



MAKURI SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Makuri School Vision

With strong community support, Makuri children will have the best possible opportunity to grow as confident, self-directed learners.



‘He iti te kopara rerere i te puhi o te kahikatea’

Though the Bellbird is small, it can soar to the crown of the kahikatea

School Values: **M**otivated, **A**daptable, **K**ind, **U**nited, **R**esourceful, **I**nvolved

Principal's Blurb:

Kia ora Makuri whanau,

It is quite busy this week with speech night, Board meeting and a newsletter going out so this will be a very brief message.

As I write this the excitement is building for the speeches tonight and we will know by the end of the evening who will be representing Makuri School at the Pahiatua Lions' Speech competition next Wednesday 3rd September. Many thanks to Tracey Collis and Jane Seymour for taking on the judging of the speeches. It won't be an easy job.

Next week we also have a visit from Mike Butterick, National MP for Wairarapa. He will be here from 1:30pm and is happy to stay on until 2:45pm to chat to any parents who would like a word with him.

Ngā mihi nui

Ms Lee

Flag Football:

Sport Manawatū-Whanganui have postponed the flag football day until term 4.

Makuri Speech Night:

What an amazing evening. The students did a wonderful job of their speeches. Listening to the speeches it was obvious that a lot of research had gone into the speeches. Well done! Congratulations to Zara for taking out 1st place and who will represent Makuri School at the Bush Lions Speech night in Pahiatua. Also congratulations to Ivy who got runner up. Thank you to the judges who had a very hard task.



Bush Lions Junior Speechmaker Contest:

This year's Pahiatua Lions Club Junior Speechmaker Contest is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 3rd September**. As usual, it will be at the Senior Citizens Hall, Princess Street, Pahiatua at 7pm. It would be great for Zara to have some supporters.

Donated Books:

Mayor Tracey Collis brought out with her some books that were given to her from the Dannevirke Lions Club and she has very kindly donated them to the students. So if your child comes home with a book, it is theirs to keep. A lot of them have Tararua District Library on them, so please don't return the books to them, they have been deleted from their system.

Kids' Corner:

Senior Room Writing.

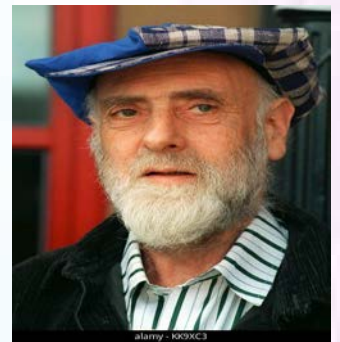
The students have been learning about Friedensreich Hundertwasser since the beginning of the term. I hope you managed to see some of their bright colourful pieces of art on Wednesday night.

The seniors have also written information reports about the artist/architect.

We can't fill up the newsletter with all the writing. Instead, below are some of the introductions, paragraphs and summaries.

Friedensreich Hundertwasser is a famous artist from Austria who came to New Zealand and made architectural designs and paintings. He had loved the environment and feared to wreck it. Here's a fun fact about him: Hundertwasser hated straight lines. He liked curvy and wiggly lines. Hundertwasser first traveled to New Zealand in 1973 and settled in. He had a very deep connection with New Zealand and ended up living there. He sadly passed away on the 19 of February 2000. Did you know he was buried here in NZ!!!

By Lucy



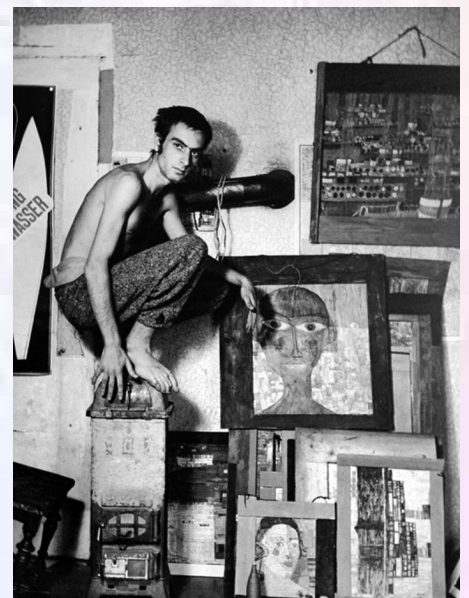
Life in Austria

Friedensreich Hundertwasser grew up in Vienna, Austria. He was born there on December 15, 1928, his original name was Friedrich Stowasser but he changed it to Friedensreich Hundertwasser when he was 20. His mother was Jewish and his father was Catholic. His father died when he was still a baby. He was baptized Catholic and joined the Hitler youth to stay safe but never joined the army. So he pretended to be Catholic so Hitler would not kill him.

