

Newsletter

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**Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings**

**Manaakitanga
Kindness**



Te Oranga. Well Being.

Virtue - Manaakitanga : Kindness

Over the next few weeks we will ask children to think about how we show Manaakitanga at school, at home and in our community. We are sharing some responses from our Room 4 Year 5/6 children where they have written about what responsibility, resilience or respect means to them. They are quite thoughtful pieces of writing. Over the next four weeks we have our Outdoor Education programme running. Thanks to all parents/whanau who have put their hands up to make it happen for the children.

**Nga mihi nui Shay Noonan
Regards Principal**

**Term 1 Upcoming
Events**

- Weds 11 Mar**
- PWC Parent Helpers meeting 5:30pm
- Thurs 12 Mar**
- Interschool Swimming Sports (Postponement Date Fri 13 Mar)
- Sun 15 Mar**
- Port Waikato Camp departs
- Tues 17 Mar**
- Mobile Ear Clinic at Morrinsville School 9am-2:30pm
- Weds 18 Mar**
- Y4 Pukemokemoke Walk
- Fri 20 Mar**
- Port Waikato Camp returns
- Weds 25 Mar**
- BOT Meeting 5:30pm
- Mon 30 & Tues 31 Mar**
(Please note change of date)
- Parent Teacher meetings
- Weds 8 Apr**
- Last day term 1
- Thurs 9 Apr**
- Teacher only day
- Mon 27 Apr**
- Anzac Day observed
- Tues 28 Apr**
- First day term 2



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Ear Clinic

The free mobile ear and hearing testing service will be at Morrinsville School, Lincoln Street, next **Tuesday 17th March 9:00am till 2:30pm (lunch 12-1pm)**. There is a trained ear nurse available at the Caravan. The service includes assessment of children in all aspects of ear infection treatment; grommet checks; cleaning of running ear; safe removal of wax and foreign bodies. No appointment is necessary. A parent or caregiver must attend with children.

Hamilton Gardens Junior Trip

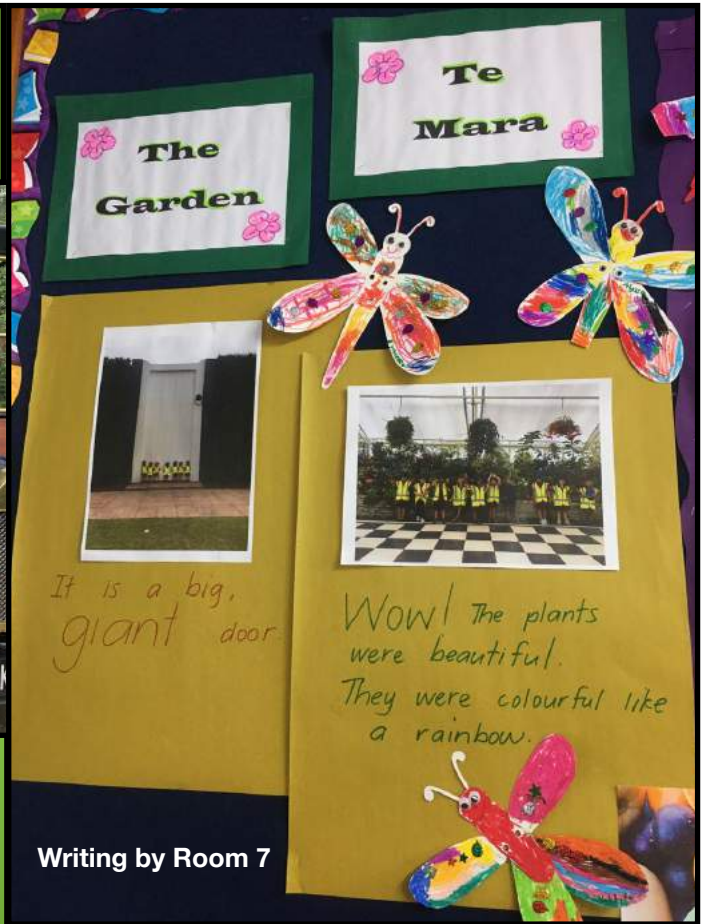
The children had a great day! Many thanks to our parent helpers and teachers.



Hamilton Gardens

The tall trees were wiggling their branches. I got freaked out. I ran around the outside of the gardens. The big wheelbarrow could fit lots of weeds in it. The big branches were moving. It was freaky. The big door was big as a giant spoon.

By Charlie Hamer, Year 3, Room 16.



Writing by Room 7



PORT WAIKATO CAMP

Year 5 & 6 Port Waikato Campers depart this Sunday 15th March. The final newsletter to families of children attending this camp will go out this Thursday. An extra copy of the children's gear list has gone home today. Both these notices can also be found on ClassDojo.

Camp activities include: Sand Dune hike, Devlins Dash hike, camp cooking, fossiling, tent pitching, stream study, caving, BMX, mud fight, abseiling, camp out, swimming in rock pools, climbing wall, disco, low ropes, spotlight, burma trail and a camp concert.

