

# Newsletter Term 1

## Wk 5 2024

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Kia ora e te whānau.

### Māehe Manawa Ora Movin' March:

It was so cool to have so many students and their whānau join in on the walk to school from Joseph Banks Drive this morning to launch MovinMarch. Our Mayor Anita Baker was very impressed with the turn out and that many of you made an effort especially if it was out of your normal daily routine.

Movin'March is an initiative by the Wellington Regional Council which has been going for 15 years celebrates the benefits of walking, scooting and biking to school. Walking, biking, and scooting to school can help increase independence, physical and mental health, decision making, and road safety skills for tamariki. We encourage our students to walk, bike or scooter to school. We realise that especially for some of our rural students or bus kids walking might not be possible. If you drive your child to school, consider dropping them off a bit further away, so they can walk from the drop off point. Bus kids might just want to keep on walking once they are within the school grounds. Once again there will be passports, where students can collect a stamp for every day they walk, bike or scooter to school. There are prizes for fully stamped cards. Additionally, every full card gets sent back to the organisers and there are some big spot prizes up for grabs.

### Life Education:

Sadly we farewell the Life Education bus, Harold and our amazing educator - Kyra today. All classes have had the opportunity to have two lessons this week where they focussed on:

- Rooms 3 and 4 - Feelings and Emotions
- Rooms 1 and 2 - Friends and Empathy
- Rooms 5 - Friends and Team
- Room 6 - Friends and Feeling
- Room 7 - Friends and Leadership
- Room 8 - Stress
- Rooms 9 and 10 - Decisions and Difference

### Meet the teacher:

Thank you to everyone who booked in a time to meet your child's teacher. These meetings are key to ensuring children begin the year positively. Teachers find the information and expectations that are shared incredibly valuable.

### 2024 Calendar:

This calendar is available anytime and can be viewed on Hero. It is a live document and events may be added to throughout the term and year. If events are added, you will be notified with plenty of notice. Term 1 has been completed with terms 2, 3 and 4 still a work in progress.

Ngā mihi

Caine Webster – Principal



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Term Dates 2024

Term 1  
Tue 30 Jan – Fri 12 Apr  
Term 2  
Mon 29 April – Fri 5 Jul  
Term 3  
Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep  
Term 4  
Mon 14 Oct – Wed 18 Dec

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## HIGH FIVE



Congratulations to these senior students who got awarded with a certificate in assembly.

Braxton  
Anna  
Macarn  
Blake  
Ella H  
Ella B

Alec  
Fiorella  
Archer  
Liam  
Finn  
Katelyn

Lachie  
Sam  
Alex  
Isabella C

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Hero App

Hero is our new student management system. Please download the app on your phone. You will be able to:

- Report if your child is absent from school
- Receive the community feed
- Get access to our school calendar
- Book parent teacher interviews

Hero is now our main communication platform. Please get in touch with us if you have problems accessing it.

# Moving March



# Kawhia visit Harold the Giraffe

This week Kawhia visited Harold the Giraffe in the Life Education van. We made a plan to help our big feelings. We learnt some new ways to breathe deeply.

Harold told us funny jokes!



We loved talking with Harold, watching Billie the Body, dance parties and flashing lights.



We investigated our feelings- we can name our feelings. Sad, angry, embarrassed, shy, frustrated, nervous.



We found new ways to breathe deeply -  
Hā ki roto, hā ki waho  
We can imagine breathing in the smell of a cup of milo, blowing out a candle, or smelling a flower.

Thanks Kyra, Harold and Life Education for visiting us.

**TAINUI HUB HAVE LOVED  
LEARNING FROM HAROLD.  
IN OUR SESSIONS WE TALKED  
ABOUT HOW TO BE A GOOD  
FRIEND AND SHOWING EMPATHY.**







# RAUKAWA + WHITIREIA



## LIFE ED

We have had an AWESOME time hanging out with Kyra and Harold in the Life Ed mobile classroom! We've learned about how to train our brain to get stronger - myelination - how to cope with red brain feelings and get back into green brain, and how to be a good friend. We even saw Harold rapping and got to sing along, which was definitely a highlight! Learning to train our brains is helpful especially when we're in class learning new (sometimes tricky!) things - but we know, the more you practise, the stronger you get!



## STRUCTURED LITERACY

It's been great getting our iDeaL Structured Literacy programme up and running for the term. Structured Literacy is a systematic and evidence-based teaching approach that is based on the Science of Reading. It gives us a solid roadmap for helping our tamariki become great readers and writers.

Four times a week our students practice reading and spelling concepts. Each week we have a new concept to practice. The scope of the programme is systematic and cumulative.

During our reading lessons, students read in small groups with their teacher focussing on new vocabulary, reading with expression, accuracy, and good understanding. Did you know studies have shown that by the time we leave high school our vocabularies will have grown 10 times as large as when we started!

The More ● You Practise ● The Stronger ● You Get

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