By Zara

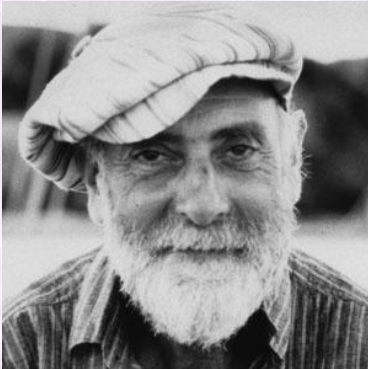
His early life

Hundertwasser was born in Austria in 1928, and his real name was Friedrich Stowasser. He lived in Vienna with his Mum because his dad died when he was little. His mum was Jewish, and when the Nazis took over Austria, life became very dangerous for them. They had to hide their religion to stay safe, and many of their family and friends didn't survive. Even though things were really scary, Hundertwasser still loved to draw and spend time in nature. He didn't like straight lines or anything too perfect—he thought nature was more interesting. Later



on, he went to art school, but he didn't stay long because he liked learning and creating in his own way. Travelling to different countries gave him lots of ideas for his colourful and creative art.

By George



His Life

Friedensreich Hundertwasser, began his career as a 20 year old in the early 1950s. Why did he start his art you may ask? He believed that humans and nature should live in harmony, by ensuring grass, trees and plants were in most of his designs. He would make a big change in the world.

By Ivy

Art

He doesn't like straight lines. He likes bright colours, blues, reds , yellows and pink. He had trees out of the buildings in his art.

By Taylor

Buildings

He designed buildings with cupolas. The buildings were beautiful because the buildings were on a lean and they have bright colours. His floors were wavy and bumpy.

By Miles

Toilets



In Kawakawa, New Zealand, there are some toilets with windows that are made out of glass bottles. He planned it but he got the locals in to build the toilets. The Kawakawa toilets get 2500 visitors a year. The Hundertwasser toilets are considered the main attraction of Kawakawa and the most photographed toilet of New Zealand. The bus-loads of tourists who view the toilets far outnumber the individuals who visit simply to use the facility.

