

Newsletter Term 2

Wk 2 2023



Important Dates

Term 2

11 May	BOT Meeting
22 May	Year 7/8 students immunisation
5 June	King's Birthday
28 June	Production
30 June	Last day of the term

Term 3 Starts on the 17th of July

 PĀUATAHANUI SCHOOL Term Dates 2023
Term 1 Wed 1 Feb – Thur 6 April
Term 2 Mon 24 April – Fri 30 June
Term 3 Mon 17 Jul – Fri 22 Sept
Term 4 Mon 9 Oct – Mon 18 Dec
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Sports Calendar

Term 2		
Weeks 1-10	Ngatitoa Netball	Every Saturday starts on 29th April
Week 4/5	Pauatahanui School Cross Country - whole school event	Friday 19th May, PPD 23rd May
Week 5	Tough Guy and Gal - Mud Run	Wednesday 24th May 2023 8:00am and Thursday 25th May 2023 8:00am (we are encouraging families to register for Thursday)
Week 7	Parumoana Cross Country (Years 5-8) - Mackays Crossing	Tuesday 6th June ppd Thursday 8th June and Tuesday 13th June
Week 10	Regional Cross Country (Years 4-8) - Harcourt Park (Venue TBC)	Tuesday 27th June ppd Thursday 29th June 10-2pm

Friday 5th May 2023

Kia ora e te whānau.

I hope everyone had a great Easter and term break and you managed to have some quality whānau time. It has been a great start to the new term and the teachers have lots of exciting learning and activities planned!

Cross Country:

All classes have begun their training to prepare for the school cross country which is scheduled for Friday 19th May. This year we have an amazing opportunity to put the 'country' back in Cross Country. Anita Press (Board Rep and Hunter and Lucy's Mum) has been working really hard to create some amazing new courses for us across our neighbouring farm land.

The courses are challenging and offer amazing views, the goal is for all students to finish the course whether that be walking, running, or both. This is also a race for the more competitive runners and is part of the selection process for the Parumoana Cross Country Competition.

The course is over farmland which means there is mud, long grass and possibly puddles. It will be great fun and we need students to come prepared with shoes suitable for running, a change of shoes and socks, and a change of clothes. Teachers will send information about when classes will be doing a run through onsite.

School Production:

This term we will be working towards a whole school performance in week 10 - that's right, a school production! It has been a long time since this has happened!

Here is the basic outline: The 9 stars of Matariki have gone missing. Pāuatahanui School must find them and bring them back together so that they can rise in time this year and we can celebrate Matariki. Each class (Rooms 3 & 4 joint together) will perform a short song or dance and scene to represent a star. There will be narrators woven through the production who link the classes together and carry the story, these will be students from Whitireia.

This is a super cool opportunity and there will be lights, there will be songs, there will be incredibly funny and witty jokes, but most importantly, there will be LOADS of fun. Get excited!!

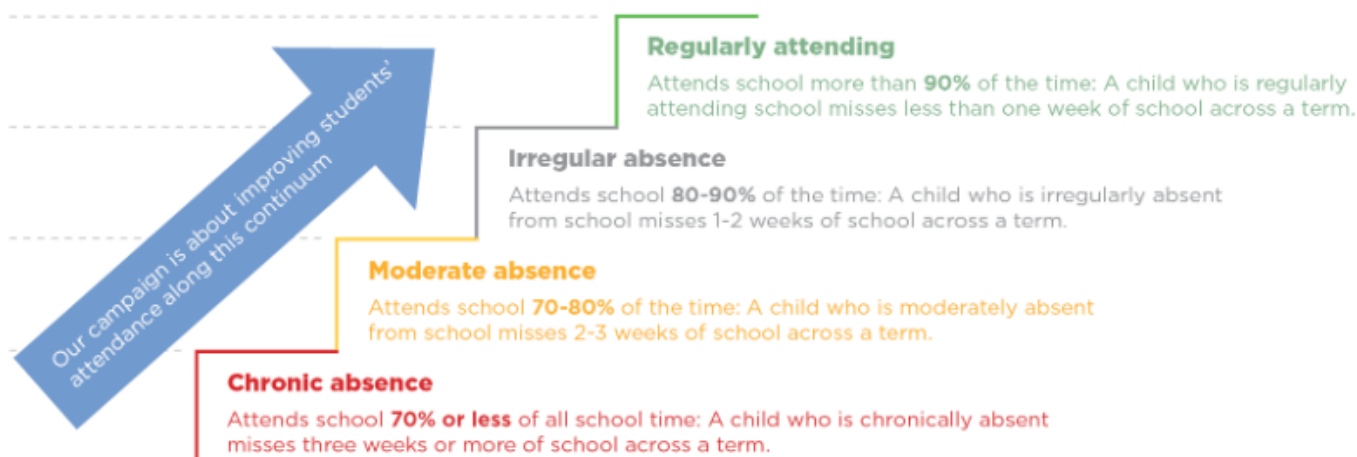
A huge thank you to Eryn Street who is taking the lead for the school production.

