

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4. Another busy week has been completed with our Book Week being a big success. This is the first one that has been held for a very long time and we look forward to seeing this

becoming an annual event. Everyone got into the spirit of Book Week, and it was fantastic to see the library set up with daily themes and tamariki enjoying these. We finished the week with a book character dress up day, and it was awesome to see so many tamariki and staff participating. The school was a sea of colour and characters on Friday, with some great book characters being seen around the school. A parade saw tamariki



selecting their best dressed students from each class, who received a couple of books and a prize. A big thank you to everyone for supporting this over the week and making it a big success. We were joined by our mural artists on Friday at the school assembly. This was an opportunity to acknowledge and thank Josh and Quincy for their beautiful and amazing mural for our school pool. Our tamariki sang a school waiata before a haka was performed for our visitors. They appreciated the response by the school and were very thankful to be part of the school assembly.



Finally on Tuesday around 20 students travelled to Kensington Park to participate in an inter school Rugby Sevens Tournament. Once again our tamariki did us proud, representing the school positively and looking fantastic in our new sports uniforms. The teams have been training hard with Matua Luke and Whaea Miranda over the past few weeks and was great to see their skills and passion on display. Well done.

This week sees our school Fun Run taking place with tamariki coming together on Friday to participate. The fundraising is going well with over \$6000 raised in sponsorship so far. The funds raised will be put directly back into school to purchase more sports equipment and other resources for the school. Thank you to everyone with your ongoing support for our school. It is nice to hear all of the positive feedback about the ongoing improvements being made around the school and to see our school well resourced and looking amazing. Have a great week whanau!

Ngā mihi, Steve Jenkins
Principal/Tumuaki

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

On Friday two more students were acknowledged with a Principal's Award at school assembly. Rosina from Room 5 was nominated for stepping up as kaea to support Whaea Ange at waiata. She led the whole school, showing courage, determination and showing knowledge and maturity well beyond her years. Nesian from Room 9 was nominated for the following. She has a very caring nature, showing manaaki and respect to everyone, classmates, staff, and visitors alike. She has great compassion for anyone who is hurt or sad, consistently modelling our school values.





DISABILITY CAR PARK

A friendly reminder that Whau Valley School only has **ONE** disability car park. We have multiple whanau who need this park for their tamariki as they have mobility permits. Please ensure it is clear and accessible for those who require it for picking up and dropping off students.



ATTENDANCE

<u>Term 4 Week 5</u>	<u>Monday 3 November</u>	<u>Tuesday 4 November</u>	<u>Wednesday 5 November</u>	<u>Thursday 6 November</u>	<u>Friday 7 November</u>
Daily attendance rate	82%	88%	81%	87%	81%
Unexplained absences	32	16	25	21	30
Late students	32 (12%)	44 (15%)	43 (15%)	42 (15%)	36 (13%)
100% CLUB					
Class	Rooms 4, 5 & 10	Room 12	Room 5	Room 12	-

As you can see from the bottom row on our attendance table, we had great success with classes achieving 100% daily attendance last week. Rooms 4, 5 & 10 achieved this on one day each, and Rooms 5 & 12 both achieved this on two days. This saw **FOUR** classes receive an ice cream treat on Friday. Also, as a school we managed 81% or greater attendance **EVERYDAY** last week, with our weekly average being 84%. This is our highest weekly average since the beginning of Term 2 this year. Keep up the awesome effort whanau!





LOST PROPERTY

We have a brand new, fancy, magnificent, amazing lost property box!
(Thank you Mr Law & Matua Luke)

Please check for your children's belongings on a regular basis and write your child's name on everything.

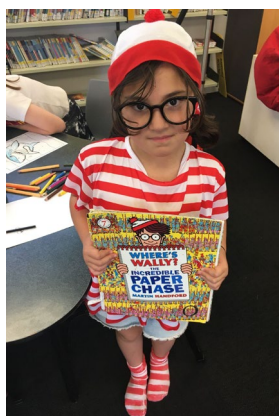
We have unnamed school shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, hats, towels, shoes and socks.

NGA KIWI

Last week was full of fun and celebration for Ngā Kiwi! Ruma Rima worked hard to attend school every day and achieved an awesome **96% attendance rate** for the week. Ka mau te wehi! We also reached our **Fun Run fundraising goal of \$1000** and celebrated together with some delicious kai.



In the lead-up to **Book Week**, we've been spending time in the library reflecting on **why books are important**, and exploring **authors and characters** that make stories so engaging.



We've also been learning how **waiata and haka** can express **support, pride, and aroha**. Our Taumata group has been practising waiata to uplift and praise speakers for their Reo Māori and confidence to stand. On Friday, we were privileged to perform a **haka for Whaea Millie (Room 7)** and **Brooklyn (Room 4)** —a special way to show our respect and manaakitanga.



WHAU 4 WINNERS

Our Whau 4 containers in the office



area are looking very full which is a great reflection of how many of our tamariki are being recognised for showing our 4Bs; Be Prepared, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. At Friday's school assembly our latest lucky draw was held and the winners are pictured to the left. Congratulations to Bourbon from Room 5, Kaley from Room 12, Phoebe from Room 7 and Henry from Room 3.

