

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 3. Another busy week has passed and we have moved into spring. Hopefully an improvement in weather will also see the health of tamariki and staff improve over the coming weeks. The past week has seen some highs and lows with attendance numbers. Two classes had 100% attendance last week with Room 9 achieving this on Thursday, and Room 4 having three successive days of perfect attendance. Both classes were acknowledged at our school assembly on Friday, as well as getting a class reward to celebrate. We have seen a reduction in chronic attendance which is very pleasing and seeing students attending regularly is having a positive effect of settled and engaged tamariki in class.



Around 28 students braved the weather on Thursday to attend the Whangarei and Northland Cross Country Championships at Barge Park. Tamariki represented our school proudly and were also able to wear our new school sports uniforms for their first outing. All of our tamariki completed their runs and as the races continued the track became muddier and much more slippery. A number came back very muddy, requiring a hosedown to get on the bus, but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

This week we will see a group of Yr 4 & 5 Enviro Warriors out doing some community planting on Friday, restoring a creek area and planting this out with native plants that have been raised by the school as part of the Trees for Survival programme. Once these are planted the school will be getting a new supply of seedlings that will be planted and nurtured by the school.



TREES
for Survival

A number of whanau and tamariki made use of the photo booth from the school disco which have been uploaded to our school Facebook page today. There are a couple of whanau who do not have internet permissions, so not all photos will be published online. Should you have had your photo taken and it isn't on the page, please let us know and we will check at school for copies.

Finally, Mr Law has been busy getting the pool ready for our upcoming swimming season. We usually start swimming at the beginning of Term 4 so will be watching the temperature over the coming weeks and look forward to seeing the sun shining and swimming back underway. Have an awesome week ahead whanau!!

Ngā mihi, Steve Jenkins
Principal/Tumuaki

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Two more tamariki were acknowledged at last week's assembly. Jordan was recognised for consistently being a school role model, always doing the right thing every week and modelling our school values to her peers. Lucas was acknowledged for the way he had supported an elderly visitor to the school, taking time during his lunch time to escort her to the office, showing respect, kindness and a willingness to support others. Both students enjoyed a McDonalds breakfast with Mr Jenkins this morning.



PLEASE WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you have any spare gum boots of ANY SIZE at home we are looking for donations for our gardening/planting crews we have from time to time. Please drop off to the office - thank you so much.



ATTENDANCE

<u>Term 3 - Week 7</u>	<u>Monday 25 August</u>	<u>Tuesday 26 August</u>	<u>Wednesday 27 August</u>	<u>Thursday 28 August</u>	<u>Friday 29 August</u>
Daily attendance rate	70%	80%	77%	79%	76%
Unexplained absences	51	33	36	32	42
Late students	29 (13%)	31 (13%)	31 (12%)	21 (9%)	30 (13%)

Last week saw our overall school attendance a little lower as the winter bugs keep lingering around and impacting on both tamariki and staff. However, we DO have some great news to share. Room 4 achieved 100% attendance on THREE consecutive days (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday). This is a great accomplishment and Room 4's average attendance for the week was 93%, considerably higher than our school average of 76%. Room 9 also achieved 100% on Thursday. Now that spring has arrived there will hopefully be less illness and we look forward to an improvement with our attendance.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3 2025



Thursday 4 September	Last day for Sausage Sizzle orders
Friday 5 September	Sausage Sizzle
Monday 8 September	BOT Meeting @ 4:30pm
Tuesday 9 September	Year 6 overnight camp
15-19 September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week
Friday 19 September	Last day of term 3 - 2:45pm finish
Monday 6 October	First day of term 4 - 8:45am start



DISCO BEST DRESSED

On Friday our two winners of 'Best Dressed' award at our recent school disco were given their prizes. Both Manos from Room 12 and Breeze from Room 6 received a family pass to the Whangarei Aquatic Centre. Well done!



DAFFODIL DAY

Last Friday was Daffodil Day. We had a lovely turn out from our tamariki and staff of lots of yellow and orange. Our Nga Kiwi syndicate also donated the profits from their Juicie sales last week. Thanks to donations from our generous whanau we raised just under \$200.

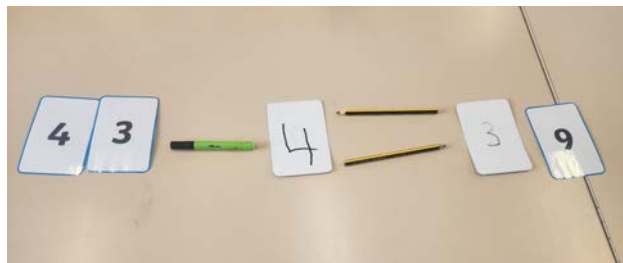


Awesome work everybody!



Maths news

Room 7 have been learning how to add and subtract two and one digit numbers. Here is an example of how innovative the Maths - No Problem programme can be or at least the influence the programme is having on our innovative students.



Term 3 Inquiry Topic:



Room 7 have been inquiring about manu (birds), both native and introduced species. They have been bird watching as they read. This has been to monitor the types of birds that come and feed from the bird cafés. Matua Conor's Friday discovery students built the bird cafés from bits of wood, hammered together with nails. SSR is meant to be a quiet time, but the excitement of seeing 20 or more birds feeding from the cafés is not a quiet experience (in Room 7 anyway!).

Room 7 made bird cakes last week. The first batch of bird cakes they made themselves and the second batch they made with Room 5 - Matua Conor's class.



Room 7's Creativity:

Room 7 has some very creative students. When left to work together to problem solve, they generally come up with some great ideas and creations. Here are a few:



ROOM 2

This term our class has been exploring the wonderful world of birds. The students have really enjoyed discovering more about the unique manu (birds) that live in Aotearoa, and are excited to share some of our learning.

From the colourful art, matching bird games and activities, reading facts, along with learning some neat new waiata It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and curious. Many have even started noticing birds in their own backyards and sharing what they see with the class. I encourage you to ask your child about their favourite New Zealand bird and what they have learnt. You may even like to go on a family bird-spotting walk together and see how many species you can find!



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NGA KERERU

Room 13 has had a busy term. We have enjoyed the Duffy Hero assembly and receiving our Duffy books for the term. We spent some time in the library enjoying the different books available to us.

We were also able to celebrate Whaea Ngaio's birthday. We are so thankful for all the hard work and dedication that she puts into our Kura.

We have been learning about nga manu o Aotearoa and have enjoyed doing artwork.

A few lucky students are looking forward to going to Mr Jenkin's farm next week and planting some trees.

Not much longer to go until the school holidays. We can't wait.

Thank you for all the support that has been given to Room 13 this term.



WHAU 4 WINNERS

More great news from last Friday's school assembly with our four latest Whau 4 winners. A BIG congratulations to Felix from Room 11, Rama from Room 12, Arkey from Room 8 and James from Room 4. A clean sweep for the boys last week!

