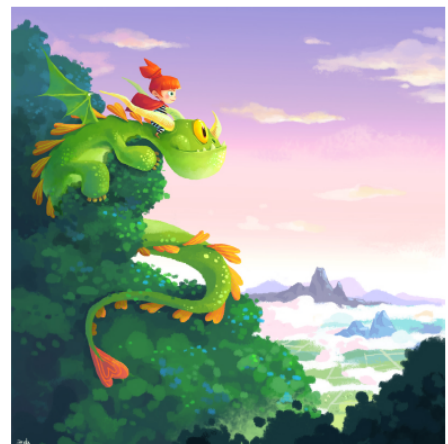
**By Isabella C**



## Year 2 – Girl and a dragon

ROAR! A big green thorny dragon was in a big dark scary cave. But one day a little girl with red hair and a pink poofy dress came into the dark scary cave. The dragon ROARED. The dragon took a deep breath then the dragon let out a big bite of fire. The little girl peeked and said, "Hi there, can you help me?" The dragon nodded his head then she said, "Take me home please." So they went.

**By Emily K**



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## **Year 0 - Autumn leaves**

Autumn is here. There are colourful leaves. Birds play in the leaves. Autumn is here. Birds sing in Autumn.

**By Xanthe**

## **Year 4 - Rocket on the moon**

One day some scientists were working on a new dog space helmet. "Is it ready yet for me and Nightmare to test?" "No. Not yet but nearly, ahah! It's finally done." "Come on Nightmare, let's go and test your new space helmet!" They ran as fast as they could to the rocket ship and got their gear. 3... 2... 1... blast off! Shshshshshshsh Bam boom! And they crashed on to the Moon and they had no way back home. "Well that didn't work as planned," said Jack. All of a sudden they got attacked by aliens! Jack got his ray gun out and shot but missed the aliens by a whisker! Jack called SOS for a supply drop so he and Nightmare could live on the moon and continue with their experiments. The End... or is it?

**By Te Raki Joe CB**



## **Year 1 - Autumn leaves**

One day a bird flew down into the lush leaves. He loved it. His friends came down to join him. He was pleased that his friends were there. They did lots of dancing. Then they were so tired, they said goodbye to him and flew away. He went home. He ate seeds for dinner. They were delicious! He went to bed. In the morning it was his birthday. He's 8 today. He was so excited about it. His friends were there and they were surprised!

**By Florence W**



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## Year 6 – Drifting away

Hi I'm Jessica, You might be wondering why my family and I are in a glass bottle floating out to sea, and why our house is even in it.

Four days ago our parents went missing. Jo, Thomas and I met this **BIZARRE** witch who said that she was going to help us find our home and family. She led us to this **MYSTERIOUS** place to get all the stuff we needed to find them.

After a day of looking we finally found our house perched on the hill. She flew us there but instead of going back home she trapped everyone and everything in a glass bottle and left us drifting across the ocean. We thought we would be trapped forever so we tried getting comfy while still thinking how to get out.

It's been three days now and we have finally figured out how to get out. We climbed up a ladder to get to the cork and pushed and pushed but couldn't get it open. After four years of trying we gave up thinking we would never get out. Suddenly a narwhale popped out of nowhere, fell on the cork and opened it. We were finally free and it was time to get revenge on that witch!!!!!!

By Annabelle N