BOOK WEEK

What a great week we had last week celebrating books and enjoying special displays in our school library. On Friday we had an awesome turnout for our Book Character Day. It was a very colourful day with a huge range of characters and so many great costumes. The school got together and a group of tamariki had the difficult task of selecting two winning costumes from each class. The winning pairs are pictured below; Rm-1 Cayson & Dakota, Rm 2- Payton & Levi, Rm 3 - Halsey & James, Rm 4- Tumanako & Ivy-Rose, Rm 5- Cruz & Flame, Rm 6 - Jizyah & Hayden Rm 7- Jenuli & Khiyan Rm 8- Kae & Jansen Rm 9- Joel & Blakileigh Rm 10 Kepu & Olivia Rm 11- Tori & Leiua Rm 12- Rama & Bella Rm 13 Beck & Kairangi and winning staff- Whaea Luella & Matua Luke.



And now some photos from throughout the day... check out all the AMAZING costumes.



BOOK WEEK (continued)



Nga Kereru

This term the children in Room 8 have been experimenting with adding interest and expression to their writing and they wish to share a range of stories they wrote about orcas, this topic was based around our term investigation Terenga Paraoa.



Orca Whales I was standing on the sand and I looked up and I saw a large orca with its calves. It was close to shore and then I saw its fin was black and white, just like its body. It was swinging its tail around and around. By Willis-Wayne	At the Beach On the weekend I went to the beach and I was up on the sand and I looked up and saw a black and white creature, it was diving up and down with black, sharp fins. I saw another, then somebody came up to me and said, "That is an orca." A little girl asked, "What is an orca?" "An orca is basically a whale," I said. By Olivia	A Big Long Creature I was at the beach and in close I saw a big, long creature and it was cool and fun. I liked it so I asked my Dad if he could go for a dive. He said, "OK." I was happy when he came back because he took a picture of the creature and it was a killer whale. I liked it. Shirley
Our Learning So today we were learning about orcas. They are black and white and they are dolphins. But they are so not cute, right, nah, just kidding,	Sitting on A Rock Yesterday I was at the beach sitting on a rock, pretending to be a little mermaid, Ariel. Then I saw a black and white thing, it was a whale, but	The Vicious Orca Orca are vicious, they may seem cute, but no! They flip sharks by bumping them

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 14 November	Colour Fun Run!!
Tuesday 18 November	Nga Kereru Beach Picnic (Rooms 8,10,13)
Thursday 20 November	Nga Kiwi Beach Trip (Rooms 4, 5, 6 & 7)
Tuesday 25 November	Nga Kereru Beach Picnic (Rooms 9,11,12)
Thursday 27 November	Nga Kiwi Beach Trip (Rooms 1, 2 & 3)
Friday 5 December	Year 6 Prizegiving 11:30am
Wednesday 10 December	End of Year Event 1:30pm Reports sent home with tamariki
Thursday 11 December	Last day for Minder
Friday 12 December	Last day of term 4 - 12noon finish (No Minder)

they are cute.
 Orcas are mammals, which means they are warm blooded and other things. They have a big fin too, it could really hurt you and maybe make you go to the hospital. Orcas are really strong, their teeth are pretty sharp, they kill great white sharks, I am not lying! They are cute, but they are dangerous!! They also eat seals sometimes, they eat sharks and maybe fish.

By Tia.

not just an ordinary whale, it was a killer whale! An Orca.

"MUM DAD, LOOK AN ORCA!!" I yelled.
 But they didn't believe me, Mum said, "No it isn't."
 Then Dad said, "Listen to your mother Lavendar!"
 "Oh, okay," I walked away disappointed and frowned,
 "Goodbye orca."

By Jansen

and when the shark is upside down they become unconscious, and the orca rips their liver out and eats it. When seals are swimming they eat them whole.

The orcas swim in pods and will hunt a mother whale and its calf. They will follow them for hours and when the mother whale is tired they will snatch the calf and eat it in front of the mother.

By Nama Dev

TIMETABLE
11:30 Room
11:50 Room
12:10 Room
12:25 ECE
LUNCH

Remember dates

Not long until our School Fun Run! The times for the day are to the left so please take note of when your tamariki will be running!

A major part of our Fun Run experience involves water, water, water and colour dye powder.

ALL tamariki need to come to school in their school uniform as usual.

They will need to bring:

- A change of clothes to run in (preferably older clothes & light coloured shirts if possible to make the most of the colour!)
- A towel to dry off after the race.
- A bag to put their wet and coloured clothes in.

Can You Help?

& 4

11 & 12

If you would like to donate some baking for us to sell this would be greatly appreciated as this is our major fundraiser for the year and we want to raise as much money as we can to buy awesome things for our tamariki to benefit from. Any baking donations can be dropped off at the school

office from Thursday afternoon onwards. We will have

g for sale on the day for tamariki and whanau so please bring your coins!



Sausage sizzle pre - order form

There will be a sausage sizzle available from 11:30am at our Fun Run on Friday. They will cost \$2 each. If you would like to order a sausage sizzle for your tamariki that will be delivered to their classroom at second lunch then please fill out the form below and return it to school with the money by Friday morning. There will be sausages (and other delicious food!) available for whanau to purchase at the Fun Run.

Childs / childrens name _____

Room/s: _____

Number of sausages: _____

Sauce : Yes / No

Money included \$ _____ (amount)