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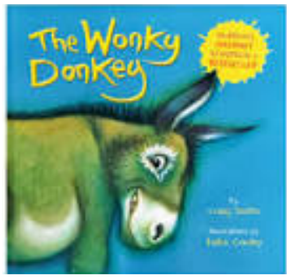
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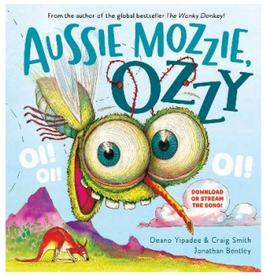
To avoid infecting the rest of the staff; it's been a work-from-home end to the week. If the by-product of illness was entertainment; it's been a "Mucus: the Musical" meets "SnotFest" sort of week. No intermission; no refunds; an, no encores - roll on next week. Speaking of entertaining…

This is Craig Smith ...



… the talent who wrote this … and now this!





(There are other stories too). On Monday, Craig dropped in to do some storytelling and some singing with the kids; everybody had a blast. Thank you Mr Smith - it was a pleasure having you.

The calendar...

November
20 Assembly - Kia Maia - 10.10am
24 Ngā Putangitangi competition
December
01 End of year celebration Oreti Beach, 5.00-7.00 pm (TBC)
03 End of year celebration Oreti Beach back-up date
04 Assembly - Kia Kaha - 10.10am
Hui Whakapumau - year 6 Māori graduation
07 Final Board meeting for the year - 7.30pm
11 Waverley's Got Talent
14 Year 6 Graduation
15 Last day of school for 2026 - noon
January
28 Teachers Only Day
29 Teachers Only Day
February
01 First day of school
06 Waitangi Day (Monday 08 day off for Waitangi Day)
23 Phoenix Zone athletics

Scholastic book club:

Last one for the year! Lucky book club Issue 8 is now open. Orders will close on Wed 18 November. Orders can be cash or eftpos to the school office or made online Parent Loop Orders
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The three sons...

The boys said goodbye to their mother dearest; went out on their own and prospered. One day, while meeting together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their by-then elderly mum on her birthday. They all loved her dearly, and each had wanted to give her something she'd absolutely and truly love.

The first explained, "I built a mansion for our mother. Twenty-six rooms with a huge back yard filled with trees and flowers. A house that is fit for royalty - with all the space she never had."

The second said, "Well, I bought her a luxury car, and not just for her to drive, no. It comes with a private driver who'll take her anywhere she wants to go. She'll never need to drive again, and he can help her carry heavy things back to the house."

The third smiled and said, "I've got you both beat. You remember how Mum enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well any more. I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took the church elders twelve years to teach him - he's one of a kind. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it." They agreed that all gifts were well thought out, and were sure their mother would be amazed and delighted.

Then, their dear mother sent out her letters of thanks: "Milton," she wrote to the first son, "the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."
"Gerald," she wrote to the second son, "I am too old to travel any more. My eyesight isn't what it used to be. I spend most of my time at home, so I rarely use the car, my dear. And I must say - that driver really is quite rude!"

"Dearest Ronald," she wrote to her third son, "you were the only one to have the good sense to know what your mother *really* likes - that chicken was delicious!"

Kā mihi tatou.
Kerry Hawkins & team





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