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WHATS HAPPENING

DECEMBER

- 12th - Santa Parade
- 15th - Prizegiving
- 16th - Christmas Party
- 17th - Last day of school

FEBRUARY

- 5th - Teacher only day
- 9th - First day of school
- 16th Feb - BoT meeting

MARCH

- 3rd - Swimming Sports
- 13th - Interschool Swimming

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora katou

Merry Christmas everyone! As I write this, we are finishing off preparations for our last few important days of school. Tonight is the Waitomo Christmas Parade and we have been having fun getting our costumes and decorations organised - I'm sure our Nutcracker themed float will look great so a big thank you to staff, parents and students for all your hard work that is allowing us to showcase our school during the parade.

On Monday, Prizegiving evening is a wonderful time to share successes but is always bittersweet as we also acknowledge and farewell our leavers - both staff and students. The evening will kick off at 6pm sharp with a mau raakau performance from the students to welcome you all. With the help of our wonderful staff, they have been putting a lot of effort into practising this routine and the other songs/waiata. Thanks to Haurua Jerry and the rest of his team who have been teaching mau raakau over the last few weeks plus Anaru Morgan who has helped students learning waiata.

The day of the year perhaps most anticipated by students is our Rangitoto School Christmas Party which will be held on Tuesday 16th December. This year activities include an Escape Room, Bubble Making, Xmas Decoration craft, Magic Carpet Ride, Disco, Secret Santa, Slip and Slide and a Pool Party. Students are welcome to bring along their water guns on Tuesday for the Pool Party - but beware, teachers may very well have their own water weapons so students will need to be prepared for retaliation!

Although the school is officially open on Wednesday, the buses will not be running and teachers will be spending the morning cleaning and tidying up. If any students do need to come to school, we ask that parents collect them at 12 noon so staff can attend a well deserved end of year Christmas lunch. I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday night. If I don't, I would just like to say Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and have a wonderful holiday break.

Meri Kirihemete!

Nga mihi nui
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SENIOR ROOM NEWS

Lego Robotics Club Update

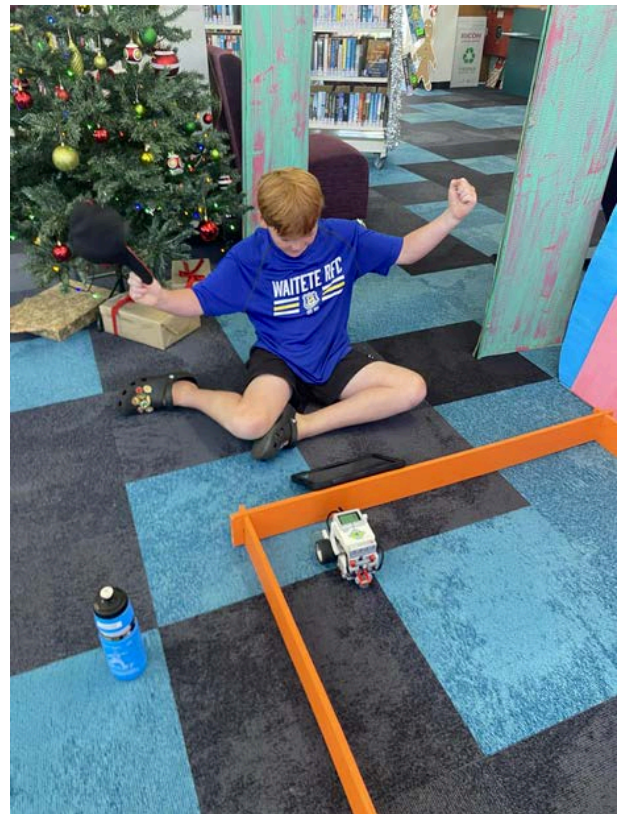
Our Lego Robotics students absolutely smashed it this week! Through hands-on building and coding challenges, they developed an impressive range of skills – including problem-solving, creativity, logical thinking, teamwork, perseverance, and early coding knowledge.

One thing that truly stood out was the kindness and teamwork shown by every student. They supported one another beautifully – offering help, solving problems together, and even pulling apart and rebuilding tricky pieces to make sure everyone could succeed. It was wonderful to see almost every child step up to assist a peer in some way.

The coding side of Lego Robotics looked very similar to Scratch, which many of our students were already familiar with, helping them make quick connections and grow their confidence.

I was incredibly impressed with their perseverance and determination. Even when faced with challenges, they didn't give up – they kept experimenting, trying again, and celebrating their progress.

Well done, team! You should all be very proud.



SENIOR ROOM NEWS



Senior Classroom Banquer Party – Friday

As the school year draws to a close, our senior classroom students got to spend their hard-earned Banquer dollars today during our Banquer party! They had a range of items to choose from, including food, chromebooks, games, and sweet treats.

Throughout the term, students have learned important money skills through Banquer — including budgeting, saving, making choices, and understanding the value of money. This party was a fun way for them to put their learning into action, spend their Banquer dollars, and celebrate all their hard work.

Interschool Athletics day

Congratulations!

Isaac Hoyes - 2nd - Junior Boys Shot put

2nd - Junior Boys 100m sprint

2nd - Junior Boys 400m

FIRST EQUAL JUNIOR BOYS ATHLETIC CHAMPION

Rain Tiangson - 3rd - Senior Boys high jump

3rd - Senior Boys 100m

Oscar Duder - 2nd - Senior Boys Longjump



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