Attendance:

There has been quite a lot of media coverage lately about the decline of attendance rates in New Zealand schools. Earlier this year the Government announced the Attendance and Engagement Strategy and part of this strategy is the "Every school day is a big day" campaign. The campaign has been designed to help everyone understand the impact, either positive or negative, attendance has on student achievement. For example - One day away from school a fortnight means a month missed each year.

According to the Ministry of Education "regular attendance" is 90%. Below is a graphic from the Ministry of Education that further helps to explain what counts as regular attendance:

How we think about attendance - four categories



The great news is that as a school Pāuatahanui has very good attendance rates. For the year to date we have 93% attendance with 4.1% justified absences and 2.9% unjustified absences. Although we do have a high attendance rate it is always good to be mindful of how important attending school regularly is.

Ngā mihi

Caine Webster - Principal

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FROM THE OFFICE

Juicies on Friday

Weather permitting the year 7 and 8 students will continue to sell juicies on a Friday at lunchtime to fundraise for their camp and EOTC activities. A juicie is \$2, cash only please.

Board of Trustees Meetings

These are usually twice per term and are open to the public but not public meetings. If you would like to attend a board of trustees meeting, please let Manuela in the office know. Speaking rights to non-board members can be granted on discretion of the board.

Restricted Parking outside the public toilets in the village

We have been informed by PCC that they have changed the parking times outside the public toilets to a maximum of 10 minutes. Please be aware of these changes when you park in the village.

Lunch Online in Terms 2 and 3

Sushi has been very popular with the children, so we will keep on offering the sushi orders through lunch online every Wednesday going forward. There will also be Pita Pit available to order on Fridays.

Please set up an account with lunch online to order.

It's simple; all you need to do is register at
www.lunchonline.co.nz
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order

The Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions 2023

We are again offering your children the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. The competition provides teachers, parents and students with an independent, comprehensive record of a student's performance in key school subjects. The supervised online tests will take place in the last three weeks of term 2 and first week of term 3 (dates to be advised).

All participating students will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students.

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CAM website

www.cem.canterbury.ac.nz

If you would like to enter your child/children into any of the competitions, please fill in the registration form. Please do this latest by Thursday the 11th of May 2023 as CAM won't accept any late entries. Thank you. Please note that there is a fee for these competitions (\$9.90 per subject), which will be invoiced through the school office and needs to be paid before the competitions. Click here to get to the registration form [Kiwi Comps](#)

Children's Asthma Studies

We have been invited by the Medical Research Institute of New Zealand (MRINZ) to take part in a study for children with mild asthma.

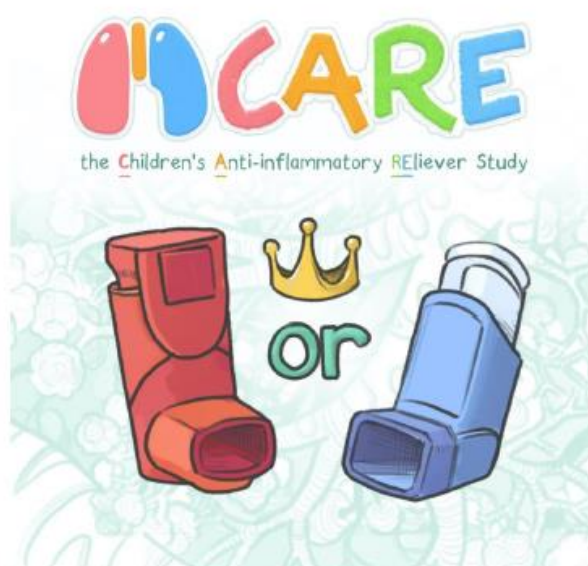
You can contact them for more information using the following methods:

More information: <https://trials.mrinz.ac.nz/surveys/?s=XFL7DL98HD>

Our study website: <https://www.mrinz.ac.nz/currently-recruiting/care-study>

Email: care@mrnz.ac.nz

Telephone: +64 4 805 0201 / 027 327 1191



CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers

To take part in this study you must:

- ✓ Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- ✓ Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- ✓ Only use a reliever inhaler

Can you help? Scan the QR code or contact us:

- ✓ Study site at Maraeroa Marae Clinic, Waitangirua
- ✓ 027 327 1191
- ✓ care@mrnz.ac.nz

What does it involve?