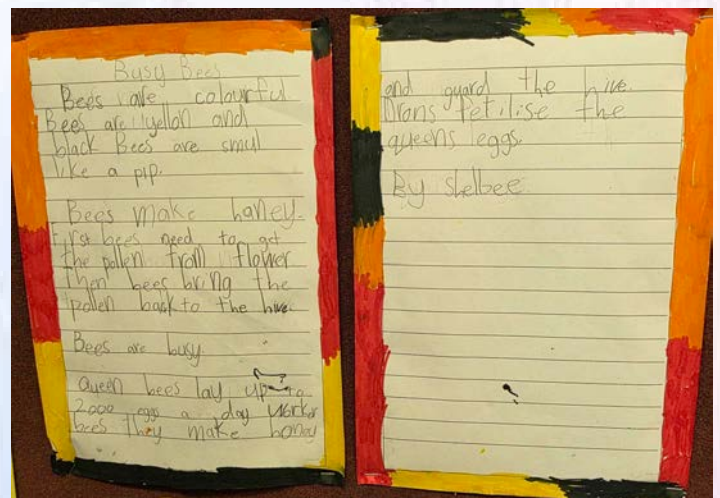
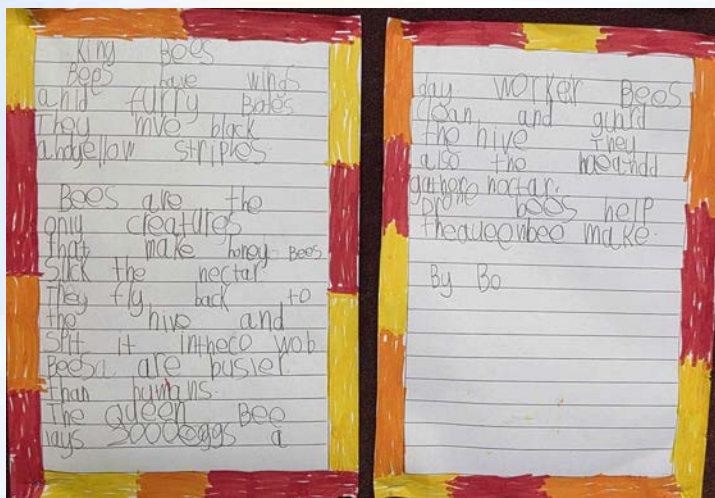
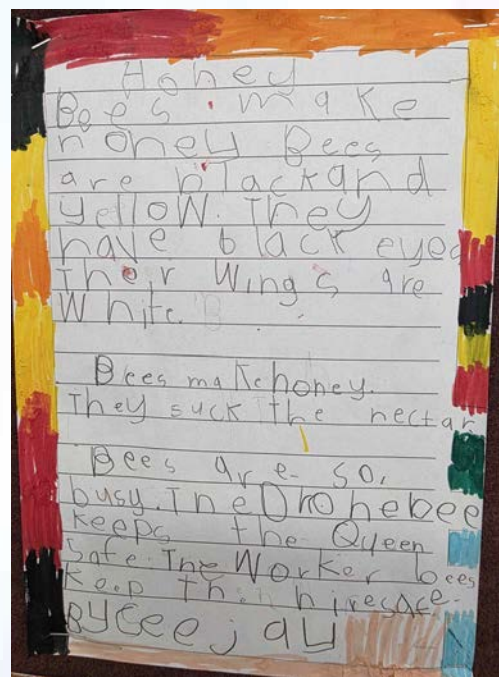
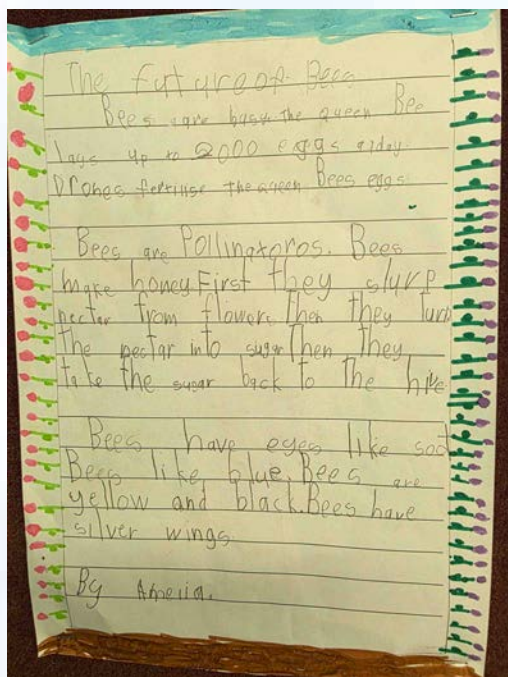
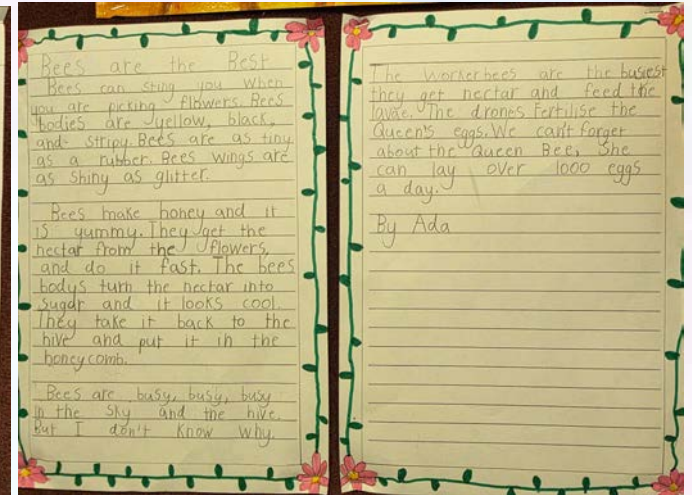
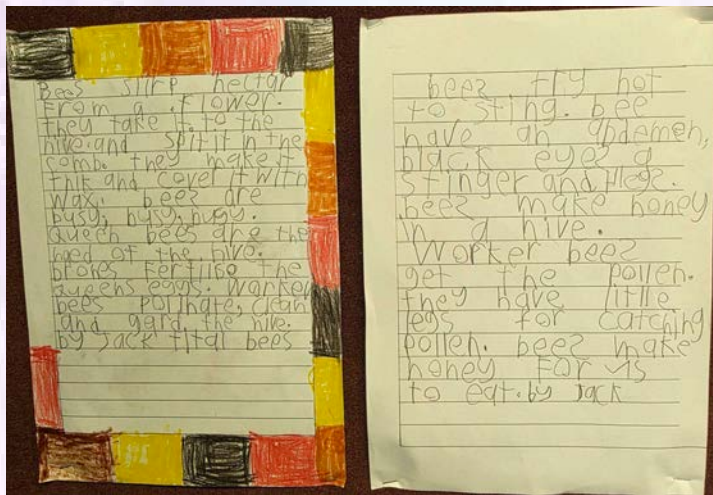
By Jed

