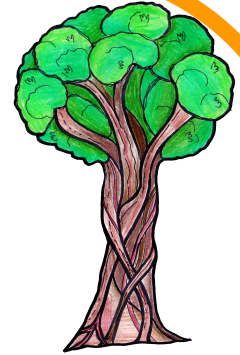




# Te Mahuri Hub Newsletter

## Term 1, #3 2020



*Totara - Rātā*

*Growing Christ-like, Creative, Critical Thinkers*

### Welcome to Week 5/6 of Term 1!

We are now into the everyday routines of school life and the honeymoon is over! Learning is into full swing and literacy assessment will take place in Week 6 & 7. As the children tire a little, sometimes relationships begin to become a little frazzled. This is when our school values can really be put into practice and “lived out” and every morning in Hui time we are discussing how this can happen. Our whakatauki for the last few weeks has been “He waka eke noa” - “We are all in this together!” So, let’s look out for each other.

#### **L.I.G.H.T.S (our action based inquiry learning)**

This week the two classes rotate to the other teacher - Totara will be learning important events after the treaty with Mrs Cleave, and Rātā important events & people before the Treaty of Waitangi with Mrs Manson. Although we are still in the “L”, already the children have identified problems such as misunderstanding, mistrust, lying, not knowing each other’s culture. We are getting excited about how we can turn these into solutions!

#### **Reading at Home**

A reminder that all children are expected to read for 20 minutes at home. It may be a book of their choice. We highly recommend a visit to the Selwyn Library to help broaden the variety/genre of the books your child reads.

#### **Maths Whiz**

For those who signed up and paid, Maths Whiz has informed us there is a minimum number of 50 participants per school to get the \$35 rate, which we did not reach. If you are still considering signing up please inform Mrs Cleave. We are currently in negotiation and there will be an update soon!



#### **We are now a SILVER EnviroSchool!**

After a full day of reflecting whether we had fulfilled the Silver Paragraph Descriptor, and showing and telling Matt and Andrea everything that has been happening in the school, the team and Andrea agreed that yes, we had made it! The core learning that fulfilled the criteria was our LIGHTS learning and projects in 2018/2019, and the Whānau Group sustainable projects they worked on in 2019, and are also working on this year. To get to Green/Gold status, all the sustainable systems have to be child run & thriving!



The Pukeko Whānau group presenting their learning to Andrea, the Canterbury EnviroSchools Facilitator.



Totara

## Reminders

**Hats:** School hats must be worn until the end of Term 1. All students are expected to have School Hats, not caps.

**Lunch:** All children **must eat lunch with their whānau group** and sit for the first 15 minutes. Even if they ate all their lunch at break time, the school rule is still to sit with your whānau group for 15 minutes until 1.15pm. Please remind your Year 7 & 8 children that this also applies to them.

**Shoes:** Shoes are to be taken off when inside the school buildings.

**Assembly:** Whole School Assembly this week at our usual assembly time. You are welcome to join us!



Rātā

## Up-and-Coming Events

<b>Wk 5</b>	Monday 2 March	<b>Spelling Lists will come home today.</b> Words must be learnt at home, and written into a sentence in their spelling books. Buddy testing will take place the following Monday.
	Tuesday 3 March	<b>Parent Information Meeting: Afternoon &amp; Evening sessions</b> Our annual parent information meetings are happening this Tuesday, <b>at 3.30pm or 6.00pm</b> . Please come to the session which suits you. Important information about our Values Competencies will be discussed, and we will explore how these can be developed at home.
	Thursday 5 March	<b>Te Mahuri Trip to the Museum</b> The bus will depart at 9.30am and return by 3pm. All students & parent help must be at school by 8.55am to attend the briefing. Students must bring their school hats, lunch & drink bottle, backpack, polar fleece, and be in correct school uniform. Students should not bring any money.
<b>Wk 6</b>	Monday 9 March	<b>Cheese Roll Order Forms coming home</b>
<b>Wk 7</b>	Friday 20 March	<b>Cultural Lunch with Te Pihinga</b> More details to come
<b>Wk 8</b>	Wednesday 25 March	<b>Parent evening with Ursula McCulloch (Child Psychologist)</b> Topic: Positive Parenting - parenting in a new culture/country
	Thursday 26 March	<b>Leadership Training Day at Clearview Primary</b> This is for those who applied to be part of this programme. Mr Marshall will accompany the students. 9.15am - 3pm. More details to follow.
<b>Wk 9</b>	Monday 30 March	<b>Teacher Only Day - No school !</b>
	Saturday 4 April	<b>Cheese Roll Day - all hands on deck!</b> 8am until they are all made - come for an hour or two.
<b>Wk 10</b>	Thursday 9 April	<b>Last Day of School for Term 1</b>