

Pūrākaunui School Pūrākaunui School Newsletter



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Term 2#1

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Hi Everyone

We have had a nice start to the term. As always it is great to catch up after a break and hear about holiday activities. During the first week we began looking at our new Mythology topic which is an exciting one for the children. We have also had the thrill of catching our first stoat in our trap.

Poetry

We enjoyed looking at some poetry in the first week during our literacy sessions. We read some of James K. Baxter's lovely kid friendly work and the children were then inspired to put together poetic efforts of their own. There was a broad spectrum of subjects including comets, animals and the weather. Enjoy the excellent effort by Josh attached below

Wild Wind

One day the wind was blowing,

Blowing hard, like a storm

One day the wind was howling,

Taking away all of the warmth

One day the wind was shrieking,

Slicing by like a knife

Then suddenly, the wind stops coming

And the sun comes back to life!



Welcome to Lachie

It is great to have Lachie with us officially after celebrating his 5th birthday in the holidays. Lachie has made an amazing start to school, loving all of the variety of school life. He is a very helpful fellow as well which is most impressive.

Fluffy Ducks-Congratulations Meisha & Jasmine



Jasmine

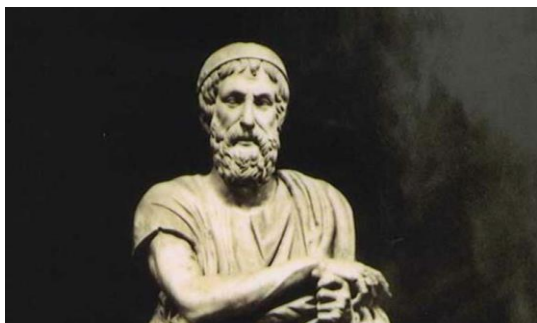
received the award at the end of last term for her patience throughout our cooking programme, as Jasmine is gluten intolerant. We have been experimenting with gluten free options with mixed results, but we got it right on the last day with a rice flour and xanthan gum pizza base that worked well. It was great to see the delight on Jasmines face as her freshly baked pizza came out of the oven!

Meisha

received the award in the first week of Term 2. Meisha has made a really good start to the term with an excellent and positive approach to her work in the classroom, and lots of good effort all round.

Museum Trip - Monday the 27th May

We are looking forward to a visit to the Otago Museum on Monday the 27th of May as part of our mythology topic. We will be heading to the planetarium at the start of the day and then doing a tour/trail through the classical gallery. We will spend the day in town, if the weather is good we will go over to the university for lunch and hopefully if time and energy permits I am hoping to take the kids to the University Bookshop to let the kids have a browse and add ideas to the wish list for some book shopping I have planned for the near future.



Dates for your Diary

ASK ANTO - Every Wednesday

Last Source to Sea field trip- Tues 21st May

Circus Quirkus- Thursday 16th May-4.30pm

Museum Trip- Mon 27th May

Queens Birthday- Mon 3rd June

Edgar Sports Day- Tues 25th June

Last day of Term 2- Friday 5th July

NOTICES

BOT Elections

Please find attached a nomination form for the Board of Trustees Election. Nominations are invited for the election of four parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

Nominations close at noon on Friday May 24th 2019. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names for inspection at the school. The poll closes at noon on 7th June 2019.

Antoinette O' Flanagan
Returning Officer

Paruwaewae Permaculture

Please find attached a form from a new organic enterprise in the community based in Osborne. It is great to have fresh food options in the community.

Circus Quirkus NZ- Thurs 16th May **Kings & Queens Performing Arts Centre** **270 Bay View Rd-Dunedin**

Complimentary tickets for this " 90 minutes of fantastic fun for the entire family, action packed non-animal circus extravaganza," are available at the school office.

Tim Cook
Principal