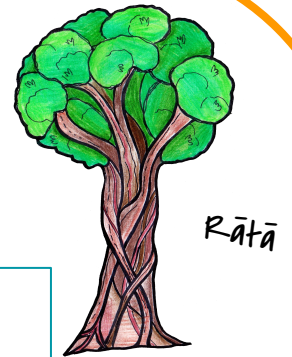


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Week 1 Bible Verse: Galatians 5:22-23a
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and
self-control.



Values competency focus for the term: Love/Collaboration



What's happening in Te Mahuri in Term 3?

Literacy

Writing: We will begin the term with persuasive writing - a favourite genre with the students. We will then move into either writing essays or an explanation on the topic of "You, Me and the Mass Media". This unit of work is aligned with the Intermediate Writers Award. We look forward to sending some of our student's work to the competition at the end of the term.

Reading: This will continue in reading groups focussing on verbally expressing ideas and thoughts, deep comprehension and identifying language features. Keep up the reading at home - we have some students up to over 50 nights who have had 2 dips in the prize box! We have seen some wonderful improvement in reading - keep up the great work.



Living Christianly

Our values competency for the term, Love, is woven through our Living Christianly teaching and daily routine. We will be looking at the fruits of the spirit and how developing our character in these areas promotes collaboration and understanding, and love.

Biblical characters that will illustrate this for us include Timothy & Paul, Nehemiah, Jesus, Paul & Silas, among others.



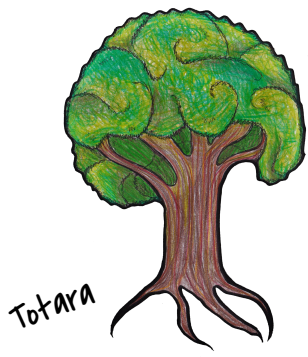
Maths

Following the introduction of our Number Knowledge rotation stations, where students work in multi level groups on topics ranging from place value to decimals, fractions and division, this term we are adding "Monday Move 'n Prove". This is an extra whole hub math lesson, and an interactive way to teach strand subjects such as geometry and measurement. Our goal is to extend our students conceptual understanding and adaptive reasoning, and to add to their procedural knowledge. More coming up in subsequent newsletters about what this actually is!

Parent - Teacher - Student Conferences

These take place in Week 3, on Tuesday and Thursday. Looking out for the booking code in the made body of the school newsletter.

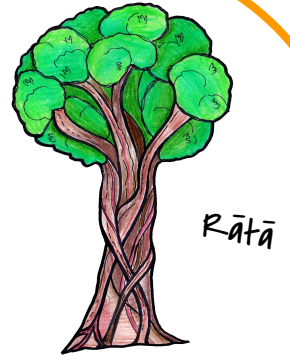




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L.I.G.H.T.S



LIGHTS, our project based learning which is steeped in literacy, science and social science is almost at the “G” Go for it Stage. We have one more expert to visit us, and she will talk on the work being done to encourage Tui back to Christchurch and the surrounding areas. Our students look like they are heading into projects that will encourage native wildlife to our school property, and the wider community. Watch this space!

Circle Time

Circle Time (lessons with a social or emotional focus) is formally every week in kōhanga class, but like Living Christianly the opportunity for spontaneous conversation and growth is throughout the day. This term we are looking at Culture, Identity and Strengths, and later in the term we have the Life Education Bus visiting as well to further extend teaching in this area.



Art Celebration

A fantastic effort was made by all during our Printmaking Art lessons at the end of Term 2. Growth mindset, engagement and wonderful creativity was shown by all. After making our own print blocks of native birds and insects, we tried crayon, dry roll and wet roll prints with varying success!

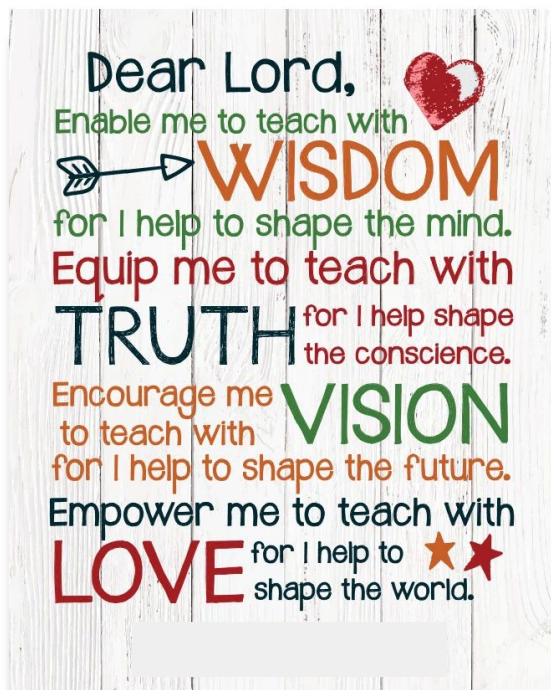
Above is a Tui, by Kaitlynn, a wet roll print. To the right you will see Little Blue Penguins, Kaka and Kiwi. We have our “gallery” up on the wall, so please come in and have a look.



Upcoming Events



Week 3 Tuesday 10th Aug Thursday 12th Aug	Parent - Teacher - Student Conferences In Term 3 our conferences have a Values Focus on Wellbeing and Character. Look out for the booking code in the main body of the school newsletter.
Week 4 Wednesday 18 Aug	Netball Tournament Year 6 - 8 students currently in the netball team will attend this tournament with Mrs Manson at Lincoln netball courts.
Week 5 & 6 Monday 23rd Aug - Friday 3rd Sep	Swimming Swimming every day for 2 weeks at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.
Week 8 Day TBA	Life Education Bus visits
School Holidays	The last day of school is Friday 1st October. Term 4 begins on Monday, 18th October.



Arohanui,

Mrs Cleave & Mrs Manson