

# Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter Term 4, #2 2019

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Growing Together!*

Term 3 ended with culmination of many LIGHTS projects in the “GO” for it stage. They are nearly all completed now and the Greenhouse is being finished off by Mrs Manson’s Food Miles group with help from Mr Red. Below are some photos from the “Chicken” group, who were determined to adopt rescued chickens that have not had a happy life due to the way we (humans) fulfil the food demands of the consumer. And they have done it! The chicken run is completed, the coop bought, the food is waiting and the chickens arrive on Tuesday! The chickens will reside in the food forest as part of a sustainable rotation on the flat ground between mounds to grow organic food. This links in and supports the organic growing group, and the “food miles/greenhouse” group.



It is exciting when visions and projects collide - in a good way! As an EnviroSchool we believe in sustainable practices, communities and empowered learners. These LIGHTS projects (and the other ones too) fulfil this vision. Also, as Christians, we believe God has called us to be stewards of the earth he created, looking after and nurturing it. A further blessing is that as we do this, we get to be LIGHTS to our community and bless others. The children have a vision to produce so much organic food that it can be given away to others.

## **LIVING CHRISTIANLY & CIRCLE TIME**

Organic growing has linked beautifully to our topic in Living Christianly of Spiritual fruit and being connected to the vine, and also with Circle Time where we are learning about emotional regulation. The more spiritual fruit we show, the more emotionally regulated we are. You may hear colours mentioned - blue, green, yellow and red. We are learning to categorise the emotions to these colours, with green being calm and in control and where we are aiming to be. Each class now has a rollercoaster labelled with emotions and the children place how they are feeling each morning by the appropriate emotion.

## **MATHS & LITERACY**

We have begun maths testing and will continue this over the next few weeks. By week 5, we will finish “number” (addition and subtraction) and move onto measurement. We are looking at poetry in writing. You may find yourself becoming the subject of a Limerick or Haiku poem in the upcoming weeks!

# Up-and-Coming Events

<b>Wk 3</b>	Monday 27 October	<b>Labour Day - Public Holiday. No School</b>
	Tuesday 29 October	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Sports Spectacular at Foster Park from 11 - 1.30pm.</b> Year 5 & 6 remain at school for normal classes.  <b>5.30pm</b> New families dinner - invite only.
<b>Wk 4</b>	Tuesday 5 November	<b>Kids for Kids Choir Concert Practice and performance. Time TBA.</b> Mrs Cleave to accompany those participating.
	All week (Week 4)	Teachers are having classroom release for math testing and report assessment.
<b>Wk 5</b>	Thursday 14 November	<b>School Trip to A &amp; P Show</b>
	Friday 15 November	<b>Show Day - Public Holiday. No School.</b>
<b>Wk 6</b>	Monday 18 November	<b>Teacher Only Day - No School.</b>