The teachers in charge are Leasa Craw (Sunday-Wednesday) and Whaea Tania Anderson (Thursday-Friday). They are assisted by Nicole Healey, Shay Noonan, Steph Mangin, Sam Owen, Alan Barker, Russell Brunton and James Fowlie. Our parent helpers are: Edith Green, Shanon Te Kati, Ray Hohipa, Marcus Taupo, Julie Taupo, Kirstyn Brunton, Greg Hards, Michael Carey, Matthew Lydiard, Melanie Silcock, Tim Cross, Kerry Diamond, John Taulu, Rebecca Taulu, Mersey Burrows, Wharerahi Hamiora, Poi Nikau, Chris Gilroy and James Noonan.

PWC PARENT HELPERS MEETING will be held this WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH in the Staffroom. It is essential that all Parent Helpers attend. Please contact Leasa Craw if you are unable to make this meeting to arrange another time.

Hamilton Gardens

I like the Surrealist Garden. It was creepy that the big trees were moving. It was like I had shrunk like an ant. I raced around the track. It was tiring. I went to the magic door.

By Jacob Liddington, Year 3, Room 16.

Hamilton Gardens

The moment I stepped into the Surrealist Garden there were pictures on the wall and the vines were moving and the ground looked like a carpet. The big door looked like a giant lived in it. The wheelbarrow looked like it could fit a giants baby.

By Jordan Osai, Year 3, Room 16.

Hamilton Gardens

The trees had claws and they were moving like they were trying to grab me. Yikes! When I entered the surrealist garden I saw the humongous door. There was no way we could reach it. Even if we could it would be too heavy. Felt like I had shrunk into my dream while I was sleeping. There was a BIG wheelbarrow but were the sticks inside real? **By Eva Belmar, Year 3, Room 16.**

Swimming Sports

Before the race, I was nervous as my heart was banging like someone was shutting a door on my heart. I gulped three times and my fingers were fidgeting very nervously. I was breathing desperately. The cheering was fading away slowly. I was still nervous when we sang our waka chant. And very quickly, my race came.

Elizabeth called us up and I walked slowly. I was still breathing loudly. The background noise faded away again. I couldn't move and was still as a solid statue. I was listening intently to Elizabeth and decided to do it.

Take your marks! BEEP! The beep was so loud, I couldn't hear **anything** with my head underwater. My legs were kicking nervously. In fact, I was so nervous, I decided to not look at the others and just focus on finishing. But I could only breathe little breaths every time I put my head up for air, so I couldn't hold my breath for much longer.

Luckily, my flutterboard hit the end of the pool, and my head came up, gasping for breath desperately. My heart was beating two times a second and I was proud and surprised for what I came - 2nd. I was not expecting that and I swam under the lanes to give Kirstyn my stick. I can't believe I got so many waka points for Mataatua!

By Braydon Simpson, Year 6, Room 3.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Interschool swimming sports is this Thursday 12th March (postponement date Friday 13th March) at the Morrinsville School pool commencing at 9.45am. The day should be finished by 2pm.

- The relay team will be finalised on the day.
- Children will need lunch, drink, sunhat, sunscreen, 2 towels, warm clothes for wearing between races.
- If your child is unable to attend please contact Mrs Morrison-Cowley or the office.
- Dress for the day: School Uniform and polar fleece.
- Our school needs 3-4 parent helpers to support the running of this event: We need a marshall and 2 timers from our school parents. Please let Mrs Morrison-Cowley know if you can help.

Children participating are:

7 Year old girls: Madison Symon, Ariana Retimana, Eve Belmar, Karlah-Karla-Jane Edwards.

7 year old boys: Charlie Hamer, Jacob Liddington, Jordan Osai, Clay Mules.

8 year old girls: Brodie Wetere, Puhikura Hohipa, Meisha Coetzer, Tautoko Wilson, Sammi-Jae Nahu-Wilson, Rosa Elliot.

8 year old boys: Drew Hards, Benjamin Borgia, Reef Rudolph, Legion Reilly.

9 year old girls: Isabella Symon, Matekino Wilson, Aliyah Garnham-Richmond, Jayda-Rose Murray-Ofanoa, Ataretta Maaka.

9 year old boys: Lucas Belmar, Neko Ridling, Jesse Houldsworth, Juilan Wilson-Green, Emjae Tongia.

10 year old girls: Hayley Thompson, Nacorsha-Lee Neha-Edwards, Kurious Pairama, Edith Matete, KT Hards.

10 year old boys: Corey Sherwood, Leon Gilroy, Isaiah Douthett, Tawhana Hohipa, James Carrington, Lukas Pluss.

Programme order:

1. Open 3 Stroke Medley
2. **Backstroke: heats and finals**
3. **Freestyle: heats and finals**
4. LUNCH (will be finalised on the day according to time)
5. Relays (6 x 30)
6. Breaststroke: heats and finals
7. Relay (4 x 30m)

A 20 minute lunch break should be available about mid-day. Please note that the order of Backstroke and Freestyle has been reversed.

WHITIANGA LEADERSHIP CAMP - YEAR 7 & 8

Tēnei te mihi kia koutou katoa. On behalf of the Year 7&8 class we would like to thank Mr & Mrs Silcock for letting us stay in their home. A huge mihi to Edith Green and Melanie Taturangi for cooking and taking care of our tamariki while on camp and finally to our parents for your ongoing support of our class. Ngaa mihi.