- 1 year
- 3 visits + 2 phone calls
- Inhalers provided free of charge
- Asthma education
- Reimbursement for travel expenses



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Three Little Pigs

Kawhia has been reading the story of The Three Little Pigs this week. As this story is well known in our hub we have used it to kick start some drama. We have enjoyed trying out different voices, huffing and puffing and are looking forward to performing to an audience next week.

"Not by the
hair on my
chinny-chin
chin"



"In my dream home I would have a bouncy castle, spa pool and a horse" Millie

"In my dream home I would have no unicorns and a skydiving room with an Xbox." Wolf

"The three big men want a feast so they decided they'd roast the big bad wolf and have roast wolf for dinner. But the big bad wolf managed to escape from the boiling water." Harry.



We have made puppets to act out and retell the story and in pairs we have created maps putting in the houses and the forest and the path the wolf took.

There has been story sequencing, putting the events in order and some awesome writing about their own dream home and what it would be like.

It has been great to hear all the amazing ideas, discussions and laughter happening in our hub.

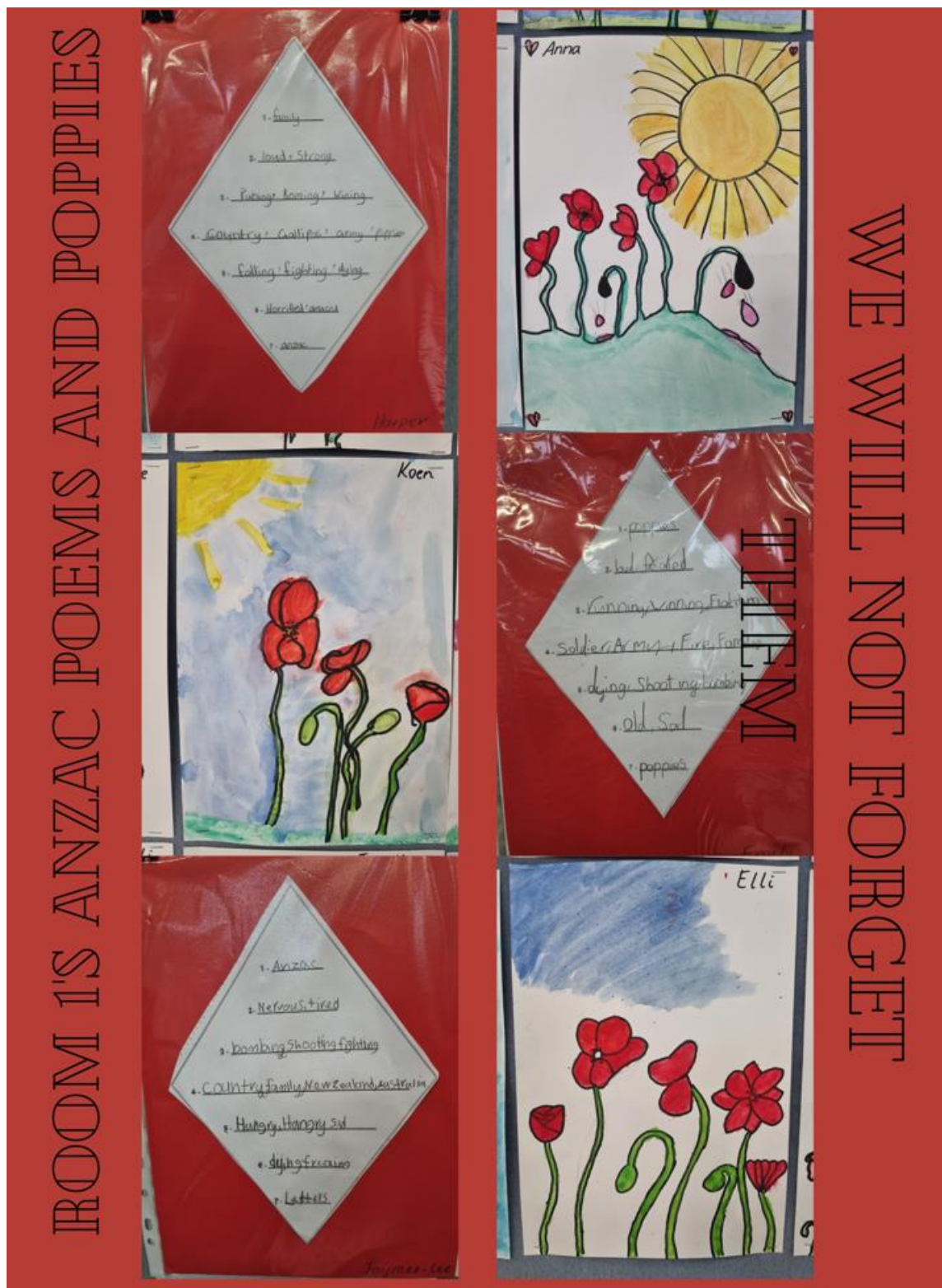


"I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down."

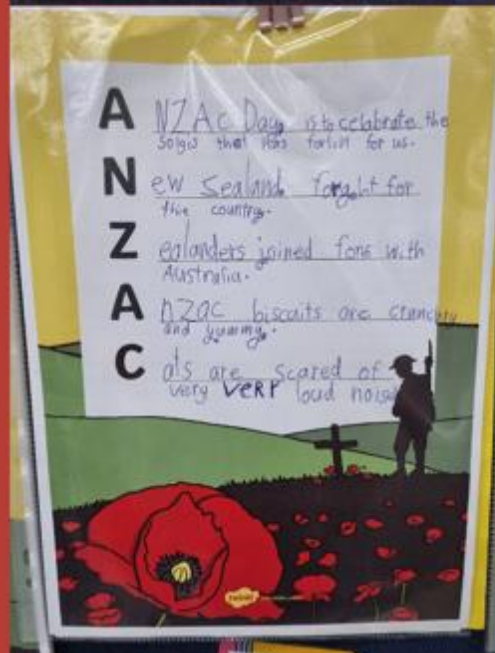
TAINUI HUB
(Rooms 1 and 2)

