

Pūrākaunui School Pūrākaunui School Newsletter



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Term 2#5

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Hi everybody.

Here we are at the end of the term, and it has been a great term. It is hard to believe that we are in early July given the weather. The kids have been able to enjoy plenty of outdoor play lately which has been a treat. There has been a lot of hard work done in the classroom by the children, with our mythology topic and the continuation and completion of (for now) our Source to Sea work. It has all been very enjoyable. The end of term assembly was wonderful. It was so nice to share our learning with the community, and to have some special guests with us for the evening. The children did a great job presenting and sharing the impressive array of learning from throughout the Source to Sea journey. I would like to say thanks again to Rhys Miller for providing this amazing opportunity and for John Fisher for driving the project along in his role as educator. It is time to catch our breath and have a well-deserved holiday break. We look forward to Term Three and the second half of the year.

Poetry

We have been composing poems at every opportunity this term. Here is one final special poem from Meisha, woven in with our mythology work.

Chinese Dragon.

**Chinese dragon flies in the night
Chinese dragon does not bite.
Chinese dragon twirls in hope
Chinese dragon flies in the night**

Welcome to George

It is exciting to say welcome to George Sargood-Ross who has come to Purakaunui School to spend the end of Term Two and Term Three with us. George has come from Wanaka and was at a much bigger school there. He is enjoying being at a much smaller rural school and is also doing a great job as our oldest student, a role he has instantly inherited!



Edgar Centre Sports Day

This was a really enjoyable day for our dozen senior children. They were a great help throughout a big, busy day, especially helping me deliver the koha to the 20 coaches we had running the various sports. It was the largest Edgar Sports Day ever, with well over 200 children and was a great success. Thanks to Anto for a huge job organising the day. The feedback from the other schools was all very positive and we can be proud of our contribution to the annual cluster events calendar.



Fluffy Ducks

Our last 3 fluffy duck recipients for the term have all been extremely helpful, especially with the busy end of term preparations for assembly night. **Kahu** has been working very well independently lately, and his work has been of an impressive standard. He has also been proactive with helping others, especially our younger children when he has completed his work. Keep this Tuakana-Teina work up.

Meisha was the most marvellous big buddy or tuakana throughout our assembly preparations. She enjoys working with the younger children and shows a great deal of patience and is always very encouraging.

George S.R. has been a huge help with our preparations for our Source to Sea presentation. He helped the younger children with their slideshow formatting, using his considerable IT skills. He also stepped in on the night and presented George Romeril's slideshow as George R. was sick unfortunately. A fantastic effort, which we all appreciated enormously.

Congratulations to our Fluffy Ducks July 2019



New Library Books The new library books are proving to be hugely popular, as we had hoped. We have enjoyed some extra library sessions during our silent reading after lunch to immerse ourselves in the crisp new titles. The varied selections, including reference books, graphic novels, series of stories and higher-level novels seem to be keeping everyone happy. The library counter has been humming with issues.

Check out some great drawings of our Sports day at The Edgar Centre and ASK ANTO 2019







Dates for Diary

End of Term Two - Friday July 5th
Start of Term Three - Monday July 2nd
Ukulele Jam -Thurs August 15th
Stars on Stage - August 26, 27,
28.
End of Term Three -Fri September 27
Seafood Festival - Sat September 28
Start of Term Four -Mon October 14
End of Term Four - Thurs December 19



Tim Cook

Principal