

Pūrākaunui School Pūrākaunui School Newsletter



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Hi everybody.

We have had a busy two weeks at school. A highlight has been our two Friday walks, the first involved a visit to Danielle, Bas and Pi down Mihiwaka Station Rd. We saw Bas's amazing new cobh stove which is the most amazing piece of home heating we have ever seen. The children loved the heated seat next to the stove. We also had a curious case of a missing troll on our next walk, where our resident troll in the famous troll hole was missing! After a pretty extensive search we found the troll, who had migrated across the road into a much cosier wee hole, perfect for winter.

New Library Books

We are very excited to have purchased the new books for our library. We went to the University Bookshop yesterday and with the expert help of Charlotte (the children's book specialist) we filled our quota with a beautiful array of books, ranging from big pictorial books to graphic novels through to whole series of books, with lots of interesting new recommendations from Charlotte. We are now ready for a winter of reading!

I would like to say a big thanks to the Otago Community Trust for providing the initial funding and also to the Purakaunui School Board of Trustees for matching the trusts funding to provide this timely boost to our library stocks.



The kids clustered around the amazing cobh stove Bas has built in his lounge.

Fluffy Ducks

Congratulations Muritai and Nicholas

Muritai received fluffy duck for some excellent work with her reading recently and also in recognition for her kind caring nature. Keep all of this up Muritai.

Nicholas received fluffy duck for doing really well with his writing recently. He is writing an ongoing story set in the future. He has been working independently, often in his own time. I look forward to the final product.



End of Term Assembly - Wednesday July 3rd

This end of term assembly is on the horizon now, and we are beginning our preparations. The assembly will be focused on our Source to Sea project. We are inviting the wider community to share our findings and action plans. I will include the lovely flier for the assembly that the children have made. Feel free to invite your neighbours if they might be interested. Please also note that this assembly is scheduled for Wednesday night of the final week, rather than the Thursday.

Dates for Diary

Edgar Centre Sports Day
(Seniors) - Tuesday June 25th
End of Term Assembly - Weds 3
July
End of Term Two - Friday July 5th
Start of Term Three - Monday July
22nd
Stars on Stage - August 26, 27,
28.
End of Term Three - September
27
Seafood Festival - September 28
Start of Term Four - October 14
End of Term Four - December 19

Parent teacher interviews

These are nearing completion and it has been excellent to catch up with parents and have thorough discussions about their children's learning. We always learn a lot too which is a real bonus! If we haven't yet caught up let us know a time that suits.

Edgar Centre Sports Day

This special day is fast approaching and shaping up to be a great day. It is always a very nice get together with our East Coast cluster schools. The day will see all senior children head into town to the Edgar Centre for the day. We will leave school right at 9 o'clock, as we need to get there swiftly to organise and set things up. Let me know if you are able to help with transport. The day ends a bit after 2pm, so let me know if a town pick up or town delivery is useful otherwise we can arrange transport back to school.

Poetry

The children have continued to compose poems in the last couple of weeks, often in their own time. And the excellent variety of themes is always curious!

See 2 examples below.

Birds, by George Romeril

Birds in the sky
Birds flying high
Some birds don't fly
Birds also die

Clouds by Ariana Geddis

Clouds, clouds, in the sky,
Clouds, clouds, oh so high.

Clouds, clouds, grey and white,
Clouds, clouds, day and night.

Clouds, clouds, big and puffy,
Clouds, clouds small and fluffy.

Clouds, clouds, race away,
Clouds, clouds, come and play!

Check out some great art by Nicole at ASK ANTO



Tim Cook

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