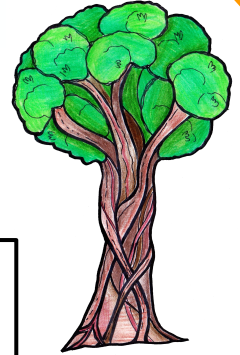


Te Mahuri Hub Newsletter #6 2021



Totara - Rātā
Growing Christ-like, Creative, Critical Learners

This week's bible verse: 1 Peter 1:3
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

L.I.G.H.T.S. (action based learning) is a wonderful context to use digital technology to experience learning in a way we otherwise couldn't without it. This week in L.I.G.H.T.S. we have had two opportunities to extend our learning using technology. We joined a "virtual field trip" run by LEARNZ to part of the Te Araroa trail that runs through Bream Head in Northland. The Te Araroa trail runs the entire length of New Zealand and has deepened our interest in Bio-Diversity. The first use of digital technology was a Google Earth tour that included videos recorded by the LEARNZ teacher, Andrew Penny, written information and of course 3D and 2D pictures of many locations in the area. A "real" field trip to Northland would have been awesome, but also a bit impossible, so this gave our students the chance to see the locations they would be learning about.

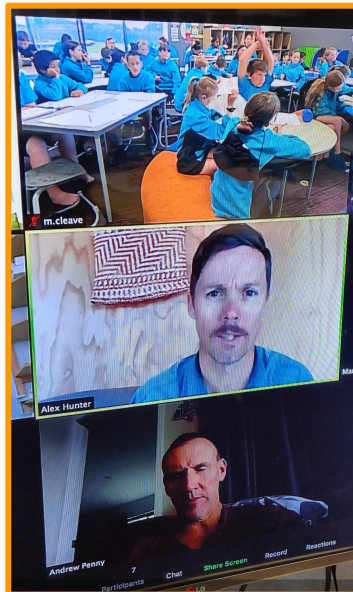


"LEVERAGING DIGITAL"

Then, we had signed up to a live Zoom conference with Andrew Penny and 3 other experts who help keep the Te Araroa trail at Bream head accessible, and flourishing with birds, animals and native plants. We were one of only 2 "speaking" schools and the meeting was accessible to schools across NZ. Amy and Ayden shared some of the learning we had done so far this year on Bio-diversity around Te Waihora, Arthur's Pass and Glentui. The online experts included the head ranger from Bream Head who was able to answer many of our questions. We learnt that similar problems with invasive species exist across New Zealand, and that pest control and native plant restoration really do help restore eco-systems. What a way to dig deep into the "L" Look stage of Kaitiakitanga in our action based learning!



Teachers: Mrs Cleave and Mrs Manson





Better basics.....

A note about school hats!

Firstly, We have noticed some Te Mahuri students wearing sports caps as their hat at school.

All students are required to have a Rolleston Christian School hat. A sports cap is not school uniform. The school hats can be purchased at the office.

Secondly, students without a hat are required to play in the shade at breaks. Students without hats will NOT be excused from Fitness or P.E.

They will participate and may experience natural consequences from not wearing a hat in the sun.

School hats MUST be worn in term 1 & Term 4, so please have school hats for Term 4!

Upcoming Events

Week 11 Monday 12th April	Silver EnviroSchool Celebration 11.30 - 1pm Assembly , activity & shared lunch in hubs
Week 11 Thursday 15th April	Kelly Sport for Te Mahuri (Morning) with usual afternoon programme. Teachers on CRT - Term 2 Planning
Week 11 Friday April 16	Last Day of school for Term 1
Week 1 Monday, 3rd May	First Day of School for Term 2
Week 2 Thursday 13th May	World Vision Leadership Training Mrs Manson will be accompanying some WorldV 40 hour famine leaders to training for the day. Those involved are aware of this.
Week 3 Tuesday 18th May	Basketball Tournament Mr Smith will be taking those involved in the inter-schools basket to the competition for the day.
Week 3 Tuesday 18th May Thursday 20th May	Learning Conferences - parent/teacher/student Booking times will be emailed next term. Conferences start 2.15pm Tuesday and at 3.30pm Thursday.
From Week 4 Thursdays for 6 weeks	Winter Sport Begins All Te Mahuri students will be participating in winter sport run by the Selwyn Sports Trust at Foster Park on Thursday mornings from 10.45. There is no cost and we will be walking there.