

Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter Term 3, #5 2019

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Growing Together!*

Te Pihinga has had a busy few weeks. On Monday 2 September, we had a very successful planting day with Te Ara Kakariki, planting more natives in the corner of Foster Park. Our Te Pihinga children are excellent planters - I am sure they could happily advise on the necessary steps to ensure healthy plant survival amongst young seedlings!

In Living Christianly, we have continued looking at how Jesus brings Hope into our lives. This week we are looking at the story of Zacchaeus and how meeting Jesus turned his life around. It's always worth remembering that Jesus loves us no matter what (or how many) bad choices we have made in our past.

That's such an amazing Hope to hold on to!

During the two weeks of swimming, we reorganised our maths groups into swimming groups, and combined levels for a really fun unit on 3D shapes. Entitled "May the Force be with You", it had a Star Wars theme. It was great to see and hear how well the children have understood the properties of 3D shapes - just ask them about faces, edges and vertices! We are finishing the term by revisiting Addition and Subtraction strategies.

Last week saw the launch of two of our "Go For It" projects, as part of the G phase of our LIGHTS learning. Different groups have set up a Zero Waste Food challenge, and Additive Free Food Challenge. We also have a glasshouse begin built using a recycled trampoline frame and a chicken coop for our own RCS chickens (also made out of a repurposed trampoline frame). We have seedlings being planted for growing in the glasshouse and these will be raised organically. Then there's our Cupcake Day, supporting the SPCA on behalf of animals who are mistreated due to human food consumption.

With so much happening, it would be easy to miss something. Keep your eye on the RCS Facebook page and the newsletters so you can make sure you know all that is going on!



Up-and-Coming Events

Wk 9	Monday 16 September	Te Pihinga/Te Mahuri Planning Day - Kelly Sports for Te Pihinga children
Wk 9	Thursday 19 September	SPCA Cupcake Day \$3 Fancy Animal Cupcakes for Sale
Wk 9	Friday 20 Sept	Teacher Only Day Staff are joining other Christian Schools for full day Professional Development. NO SCHOOL THIS DAY.
Wk 9	All week	Additive Free Challenge and Zero Food Waste Challenge (ongoing all week)
Wk 10	Monday 23 September	Navigational Rampage Course, 11-12.30pm, Foster Park Children participating in his have been notified. Wear PE gear.