

treat the WORLD. (Pam Leo)

Hi Everyone,

This last term is well under way and it's jam-packed with events, and all too soon another year will be behind us. Our first event was

Pet Day and what a super day it was, and weren't we fortunate with the weather!

It was great to see so many people get behind this annual event and help to make it another successful day and a worthwhile fundraiser for FOKIS. Many thanks to Louise and Debra for all their efforts with organising the day, and to all the staff, parents, community members and sponsors who contributed in some way. We definitely couldn't do it without you.

Our integrated topic for this term's learning is 'Be Bright, Eat Right', so to motivate our students and really kick the topic off we were entertained last Thursday by Vas, the magician, and his 'Be Bright, Eat Right' message. This was a wonderful show of wellexecuted magic tricks, punctuated with simple but effective messages on the topic of healthy eating that had students and teachers captivated throughout.

Our learning about healthy eating continues with the Heart Foundation 'Food for Thought' programme, involving Years 4-8 having two class sessions with the nutritionist on November 12th and 14th, followed by a supermarket visit on November 26th. In addition to this we have a visit from the Life Education van (19-21 November) with learning programmes to help students understand how food helps to maintain healthy bodies, how we get energy from what we eat, and what influences our food choices.

On the sporting calendar, two teams of students from Rooms 2 and 4 will compete this Wednesday in the last Super 6 competition of the year - Touch Rugby, so we hope they can be victorious and bring home the shield again. The following week we will have our Proud to be a Kai Iwi Kid



Everyone is friendly so I have lots of friends. I like using the chrome books too. Jayda Lawson (STAR Rm)

senior school athletic sports on Friday 16th November for any children who are 9-13 years, and the top 4 performers in each age group will go on to compete at Cooks Gardens in the Cluster Athletics sports. These are two great events so we hope you can be there to cheer your children on.

The arrival of a large dumping of sand into the sandpit has inspired our kids so much that they are in there every break time constructing something resembling the Mariana trench. I was fascinated whilst on duty listening to their explanations of how they've fortified it and just delighted to see how happy and enthusiastic they were – no technology in sight! Chief engineer and overseer, but still doing much of the grafting was Mack Belton who knew exactly what needed to be done. Even I was sad when the bell went.

As the end of year is fast approaching, teachers are busy testing students to gather data in preparation for report writing. I don't know about the other classes yet, but we've had some wonderful results in Room 4. Please make sure your darlings are getting to bed reasonably early so they can stay focused throughout this time of rigorous testing.

I would just like to remind parents that our kids need to be wearing a hat this term otherwise they will need to spend their break times confined to the shade areas. New and second hand uniform hats are available for purchase at school, and please name them along with all uniform clothing. Trying to find the owners of uniform clothing that all looks the same is an on-going challenge at school. Some of the Room 4 boys have decided they would like to build a couple of go carts for school, so if anyone has any thick plywood offcuts, old mower (or similar) wheels with axles, tools, screws, nails, etc, that you would like to donate, I know they would be very grateful for any contributions. Gary Wilson is helping them out and if there's anyone else in the community that would like to lend a hand too, that would be wonderful.

What a fantastic 4 days we had at camp and we were so fortunate to have fine weather. The Kids loved the range of activities - a mixture of fun, exhilaration, and awe coursing through their veins, and a good dollop of learning about the Volcanic Plateau and NZ Disasters. Our parent team was just awesome and definitely ensured we had a fab camp. Thanks so much to Mr Harvey, parents and children.

This Friday (tomorrow) we have our first assembly for the term at 9.10 am, which will be <u>in the hall</u> now the weather is warmer. Please come along and share assembly with us.

Well, that's it from me for now, so have an enjoyable weekend.



Cheers, Trish Wakeling

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Hi Everyone Tena Koutou Katoa

Curriculum - Teachers are all busy testing the children for end of year reports which will be going out in the last week of term.

Already I have had some teachers sharing with me some really pleasing results.

Sport - Yesterday we had three Super Six Touch teams competing at Springvale Park.

The number one team finished third, the number two team 1st and number three team third, so great results overall, well done everyone!

Super Six - Super Six is now finished for this year and the final results were St Marys 50, St Anne's 48, West Country 44, Westmere 36, Faith City 30, St Marcellin 16, so we finished third overall this year which is a great effort. I suppose we will have to return the shield that we won last year!

Rowan high up on the climbing wall (Camp)

Bruce Jones with some of the boys. (Camp)



Pool - We are still working hard to have our pool open before the end of the year for some swimming. We are currently waiting for parts.

PRINCIPAL/TEACHERS STRIKE - The Board of Trustees has decided to <u>close the school</u> next <u>Tuesday 13th November</u> due to the teachers strike.

Have a great weekend everyone Ross Harvey, *Principal*













Seniors at the viewpoint overlooking Lake Taupo



UNIFORM ORDERS

Orders to be in by <u>Friday, 23rd November</u> please.

Please check your child(ren)s supply of uniform. As this will be the only order going in before the end of the year check that they have sufficient (and right sizes) for the start of 2019.

For those who are leaving and do not have younger siblings, we would be grateful of any donations of uniform in good/reasonable condition.

Alternatively, you are most welcome to advertise to sell it in our newsletters.



Vas, the magician, put on a show for our students. He is seen here with his rabbit which magically appeared!!





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A big thank you to all the parents who helped before the day and on the day and also to those who donated raffle items, baking, lollies, etc. It was a wonderful day. We raised around \$1,700 so well done everyone. SPECIAL THANKS to LOUISE (FOKIS) who put in a HUGE amount of work.



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