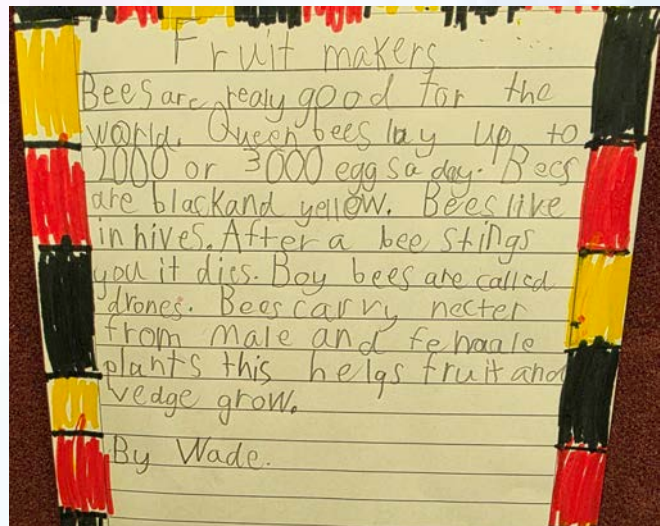
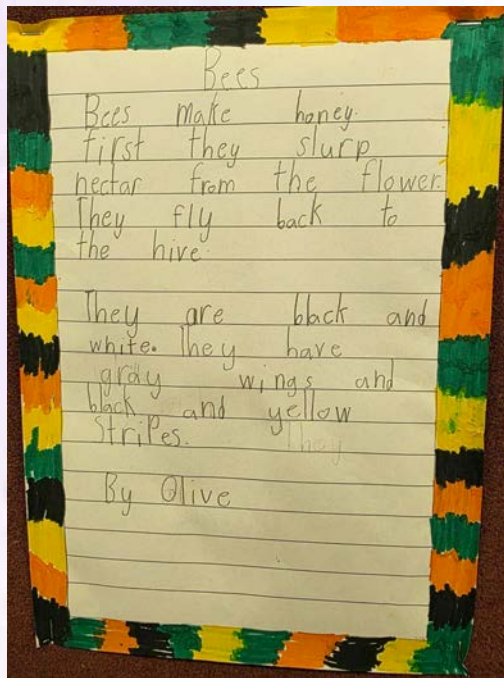
His life in NZ

When Hundertwasser came to NZ he designed 2 buildings. One at the Kawakawa toilets and one in Whangārei. His favorite place in NZ was his property near Kawakawa in the Bay of Islands. He died on Queen Elizabeth the 2nd from a heart attack at the age of 72 in the Pacific ocean. He was buried in NZ under a Tulip tree.

By Fergus

Miss Paton's Class – Writing





What a wonderful display of writing about bees in the junior room.

OTHER SCHOOL NOTICES

Calendar of Events

Please note that these dates may change from time to time.

