

Newsletter

21 March 2022

Number 07/22

**Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings**



Hiranga Tolerance



School Dome - Turf Replacement

We recently applied to The Grassroots Trust for a grant to replace our turf under the Dome which was granted. The contractors will be on-site next week, 30 March, to uplift the old turf. They will then commence laying the new turf.



Our swimming pool thermal covers were also replaced last year.



The existing turf and the old thermal covers are being offered to any interested parties by way of donation. Anyone interested in the old turf can contact Carol by way of email: carol.finucane@morrinsville.school.nz

Term 1 Upcoming Events

- **Weds 30 Mar**
- **BOT Meeting 5:30pm**
- **Thurs 14 Apr**
- **Last day Term 1**
- **Fri 15 Apr**
- **Good Friday - School closed**
- **Mon 2 May**
- **Term 2 commences**

ROAD WARDEN REWARD

Congratulations and thank you to the children below for their excellent service to the road warden duty. We have had lots of duties to cover and these children have consistently stepped up and filled in. They all received 2 \$10 Subway vouchers.

Victor Chege-Romero, Paige Carrington, Blake Harris, Georgia Taupo, Drew Hards, Gemma Johnson, Brodie Wetere, William Liddington, Ataretta Maaka, Mariana Retana-Ratu and Erin Hamer.

HELP WANTED

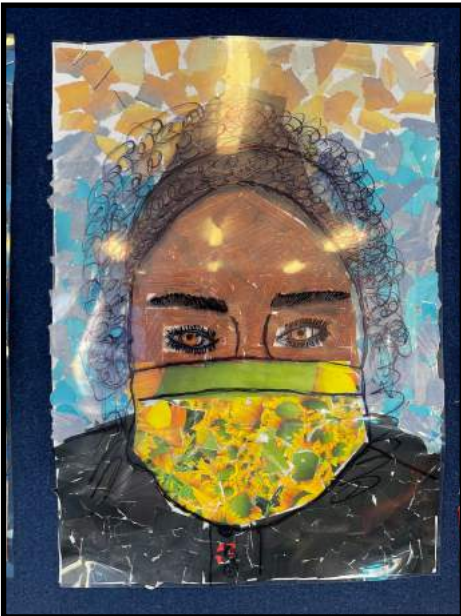
I am looking for help to tidy up the school plantation. We have a number of fallen branches etc. from the last big wind. If you have a chainsaw and are an experienced user then your offer of assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave a message at the school office if you can help. Thank you.

Rm 7 have been looking at kiwi. On Friday we made collage kiwi to add to our forest paintings.



Room 3 have completed their Self Portraits using a collage technique. Lots of learning and patience was needed. We learned to mix skin tones and hair colours from the primary colours (red, blue & yellow).



Sand Dunes

Sand dunes are commonly in NZ, they're mostly found in coastal regions or sandy beaches. These are very important to us, for a number of reasons. Sand dunes are formed by wind and strong waves, but that's also bad. The waves can take out chunks from the dunes, making it weaker so if you live in a house on an eroding dune it could fall. Also animals live in smaller dunes.

To protect sand dunes we must plant plants like spinifex and pingao. They have long roots to get all the nutrients they need to grow. The roots also bind the sand together to prevent erosion. The plants are also home to many birds and critters like bugs. People trample over the plants on accident most of the time, making the dunes weaker.

Dotterels live in coastal areas near dunes or clumps of grass and near driftwood. Dotterel means 'stupid' or 'easily duped' they were called this because of how tame they were. The dotterel is very hard to see because of its feathers; they're almost exactly the same colour of the sand. You can hardly see it in the sand dunes unless it moves. In winter its chest turns white and in autumn it turns orange. Also in Spring (mating season) its chest turns bright red. That's why people sometimes call it the Red-Breasted Dotterel.

So what I'm trying to say is that we need to protect the dunes not break them. We need to protect the sand dunes because they help people as well. We need to plant plants to help the dunes to grow and strengthen them. Endangered animals live there in the dunes, so we should protect them so the dotterels don't go extinct! Like the Dinosaurs!

By Fergus Year 6

LUNCH
BY
LIBELLE

Term 1, 2022

PURIRI WEEK

21/03 - 25/03

MONDAY

Vegemite Scroll with Chicken & Rice Salad

Vegemite scroll served with shredded roast chicken and vege packed brown rice salad.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE GF, DF, EF, SF: Falafel, GF, DF, EF, VE, SF: Roast veggies.

Snack: Fruit Yoghurt
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
DF, VE: Trail mix

TUESDAY

Pork Taco Wrap

Wholemeal wrap with pulled pork, cheese, chilli beans and mixed salad.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Mexican corn magic mince. GF: GF wrap. H, NP: Chicken. DF, VE: Vegan cheese. SF: Plain mixed beans.

Snack: Corn Chips
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
None

WEDNESDAY

Pasta Salad with Ham

Wholemeal pasta salad with ham, cheese, mixed veggies & carrot batons.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Mixed beans. GF: GF chickpea pasta. DF, VE: Vegan cheese. H, NP, SF: Chicken.

Snack: Hidden Vege Raspberry Mud Muffin
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
GF, DF, EF, VE: Coconut bliss balls

THURSDAY

Chicken Mayo Sandwich

Wholemeal bread with chicken mayo, potato salad & corn.

Dietary Alternatives:
V: Egg mayo. VE: Chickpea smash with vegan mayo. GF: GF bread. SF: SF bread. DF, EF, VE: Vegan potato salad.

Snack: Popcorn
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
None



FRIDAY

Teriyaki Beef Rice Salad Bowl

Brown rice with beef, teriyaki sauce, slaw, peas, Japanese mayo, & sesame seeds.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Tofu. SF: Japanese mayo. NB, SF: Chicken.

Snack: Cookie
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
GF, SF: Wholegrain rice cracker

Key: (V) Vegetarian, (GF) Gluten Free, (DF) Dairy Free, (EF) Egg Free, (H) Halal, (NB) No Beef, (NP) No Pork. Meals will be prepared to cater for children with specific allergies or cultural requirements. If you need these options please make the school aware two weeks in advance. Meals are prepared in a non-allergen controlled environment. If you have low tolerance towards certain allergens please notify the school immediately. Items may vary subject to supply.

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Our Year 7 & 8 class have been learning about Place & Environment. We are looking at our local community, the history and the whakapapa of our Hapu and Iwi (area). Through this learning we have extended our learning to the historical walkways, gold mining, and local rivers in Karangahake Gorge. Visiting the historic tunnel walk was a great experience for our tamariki and ending our day at Owharua falls for a swim.

