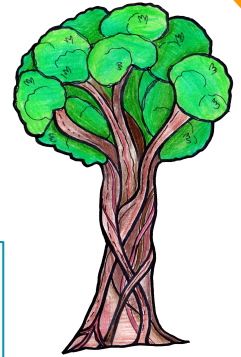


Te Mahuri Hub Newsletter #1 2021



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

This week's bible verse: **Luke 19: 9-10**
Jesus said, "Salvation has come to this house today... The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them."

Living Christianly

We are well and truly half way through the term, and excitement is building for Easter. In Living Christianly this term we have looked at Restorative Practice, and how important it is to forgive and put things right. We looked at the non-confrontational way Jesus approached the woman in Matthew who was about to be stoned, saying to the crowd "Let he who has not sinned cast the first stone". This brought about conversations on perspective, with the students, and much talk on the bible verse from Matthew 7:3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" We discussed forgiveness again through the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, realising that if God has forgiven us, he expects us to forgive others.

This week we dig into Zaccheus, who made things right by giving back what he had stolen. Easter is also a beautiful picture of grace, restoration and forgiveness for us through an innocent man, Jesus, dying on the cross, and rising again. To deepen the learning we have done at school, as we approach Easter, ask your children what Easter means to them and discuss forgiveness and restoration. Your children are amazingly reflective and excellent deep thinkers!



Mrs Cleave and Mrs Manson



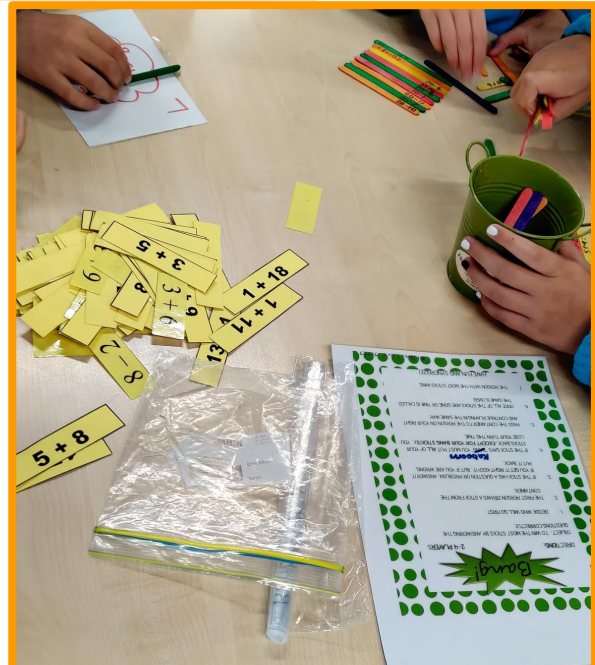
Te Mahuri had their Leadership training with Josh from Selwyn Sport last week, focussing on the qualities required for leadership. Students should now have their booklet in which they log their hours. As mentioned at the interviews, students choose a focus area (Physical Activity, EnviroSchools or Whānau Groups) and then complete a minimum number of hours each term in Service, Creating an event or something new, and Personal Growth. Planning for anything under the "Creative" dimension should be done at home, unless it is taking place in a school club or group. The students have had a very full explanation and should be able to answer any questions you have. If not, please see Mrs Cleave or Mrs Manson.



Nailing Number Knowledge

We noticed that many students in our hub were lacking in the area of number knowledge, and that this was holding them up when using strategies to solve problems, and making the problems seem more difficult than they were. Number Knowledge is sometimes likened to the oil on a bike chain, it makes the bike run smoothly, or in this case, makes solving math questions smoother and easier.

On Thursdays, we now have Number Knowledge day in Maths, and the students rotate around different stations practicing and learning their number knowledge. These include fractions (recognition and ordering), place value, ordering numbers and decimals, Basic facts up to 50, Multiplication Facts, Division Facts, percentages and some word problem solving. All the learning is hands on with games and equipment, and the feedback is that it is fun!



Better basics.....

Uniform: Wear the correct uniform all the time.

Shoes: Please take these off at your kōhanga door. They are not to be worn inside.

Punctuality: School starts at 8.55am and always begins with hui (meeting) time in kōhanga (classes). This is an important time as it helps students settle and sets a positive, calm approach to the day. When students are late, they miss this time to connect with the teacher, their peers and what is happening during the day.

Learning Time at school: It is important that students make the most of their independent learning times during reading, writing and maths. Students that READ during silent reading, improve their reading! We will be helping students to grow in this area through accountability. Helping your child to find a book of interest is one way you can support them in their reading.

Communication with whānau (family): Please come and talk to us first if you have any curious questions or concerns. We partner with you in your child's education.

Upcoming Events

Week 8 Tuesday/ Wednesday	CRT - Classroom release time will be happening for teachers or who will be testing Maths.
Week 9 Thursday 1st April	Teacher Only Day - no school
Week 9 - 10 Friday 2nd April - Tuesday 6th April	Easter Holiday - no school School opens again Wednesday 7th April.
Week 11 Friday April 16	Last Day of school for Term 1
Term 2 Monday 3rd May	First Day of Term 2

