

Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter Term 3, #4 2019

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Growing Together!*

Last week's Life Rule that we learnt in Circle Time was "It isn't what happens to you that matters, but how you choose to think about it". This was linked to Living Christianly with the story of Silas and Paul in jail in Macedonia, beaten and in chains. While facing almost certain death, they chose to sing and worship their God, acknowledging that He is good no matter what happens, and that they trusted and had faith in him even in dark times.

What a way to build resilience in our children, teaching them to hold on to faith and hope in their personal relationship with Jesus when things get tricky. We when do this, we experience that He is FAITHFUL!

L.I.G.H.T.S. Trips - Food Waste Group

Mr Smith's Food Waste class are finding ways to encourage us all to reduce food waste. At the same time we are concerned that whilst the world increasingly wastes food there are countless people starving from lack of food. This unbalance is not right.

We visited Ellesmere Food Bank, a well trusted local food bank operator. Run by a lovely, humble christian couple Corry and her husband Daniel, supported by volunteers they make up and distribute 6,000 banana boxes of food each year. They deliver as far as the West Coast - 1 tonne of spuds at a time. We visited their home and shed in Leeston to help out and packaged up boxes of food and unloaded a trailer full of pumpkins. The ute full of potatoes were not accepted by the supermarkets because they were the wrong size so would have been thrown away. We were helping to reduce FOOD WASTE. Yeah!



Up-and-Coming Events

Wk 9	Mon 16 Sep	Kelly Sport Day - Te Pihinga Teachers off site Planning for Term 4. Te Pihinga has Kelly Sports at school.
Wk 9	Fri 20 Sep All day	Teacher Only Day - School will not open. All teachers joining with other Christian School staff for Professional Development.

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Te Pihinga Hub L.I.G.H.T.S. Events

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As part of our LIGHTS inquiry we have a number of events coming up.

All of these events are being collaboratively designed by the children to achieve deeper learning through real life experiences.

We do hope you will find the time to be part of these events, it will seem that they are all happening at the same time - in a way they are, that is the nature of our timetable. We have tried to spread them out to help you.

Wk 6 -9	Fri 23 Aug - 19 Sept 3 Weeks	Ellesmere Food Bank Whanau FOOD Raiser - Food Waste Group <i>The Ellesmere Food Bank distribute 6,000 food parcels to the needy annually (see over). This is a drive to collect food items for them. The whanau that collects the most wins a mufti day.</i>
Wk 7-9	Fri 30 Sept - 19 Sept 2 weeks	World Vision SMILES Fundraiser - Food Waste Group <i>We cannot take our food waste to the needy overseas. THANKFULLY we can work with World Vision - We are fundraising to give families overseas a sustainable food source, such as chickens, goats or pigs. Look out for the Pasta Vera fundraiser.</i>
Wk 8-9	9 - 20 Sept 2 weeks	Additive free Challenge - Food Process Group <i>Learn the affordable, low hassle way to live more healthily as a family.</i>
Wk 9	Thur 19 Sept	SPCA Cupcake Day - Food Practice Group <i>Raising money to support SPCA rescuing abused farm animals. \$2-\$3 per fancy animal themed cupcake.</i>
Wk 9,10 plus Wk 1, T4	9 Sept - 4 Oct 3 weeks	Zero Waste Family Challenge - Food Waste Group <i>We want to encourage you to REDUCE your waste - (food and packaging). This could be your introduction to a Zero Waste lifestyle. Take the first steps as a family as you discover what zero waste is.</i>