

Pūrākaunui School Pūrākaunui School Newsletter



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Hi Everyone

Another lovely two weeks have flown by here at school. The weather has been perfect, warm and still and there have been an interesting variety of activities happening in our outdoor spaces. We have also enjoyed another couple of classic EOTC experiences, one involving Brian Allingham and the other one down Station Road as part of our Source to Sea project. I would like to say a big thanks to John Davidson for making a lovely new roadside sign for the school, it looks great, and the Green-Gold banner under the sign is a great addition too.



Fluffy Ducks

Congratulations to Nicole and Anika!

Nicole received the award for giving everything a go at school, and being so enthusiastic and brave. Wonderful stuff from our youngest team member.

Anika received the award for some excellent engagement with her learning, by contributing significantly to our work with the Source to Sea project, especially with her mapping work involving G.I.S (Geographic information system).

Japanese Language Group



Last Friday we enjoyed another instalment of the very special visits from Japanese high school students. The children were terrific hosts and always do a nice job of introducing themselves in Japanese, usually to choruses of 'Kawaii!' (meaning cute in Japanese). As it was a Friday and cooking day and Nicholas's birthday we lit the pizza oven and made yummy pizzas for lunch. It was definitely a new experience for many of our foreign guests, and I know they had a very memorable few hours in our special rural setting.

Last Swimming Session

I would just like to remind everyone that this Friday is our last swimming lesson at Port Pool. It has been a really enjoyable programme and the kids have worked hard with their lessons and made pleasing progress. We have been lucky with many warm sunny Friday afternoons perfect for swimming.



Dates for your Diary

ASK ANTO - Every Wednesday

Next Source to Sea field trip – Water Quality Testing - Tues 9th April

End of Term Assembly – Thurs 11th April

End of Term – Friday 12th April

Term 2 begins – Mon 29th April

Camp Feedback

Camp memories and experiences are still being talked about which is lovely to hear. The children have also done some excellent shared writing in a Thank You letter to Bendigo Valley for their generous grant. In the interests of making sure the school camp remains a wonderful, safe, and enjoyable annual experience into the future for all involved, we welcome any feedback related to camp, verbal or written, whether it's positive or negative. This feedback will help with our review of our camps, and with future planning.

Koputai Visit

We had a special visit and shared lunch with a cute wee group from Koputai. They were visiting as part of a farewell to Lachie who will be graduating from Koputai soon and starting school with us. The last official Koputai visit of this type was back in 2016 when Nicholas received the same send off!



Group hug to farewell Emilie!



Archaeological walk with Brian Allingham and Au Revoir to Emilie

We were very fortunate to head out with Brian again last week. We went to Emilie's aunty Stephanie's house to farewell Emilie and her mum Sophie, who were heading back to France. It has been a real treat having Emilie at school with us for the start of this year. Stephanie lives in a beautiful spot on Double Hill above Blueskin Bay. Brian joined us for the outing as we went for a lovely walk that took us to an ancient umu that Brian thinks was used to cook tikouka, due its large size. It was a very special archaeological site!

NOTICES

Mulch

We have had quite a lot of mulch dropped off at school by some arborists who were cleaning up an old man pine that had fallen down on Purakaunui Rd. There is more than we can use so if anyone would like some for their garden please help yourself. It smells fantastic!

Tim Cook
Principal