Tainui hub has been learning about ANZAC day over the last two weeks. We've had class discussions where we talked about what the war was like for different people and shared some stories from our own families. We have had ANZAC booklets with independent activities we had to complete, for example morse code decoding and writing, ANZAC research questions and reading tasks.

We also wrote poems about ANZAC day and created some poppy art, which you can see some examples of below.



ROOM 2'S ANZAC POEMS AND POPPIES



WE WILL NOT FORGET



Remembering the ANZACs and WW1 in Raukawa and Whitireia



Year 7 & 8 got busy with the dye, paints and sharpies to create these masterpieces! We tried a new technique where we used balloons to print the petals of the poppies in red paint.



For maths in Room 6, we have been focussing on geometry. We used geometric shapes to create ANZAC poppies in the style of Cubist art. We learned that Cubism was a modern art movement that originated in Paris just before the start of WW1.



Raukawa and Whitireia continued...



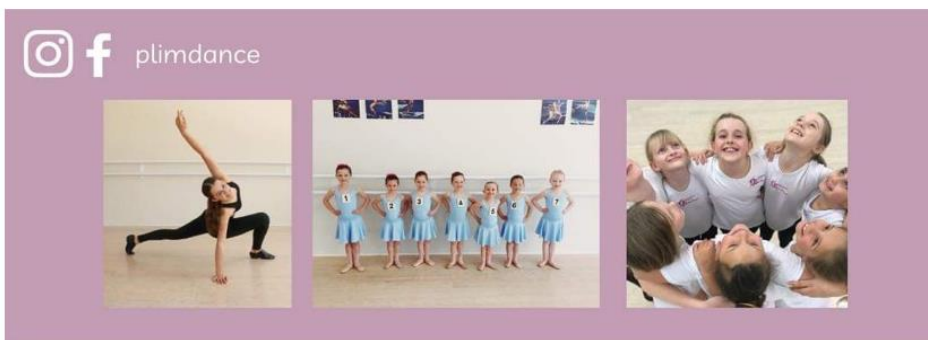
ANZAC Day Escape Room



On Thursday last week all the kids in Raukawa and Whitireia had the opportunity to grow their knowledge of World War 1 and the ANZACs by completing an Escape Room Challenge. There were puzzles to solve, riddles to answer and codes to crack. The kids had to collaborate to figure things out. They were successful when they cracked the code to learn what year the Battle of Gallipoli occurred - ask them to see if they remember!

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