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Term 3#1

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Hi everybody,

It is always great to see everybody after a holiday break, and to catch up on holiday adventures and stories. The kids all worked well last week and seemed very happy to be back at school and into our routines which is nice to see! The first week was very curious as we had two birthdays to celebrate, with Josh and Ariana celebrating their 10th and 11th birthdays respectively. Congratulations to you both. We have lots of interesting things to look forward to this term, including Stars on Stage coming up in late August.

Tuia 2019

Our topic this term is going to centre on the Tuia 250 commemoration. In 2019, Aotearoa New Zealand will acknowledge 250 years since the first onshore meetings between Maori and Europeans. Tuia – Encounters 250 (Tuia 250) is the national commemoration that recognises this milestone in our history. It is the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook's arrival in New Zealand. There are many events planned around NZ, and we are fortunate to have an outreach educator from the Otago Museum to be coming to school to deliver a programme on this topic.

Holiday Writing

Here is some nice holiday writing by Lachie.

In the holidays I went to my grandad's house in Otaki. We made shortbread.

I went on the ferry. I did a competition on the ferry. It was a colouring competition.

Cross Country - Tuesday August 13

We will be starting our training runs for this event this week. We will run down Mihiwaka Station Road for morning fitness when the weather permits. It would be good if the children have footwear suitable for running in for the next couple of weeks. The event in Waikouaiti is always good fun and usually takes place between 11am and 1pm on the event day. I will pass on details as soon as I receive them.



Cross Country 2018

Then and Now

It was nice to have Brooke with us last Wednesday. She was a big help throughout the day. I couldn't help but think back to 2017 when she was part of BAG, the acronym for the pint sized senior class of Brooke, Ariana and George. Now, our senior class has 12 children which is a fantastic shift! I thought I would put in Then and Now photos in the newsletter for a bit of fun!

BAG 2017



THEN!

BAG 2019



NOW!



[Check out some lovely art by Josh at ASK ANTO](#)

Head Lice

Just letting you know that there has been a report of head lice at the school so you may want to check your child's head for nits. Neem soap is recommended for treatment and is available at the school office.

Dates for Diary

Cross Country - Tuesday August 13
Stars on Stage - August 26, 27, 28.
End of Term Three - Friday September 27
Seafood Festival - Saturday September 28
Start of Term Four - Monday October 14
End of Term Four - Thursday December 19

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