



Kia ora koutou!

That dratted Covid caught up with me last week which meant I was away from school for 4 days. There are quite a few nasty bugs out there whanau. We've had quite a number of students and staff away because of sickness. Not to worry though, once we're through it we'll have a bit of immunity which will hopefully get us through to the end of this flu season.

Thank you for your understanding with our recent Staff Only Day. The Ministry of Education is overwhelming schools at the moment with a multitude of changes to our curriculum. New assessment standards and tools are still being brought in and every school has been told that these changes are compulsory. Being a larger school, we are still finding it a challenge to keep up with the rate of change. I worry about our smaller schools who have the same amount to deal with but less staff to share the load. We'll keep you posted with all the new changes as we go whanau, once we make some sense out of it ourselves.

Nga mihi  
Mr Morrissey (Mr M)  
Principal



### Reminders

- Head lice/nits/kutus are making the rounds at school. They are very common so there is no need for alarm, however they should be treated quickly to prevent them from spreading. Please check your child's hair.
- Please check we have your up-to-date contact details at the office, along with emergency contact/s, as we have had a few incidents with no way of contacting home.
- If your child's end of day transport routine is going to change, please let the OFFICE STAFF know before 2pm. Email: kaitaiaps@xtra.co.nz Office Phone: 09 408-0228, Office cell phone: 02108422405  
Children being picked up early also need to be signed out through the office please.

### Upcoming Events

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August - Yellow Dress up for Daffodil Day - keep an eye on our Facebook page for details.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Teacher Only Day; school closed for students
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Last day of Term 3

## Spotted at School





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM...



## Room 2

Tena koutou katoa (Greetings to all),  
Room 2 have been learning lots. We made MANA Potential necklaces to help us remember how to solve upsets peacefully. We looked at people, places and activities that make us feel better. When we feel better, we can come up with a plan to solve a problem. We have also been learning about simple machines. The first machine we looked at were levers. Then we used what we know to create catapults. We had to plan it using the materials we had, it had to go up and down, it needed to have a fulcrum (pivot point for lever), we had to share if we made any design changes and why. All of room 2 were successful with their creations.



## Room 10

**This term, Room 10 has been exploring the topic of Sustainability.**

We've been learning about the three R's—Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle—and the growing issue of plastic pollution in our world. These pictures show the sea animals we chose to focus on, highlighting the impact of plastic waste in our oceans. Many marine creatures mistake plastic for food (kai), which can have devastating consequences.



## Room 9

Room 9 has made a great start to Term 3 at Kaitaia Primary. We've begun fundraising for our Term 4 day trips—thank you to all the whānau who donated baked and sweet treats, and to our school community for your fantastic support. We're well on our way to reaching our goals. The class also proudly took part in the whole school cross country. After lots of training and preparation, they showed awesome sportsmanship and a "never give up" attitude—well done! Our Room 9 Recycling Warriors continue to do an awesome job sorting the school's paper waste each week. This ties in perfectly with our sustainability focus this term, where we'll be transforming paper waste into beautiful arts and crafts. We can't wait to get creative!



## Room 13

### Room 13's Garden Project

This term, Room 13 has been hard at work making plans to transform our garden. Our goal is to create a space that is not only a thriving garden but also a relaxing and calming place for everyone to enjoy.

We've been very busy with a number of projects so far: planting seeds, worm farms, and planning.

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**