2025

Term 3

September

Wednesday 3rd - Bush Lions Speeches

Friday 5th - Technology

Friday 12th - Swimming Lesson (to be confirmed)

Monday 15th - Y7 & 8 Formal Dance Practise

Wednesday 17th - Interschool Dressage

Thursday 18th - Y7 & 8 Formal Dance

Friday 19th - Last Day of Term 3
- Technology

Term 4

October

Monday 6th - First Day of Term 4
Friday 17th - Technology
Monday 27th - Labour Day (school closed)
Tuesday 28th - Teacher Only Day (school closed)
Friday 31st - Technology

November

Wednesday 5th - Pet day
Friday 14th - Technology
Wednesday 19th - Rural Athletics
Friday 28th - Bush Athletics
- Technology

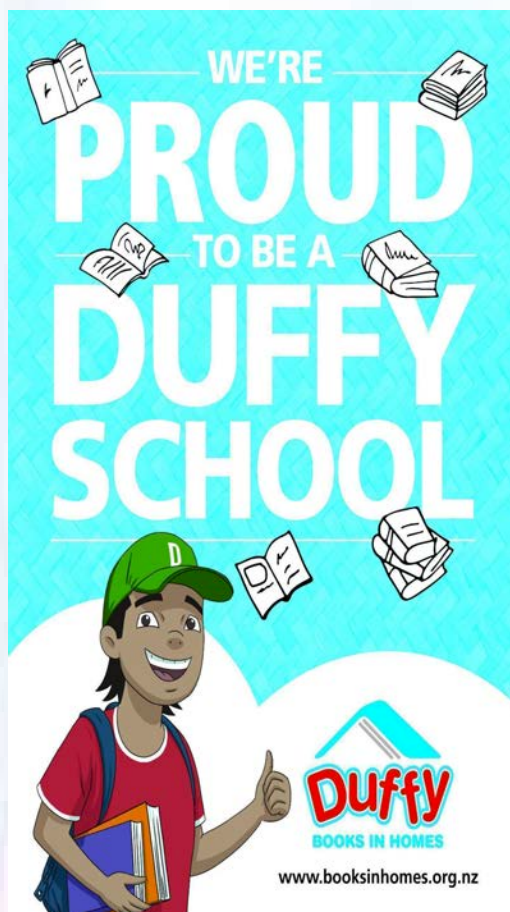
December

Monday 1st - Bush Athletics Postponement
Wednesday 17th - Prizegiving
Friday 19th - Last day of Term 4 (possible beach day)

Duffy Books:

Our "Caught Being Good" award recipient for week 5 was Ada. Congratulations.

The Hemi-Whyte Whanau are our Duffy Books in Homes Funding Partner. They have kindly agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of books for your students. We would like to thank them for their support and we look forward to connecting with them.



Yummy Stickers:

Don't forget to collect your yummy stickers and send them to school. If you need a new sheet let me know. As we don't get enough stickers to redeem them every year, we keep on collecting them until we do.

Skool Loop:

We would like to thank the businesses listed below in the poster who have been so kind in supporting our school and Skool Loop App. Your support is very much appreciated.

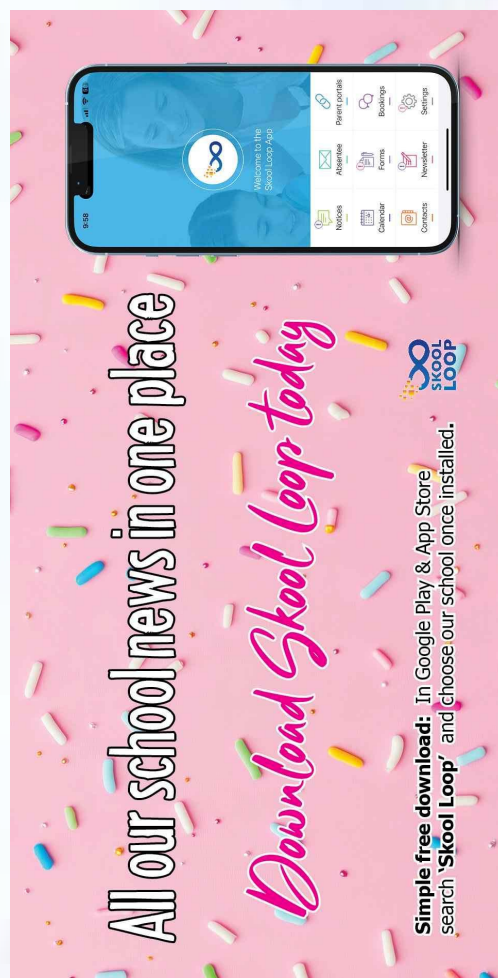
Makuri School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:



If you would like to advertise on the Makuri School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com

To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.



Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

SOLWAY COLLEGE & COMAG PRESENT:
2025 INTER-SCHOOL DRESSAGE
 11TH ANNUAL COMPETITION
Prizes & ribbons in all categories

Event Information:
WHEN: WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
WHERE: SOLWAY SHOWGROUNDS MASTERTON
YEARS: YEAR 1 - 13, ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
TESTS: OB, OD, 1A, 1B, 2A & 2B.

To enter:
ONLINE AT WWW.MAIN-EVENTS.COM
ENTRIES OPENING VERY SOON & WILL BE LIMITED!

Plus...
 COFFEE CART, SLUSHIES, OUR FAMOUS GOURMET BBQ (FEATURING TINUI DOWNS), COLD DRINKS, ICE BLOCKS, TREATS, GAMES + MORE.

Join us for this popular and fun equestrian event, always a highlight of the Inter-school calendar. Stay updated with event highlights here:

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Have your bulk fuel purchases support our school!

For every 1,000L of bulk fuel you get, we receive \$5

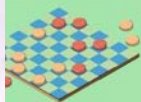
Call Fern on 0800 99 99 89 to start supporting us today!

Community News:

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT LIBRARIES TARARUA

Board Game Sessions:

Come along and play some of our brand-new board games!



Eketāhuna Library – 06 376 0114
Tuesday 23rd September, 11:00am–12:00pm

Pahiatua Library – 06 376 0121
Thursday 25th September, 10:00am–12:00pm



Code with Bee-Bots:

Explore the world of coding with our Bee Robot Coding Sessions – great for young minds! Ages 6–9 years old.

Woodville Library – 06 376 0212
1st October, 10:00am–11:30am

Dannevirke Library – 06 374 4255
1st October, 1:00pm–2:30pm



**Bookings essential before
Wednesday 17th September.**

See flyer or ask library staff for more details!



TARARUA REAP
Rural Education Activities Programme

ESCAPE THE LIBRARY!

THINK YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO CRACK THE CODE?
JOIN US THESE HOLIDAYS TO SOLVE PUZZLES, BREAK SECRET
CODES, AND CREATE YOUR VERY OWN CIPHER – BUT BE
QUICK... THE CLOCK IS TICKING!

FUN FOR CURIOUS MINDS AGED 8-12
FREE TO ATTEND – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Woodville Library – 06 376 0212
Tuesday 23rd Sep – 12:30–2:30pm &
Wednesday 24th Sep – 12:30–2:30pm



Dannevirke Library – 06 374 4255
Thursday 25th Sep – 10:00–12:00pm
& Friday 26th Sep – 10:00–12:00pm

Eketāhuna Library – 06 376 0114
Monday 29th Sep – 10:40–12:30pm
& Tuesday 30th Sep – 10:40–12:30pm



Pahiatua Library – 06 376 0121
Thursday 2nd Oct – 10:00–12:00pm
& Friday 3rd Oct – 10:00–12:00pm

Please call the number listed above under the library where you'd like to attend, or email: library@tararua.govt.nz to reserve your spot before Wednesday 17th September

TARARUA REAP
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Wendy's Brainteaser:

This week's puzzle.
Solve this visual puzzle.

$$\text{Magnifying Glass} + \text{Magnifying Glass} + \text{Magnifying Glass} = 9$$

$$\text{Basket} + \text{Basket} + \text{Feather} = 4$$

$$\text{Feather} + \text{Magnifying Glass} + \text{Feather} = 7$$

$$\text{Magnifying Glass} + \text{Feather} + \text{Basket} = ?$$

Previous newsletter puzzle and answer.

The School Problem

A school has 120 students. 75 of them play baseball, 60 play soccer, and 30 play both. How many students play neither sport?

Answer – 15 students. Well done to Gareth Young

It takes a community to raise and educate a lifelong learner"