

# Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter Term 2, #4 2019

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Kia Ora Parents!

Welcome to Winter! The children have been arriving at school with rosy cheeks and icy hands, and we are grateful for the heat pumps in our classes. Please be careful on frosty mornings because of the ice on the asphalt. Te Pihinga welcomes a student teacher for the next 2 weeks, Mr Nathan Down who will be working with Mrs Cleave's learning groups.

## Reading Resources - Parent Help Request

With the new Junior building coming on line, much needed storage space has been freed up. Our reading resources have found a new home, and it is wonderful, making life a lot easier for teachers to source texts.

A system has been set up but we now need to complete it - we need one, preferably two, parents to spend approximately two hours to move the project towards completion. The job involves lots of photocopying, glueing and laminating. Mr Smith is coordinating this, and will set you up for success. If you can help, please talk to me. I look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks. Mark.

## L.I.G.H.T.S

Children are now in interest groups for the "Investigate the alternatives". The groups will now look for solutions to the problems they have found such as how animals are impacted with food production, the effect of preservatives in food and spraying food when it is grown, food waste from homes and restaurants, and pollution from food wrapping, fishing boats and nets and also from transporting food. We are trying to deepen our learning with parent partnership, so some groups have sent a google form asking for parent help, feedback and opinions. We would really appreciate you filling in the form if you receive it! Thank you!!



Rippa rugby practice at Foster Park

## Spelling

From this week (Week 7), we will be doing our spelling testing on FRIDAYS. This is to help maximise our reading times for group work from Mondays through Thursdays. Spelling notebooks will now go home every Friday with new words in them. Please help your child to remember "FRIDAY I NEED MY SPELLING NOTEBOOK AT SCHOOL!" A note will go home with new words attached if spelling notebooks are not returned on Fridays.

# Reminders

## Sweets and gum and slime

Just a reminder that sweets and chewing gum should not be coming to school. Slime in particular, is distracting to learning and teaching, and is also unhygienic when shared around.

## Learning Times

Learning time begins at 8:55am. Please ensure you have said goodbye to your child when the bell rings so teachers can move promptly to taking the roll. You will need to notify the office if your child arrives later than 8:55am. To ensure a smooth, calm start to the day, teachers are not available for conversations after 8:50am. We are in class at 8:30 and available for casual conversations, and also available at 3pm. If you would like an extended chat, please book a time after school with your child's kōhanga teacher.

# Up-and-Coming Events

<b>Wk 7</b>	Mon 10 June	<b>Zone Rippa Tournament</b>  <b>Lap-a-thon Forms should be returned by today (without money - sponsor pledges only).</b>
	Tue 11 June	<b>Te Pihinga Lap-a-thon</b>
	Thu 13 June	<b>Life Education Van arrives - classes will visit twice over 2 days.</b>
	Fri 14 June	<b>School Disco</b>
<b>Wk 8</b>	Fri 21 June Fri 21 June	<b>Lap-a-thon Money due in Rolleston Christian School Cross Country Piwakawaka Mini Bake Sale (all items \$1)</b>
<b>Wk 9</b>	Thur 29 June	<b>2pm Official Opening of the new Te Kakano Building</b>
<b>Wk 10</b>	Tue 2 July	<b>Yr 0-4 Cross Country Challenge at Hillview Christian School</b>

**Zone Cross Country Team 'The Pioneers'**



**Interval Challenge**

