

Newsletter Term 1

Wk 8 2023



Important Dates

Term 1

4 – 5 th April	Whitireia Hub Sleepover
6 April	Teacher only Day – School closed for instruction
7 April	Good Friday – start of the term break

Term 2

24 April	Teacher only Day – School closed for instruction
25 April	ANZAC day
26 April	term 2 starts



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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Saturday, 25th March 2023

Kia ora e te whānau.

It has been a pretty busy two weeks! Raukawa headed north to El Rancho for camp, the juniors had their athletics at school and the seniors dodged the weather for their athletics at Adventure Park. Throw in some basketball lessons, kapa haka and of course all the great learning that happens every day in classes.

Raukawa Camp:

This didn't get off to the best start with the weather being horrendous when everyone arrived at school on Monday morning. Luckily Raukawa were heading north to the sunny Kapiti Coast and for the next two days they had amazing weather. I went for a visit to camp on Tuesday afternoon and everyone was having a great time enjoying the camp pool. I would like to acknowledge all of the amazing parent helpers that took time off work to help make camp a success. I would also like to thank Eryn Street, Jen Cooze, Kate Excell, Joelle Clark for being 24 hour teachers for three days. A huge thank you to Sharon Gibson for spending hours and hours organising the camp and making sure it was as successful as it was.



Junior Athletics:

While Raukawa were away at camp the junior school held their annual athletics day. It was an absolutely stunning day with the sun shining all day. I know that at many other primary schools, junior students do not participate in athletics days. I think it is important that all students at school get a chance to participate/compete in an athletics day. It was awesome to see all of our students giving 100% at each of the events and it was great to see them all having so much fun. A big thank you to the parents who came along to watch and especially to the parents who helped out in some way. I would like to acknowledge the teachers and learning coaches Maddy Bain, Tracey Mills, Clare Layfield, Grace McRobie, Donna Hegan, Mel O'Hagan and Hili Viliamu for all their work during the day and a special thank you to Rochelle Kearney for organising a successful junior athletics day.



Senior Athletics:

This was the first time in a few years that we have held athletics at Adventure Park. After a false start on Wednesday due to the weather the senior school headed to Adventure Park on Friday. The purpose of senior athletics is to choose a competitive team that will participate at the Parumoana Athletics in term 4, but we also like to encourage participation and fun at the same time. I was super impressed with the attitude of all the students, they gave everything a go and there was some pretty fierce competition. There were some outstanding performers and they will be recognised at assembly and a future newsletter. I would like to thank all our amazing staff and parents who helped out during the day (there are too many to mention personally). I would like to specially thank Claire Jolly and Kate Excell for organising such a great event. Information regarding who is selected for the Parumoana team will be announced soon.

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FROM THE OFFICE

The Tough Guy / Gal challenge is on again in May this year. Follow this [link](#) if you are interested. This is not a school event but we support your children taking part. Louise Sharpe (Hayden in Room 8's Mum), is your point of contact if you have any questions. For your reference, Thursday 25th May is a good day to enter if you want to go as a Pauatahanui School group.



On Sunday a group of dedicated Paua families got up super early and travelled into town to compete in the Weetbix Tryathlon.

We started out in the dark and ended up in bright, hot sunshine!

All the children came with their togs, bikes, running shoes and big smiles and finished with even bigger smiles. They all showed great perseverance, ambition and attitude!!!! All the parents can be very proud of how the children behaved and competed.





Juicies for sale

Our year 7 and 8 students are selling juicies every Friday at lunchtime (weather permitting) to fundraise for their biannual camp and other EOTC activities. A juicie is \$2.00 and the students will take cash only.

Yummy Stickers

We are still collecting yummy stickers. Please bring them to Sue in the office. Thank you.



HIGH FIVE

At last week's junior assembly, the following students were awarded with a certificate:

Rosalie	Hunter Pr	George
Harper A	Annie M	Liam C
Lucy P	Harry	



Maths in Kawhia Hub

Kawhia have been learning all about measurement this week. We have looked at using cubes and different units of measurement to know the length of classroom equipment.

Who is the tallest in Room 4?



How many cubes long is the table?

We have also been learning how to measure using rulers.



TAINUI HUB (Rooms 1 and 2)

GUMBOOT THROWING!!

We are loving learning about measurement this term and on Monday we decided to test our skills, throwing and measuring the distance we could throw gum boots!

The class were split into small groups of four then had to negotiate with another team as we were short on large measuring tapes so they had to share one tape between two groups. They skilfully navigated, communicated, threw gumboots and measured.

Throwing gumboots was awesome and we had lots of discussions and wonderings afterwards.



GRATITUDE STONES AND JARS IN TAINUI HUB

In Tainui hub we have also been learning about gratitude, what it means and how we can show it not only in class, but out in the playground and at home as well. We have been having discussions in class about what gratitude is, and sharing what we are thankful or grateful for regularly throughout the day.

Every student in Room 1 and 2 have gratitude jars. We can write what we are thankful for about ourselves or for ourselves on a slip of paper and pop it in our own jar, or we can write something we're thankful for about another person and put it in their jar! It's been a great way to spread gratitude and kindness.

During discovery time we also painted gratitude stones that we have written what we're grateful for. These are going to be placed around the school, or down on the paths around the inlet to show others what we're thankful for, and so they can think about what they're grateful for too!



WHITIREIA HUB (Rooms 9 AND 10)

Whitireia have been busy practicing and preparing for athletics day. We have been learning how to use our legs to help throw the vortex, shot put, and discus further. We have refined our long jump and high jump techniques with lots of practice. Lastly, we have been having lots of fun getting out there and trying our best in every event. We are glad the sun came out and we got to enjoy an awesome day at Adventure Park!

Y5+6 CAMP 2023 @ EL RANCHO

Awesome Activities

We did some awesome activities at camp, like watersliding, mini golf, soft archery, kayaking, and wilderness survival.

Terrific Teamwork

It was so cool seeing Raukawa students pulling together to work as a team and cheer each other on!

Fantastic Food

We were kept very well fed with super yummy food. We ate things like butter chicken, nachos, burgers and dessert!

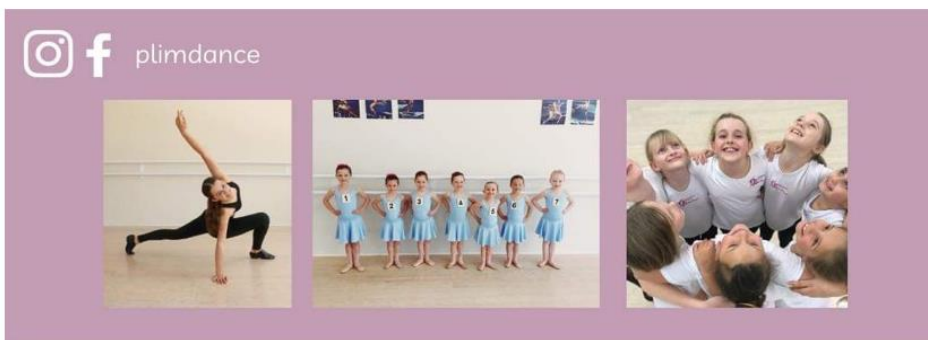
New Experiences

All the teachers were super proud to see everyone having a go and trying new things – we hope you're all proud of yourselves too!

Raukawa 2023

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