

Welcome to Week 4. A very busy short week last week with staff involved in industrial action on Thursday and then a staff only day on Friday. Union members including Principal's, teachers and support staff were involved in picketing and a protest march later in the day. A group made their way up to the bypass lights in the morning, and joined St Francis Xavier Catholic School at the traffic islands. There were lots of toots and waves from the public, showing their support. Later that morning a large group of a few thousand assembled at Laurie Hall carpark and marched down to the Town Basin.



Non union staff remained at school completing a number of jobs around the school including gardening, waterblasting, painting and general tidy ups and other jobs. The school is looking great and the new plantings and painted areas are a welcoming sight to start the week.



On Friday staff participated in PLD, focusing on PB4L Restorative Practice. By focusing on building and maintaining positive and respectful relationships across school communities, PB4L Restorative Practice give school staff best practice tools and techniques to maintain and restore relationships if things go wrong. PB4L Restorative Practice has four underlying principles:

- Positive interpersonal relationships are a major influence on behaviour
- A culture of care supports the mana of all individuals in the school community
- Cultural responsiveness is key to creating learning communities of mutual respect and inclusion.
- A restorative approach leads to individuals taking responsibility for their behaviour.

Our key focus at school is developing positive relationships with our tamariki and whanau, ensuring that everyone feels safe, is engaged in learning and takes responsibility for their actions.

Ngā mihi, Steve Jenkins
Principal/Tumuaki

NGA KERERU

Room 12 - Haiku and Whales

Room 12 have been learning about **haiku**, **syllables**, and **whales**. A haiku is a traditional Japanese poem made up of just three lines — the first with five syllables, the second with seven, and the last with five.

We were inspired by photos of a **white whale** recently spotted off the coast of **Kaikōura**, and we watched a short video of a photographer interacting with a **sperm whale**. From there, we brainstormed lists of **nouns**, **verbs**, and **adjectives** to help us choose rich, varied language for our poems.

Here are some examples of the **wonderful haiku** we created!

*Gentle animal
It's copying a person
Smart copycat*



By India

*The huge sperm whale.
Ginormous and majestic.
So calm and gentle.*



By Luella

Sperm Whale

*Rare pale humpback
Splashing white sea animal
In the clear blue sea.*



*White humpback whale
Jumping out of the water
Majestic creature*



By Charity

*Calm blue sperm whale
Big mysterious giant
Sea creature eating*

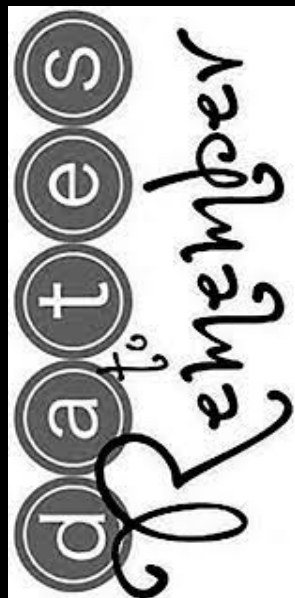


By Nancy

ATTENDANCE

<u>Term 4 - Week 3</u>	<u>Monday</u> <u>20 October</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> <u>21 October</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> <u>22 October</u>	<u>Thursday</u> <u>16 October</u>	<u>Friday</u> <u>17 October</u>
Daily attendance rate	87%	87%	82%	Strike Day	Staff Only Day
Unexplained absences	25	26	32		
Late students	38 (14%)	36 (13%)	42 (16%)		

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday 31 October	Walking Bus to School
Monday 3 November	BOT meeting @ 4:30pm
Friday 7 November	Book Dress Up Day (more info to come)
Friday 14 November	Colour Fun Run!!
Tuesday 18 November	Nga Kereru Beach Picnic (Rooms 8,10,13)
Tuesday 25 November	Nga Kereru Beach Picnic (Rooms 9,11,12)
Thursday 20 November	Nga Kiwi Beach Trip (Rooms 4, 5, 6 & 7)
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)

WHAU VALLEY SCHOOL

WALK OR WHEEL TO SCHOOL

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

JOIN THE WALKING BUS AT:

1. Intersection of Keyte Street & Jack Street
2. Walker Crescent just by the underpass
3. Outside Whangarei Gymnastics in Park Avenue

TEACHERS WILL BE WAITING FROM 7.50AM TILL 8.05AM FOR TAMARIKI AND WHĀNAU TO JOIN

BOOK WEEK

Week 5

Monday 3rd November – Friday 7th November

In celebration of book week our school library will have a different theme on display each day.

Monday Fairy Tales

Tuesday New Zealand Authors

Wednesday Animals

Thursday Princess, witches, dragons

Friday Book Character Dress up Day
-Block 2, School Parade

NGA KIWI

This term, Room 1 has been diving deep into the world beneath the waves! We've been learning all about whales and sharks — listening to beautiful whale calls and discovering some fascinating (and a little bit scary!) shark facts. The children have loved getting hands-on with their creativity, using scissors, paintbrushes, dye, and paint to make stunning ocean-inspired artwork. It's been full of learning, laughter, and lots of imagination!



KINDNESS CUP

Starting this term, we will be presenting one deserving student the Kindness Cup from the Kindness Collective. The Kindness Cup, is delivered in partnership with the LEGO Foundation and aims to foster and celebrate kindness amongst school students. Each term, three students who have shown kindness, empathy, care or service to people or the planet will be selected for an award. Two students will be highly commended, with one receiving the Kindness Cup trophy. All three students will be presented with a certificate and a LEGO pack to keep. This is a fantastic way to celebrate being kind and looking after others!!!



BOOK WEEK

Next week we will be celebrating Book Week with five days of activities being run in the library. Each day will have a theme;

Monday-Fairy Tales,

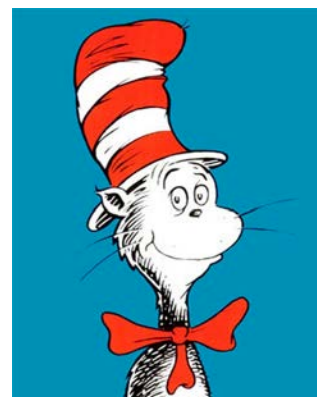
Tuesday- NZ Authors,

Wednesday-Animals,

Thursday-Princess, Witches and Dragons,

Friday - dress up as your favourite book character.

A character parade will be held in the middle block to show off everyone's dress up character. We are looking forward to a great book week and seeing some awesome costumes.



POOL MURAL

Over the past week we have had two local artists, Josh and Quincy working on a mural for our school pool. A moana theme with local marine life and the Whangarei Harbour has been created to brighten up our swimming pool area. We held a full school reveal this morning with a karakia to bless the mural and then tamariki were able to touch and check the mural out. The mural will have finishing touches completed in the next few days. This area looks beautiful and the tamariki and staff were blown away with the artwork this morning. An awesome way to kick off our week.



POOL MURAL (continued)

