

Pūrākaunui School Pūrākaunui School Newsletter



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Hi everyone.

It has been a busy two weeks at school and it has been fun having a few special events and treats as we are now able to congregate together normally. The highlight was last Thursday's playgroup and the visit from Funi the Icelandic pony. He really was such a calm relaxed character, given that he had kids climbing aboard continuously enjoying a loop around the field. It was a great sight and we had a bumper group of Little Pipi's for the morning. I even had a ride myself, my first horse ride for a long time! Funi's visit created a fair-like atmosphere which was lovely. Thanks very much to Danielle and Pi for bringing Funi along to school. Ms.D-S and I have really enjoyed catching up with everyone this week for our parent teacher interviews. Thanks to everyone for making the time this week, as we have managed to get through our entire schedule in the one week, rather than two weeks in years gone by. We will continue this approach in the future.



Noah on board Funi, Danielle and Pi's Icelandic pony.

Fluffy Duck

The latest recipient of Fluffy Duck Aurora.



Aurora

Aurora loves school! She is always wonderfully bubbly and enthusiastic about everything and it is marvellous having her here with us at Pūrākaunui School. She enjoys bringing news along to school most days and contributes to our oral language routines with gusto. She has also taken to her role as 'Senior Junior' with ease. Keep up all of this great work Aurora.



Robotics with Josh and Noah

The kids had a grand time when Vernie, a lego robot visited the school last week. Vernie is a recent addition to Josh and Noah's household. It was nice to meet Vernie as we have heard quite a lot about it. It took some time to construct and animate but Vernie is certainly up and running now! Josh and Noah were excellent teachers showing us the range of abilities and movements Vernie is able to perform. They were also able to demonstrate how to code to programme Vernie to do certain things. As a group we successfully created a code for Vernie to navigate across the floor to a certain point which was a cool thing to experience. The kids were also all enthralled as Vernie responded to sound to fire a missile at a target.

Poetry

The kids have been learning about and creating poetry. With a smorgasbord of styles available, the kids have been enjoying experimenting. Some favourite styles so far have been cinquain, acrostic poems and haiku. Here are some examples below.

Cinquain by Anika.

*Cakes
Lovely Cakes
Yummy, scrumptious cakes
Big cakes, small cakes
Cakes*

Horses by Meisha

*Horses
Horses are like cars with no wheels.
Horses are like butterflies with no wings.
Horses are like clouds with feet.
Horses are like wind with no air.
Horses are like nothing with something.
Horses are my best friends.
Horses.*

Acrostic poems by Taika and Lachie and Aurora

*Trees
Apples
Ice Creams
Kites
Aotearoa*

*Lightening
Awesome
Cool
Happy
Inventor
Excited*

**Air
Unique
Rose
Odin
Run
Art**

Trip to Orokonui Eco-sanctuary - Tuesday June 23

We are really looking forward to a long overdue trip to the eco-sanctuary next Tuesday. It is great to be getting out and about and to get our EOTC programme back up and running. It will be great to catch up with Tahu who is very excited about our visit and will no doubt put a special programme together for us. We plan to leave not long after 9am and will be away all day returning at 3pm. At the conclusion of the eco-sanctuary visit at 1:30pm visit we plan to hike up Mopanui to continue our 2020 plan to scale a peak each term this year. This adventure is weather dependent. The first term peak was Hereweka which was an awesome climb on a hot day during school camp. Seems like years ago! Feel free to join for any or all of this exciting day out.

Dates for your Diary

Trip to Orokonui Eco-sanctuary -
Tuesday June 23rd
End of Term Assembly - Thursday
July 2nd
End of Term Two - Friday July 3rd
Term Three Begins - Monday July
21st

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