

Mangatawhiri School Newsletter 2021



Responsibility ~ Haepapa, Respect ~ Whakaute, Resilience ~ Aumangea It's the Mangatawhiri Way
"In life we learn in school we nurture the spirit for life" STRIVE ON

13th September 2021

Dear Parents & Community Members,
Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

I had a very busy end to the week with calls for interviews by Stuff News and Radio New Zealand. If you have managed to catch these interviews you will have noted that I have thanked our community for the support they have shown our school as we operate a Level 4 / Level 2 divide.

From our roll of 220 students, 96 live within Level 2, 124 live within Level 4. Of our 12 full time teaching staff, 4 live in Level 2 and 8 live in Level 4.

I am VERY grateful for those Level 2 parents who are continuing to keep their children at home. Please understand that children who are coming to school (currently 21 students) are doing the same on line learning as all our students at home. School is far from normal here. I have even shifted house to stay with Tracey & John Schumacher so I can access school, so I too am frustrated with the divide. (Although the dinners at the Schu's are always top class!).

Today's announcement will (hopefully) provide more clarity around next steps. But for us this will also require us to be creative with the potential for Level 3 students of essential workers returning to school, as we will need to operate two separate bubbles of students.

I have re applied for staff exemptions for border passes again, so fingers crossed we can get more staff back to school as well. In the meantime, please communicate with us (via school text or office email) if your children are going to attend school as we need to make staffing arrangements accordingly while we are so limited with staff on site.

I know all our school staff want to acknowledge and thank *Tracey Schumacher, Cheryl McKinstry, Marilyn Millar and Hayley Vujcich* who are carrying the extra responsibilities of being on line teachers, in

class supervisors and caring for their own family needs. It is not an easy time for many, many people in our community. I will keep you informed should we be able to get more staff to school.

Please keep an eye out in your email boxes or Skool Loop for updates following the Government announcement.

Please note that Friday 17th September is our device free day, there will no on line Zoom classes or learning tasks posted to Seesaw.

Stay well.

Sharron Scouse

PRINCIPAL



COMMUNICATION DURING LOCKDOWN:



PLEASE
MAKE SURE YOU ARE CHECKING:
EMAILS SEESAW SKOOL LOOP
REGULARLY

***You may be missing key information
These are our main tools for communication***



14th September *Blake Blandford* turning 12
14th September *Brooklyn Wilson* turning 11
15th September *Avah Wilson* turning 11
15th September *Riley Shearer* turning 8
16th September *Lachlan Grant* turning 11
18th September *Carter Black* turning 9

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YOU DID IT! Congratulations



STUDENTS OF WEEK 7:



Room 1:



Flynn Gowdy

Consistent eagerness, effort and perseverance during lockdown.

Room 2:



Will Cockrell

For the huge amount of resilience shown during all of his Lockdown Learning but especially Cracking the Code.

Room 3:



Billie Devlin

Doing everything expected (and more) with her learning from home

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Alarich Morgan

Amazing job completing online learning and doing his own projects as well

Room 4:



Isabella Hawkes

Turning up to our zoom sessions each day with a big smile on her face, and going above and beyond with her online learning

Room 5:



Belle Yin

Amazing variety of learning task shared

Room 6:



Lucas Taylor

Taking responsibility for his Maths Learning, managing himself with the Maths Hub to further his learning

Room 7:



Braydee Devlin

For her continued dedication to lockdown learning and completion of all work to an exceptionally high level

Room 8:



Mackenzie Braid

Taking charge of her learning and pushing herself to complete all set tasks to a high standard Superstar!

Room 9:



Summer Lupeiki

For motivation with your learning. Completing tasks to a high standard and challenging yourself with your maths learning. Well done



Week 7 STAR Learners



Room 1:

Gabrielle Mullaly

A very special High Tea with big brother Cayden



Room 2:

Maddy Falkner

Maddy has been learning to sew and made a skirt for her doll



Room 3:

Phoebe Bodman

Invention Investigation

My Invention:

The Calculator

Invented by Blaise Pascal

He worked and lived in France

His early model

Today's models



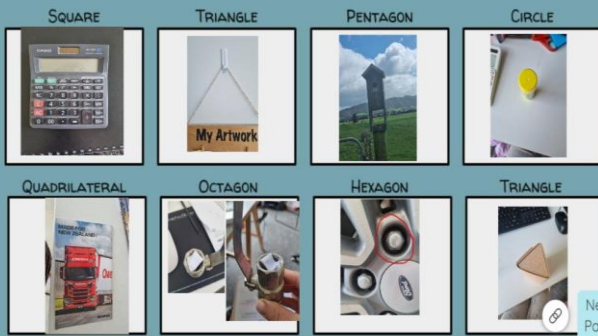
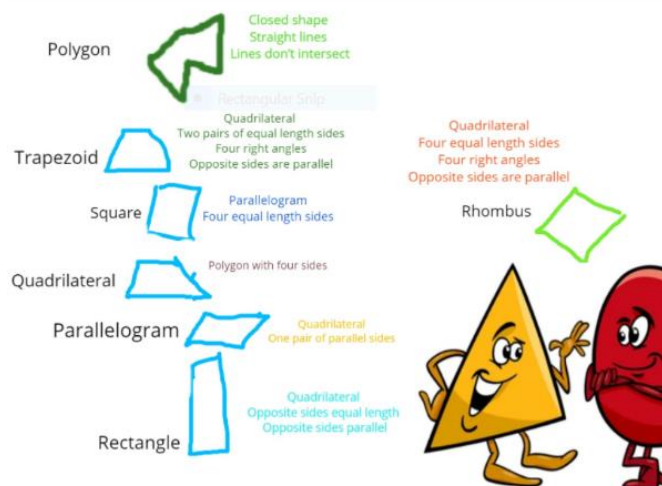
Room 4: Aleah van den Brink**Creative Geometry Learning**

IF YOU COULD BE ANY SHAPE, WHAT SHAPE WOULD YOU BE? WHY? WHAT WOULD BE YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO SPEND YOUR TIME?

I would be a Heart Shape. Because everyone loves to draw a heart. My favourite place to spend would be in cards to help make people feel happy

GEOMETRY PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Go on a scavenger hunt for items in your home or neighborhood to match the shapes listed below. Tap on the Camera & then Photo. Take a photo of the item you found. Resize the image and drag it to the matching box. Fill in all of the boxes.

**Room 5: Jax Walter****Learning in Geometry****Room 6: Houston Parry****Creative Story Writing**

One day Max the squirrel was hungry. He didn't have his own garden so he liked to steal from other squirrels. So he waited for a while until his aunt was gone. When she was gone he ran to the garden. He took some corn and some cabbages and put them in his little bag. When the bag was stacked he ran home and stuffed his face with crunchy cabbage and sweet yummy corn. Once all the cabbage and corn was gone he couldn't fit anything else in his little belly. An hour goes by and his aunt came home. She always checks her garden and never doesn't. He didn't know what to do and every time something has gone she knows it is him. So he went upstairs to hide under his bed to seem like he wasn't home. When he tried to get under his bed Max said "oh no, I can't fit under my bed I'm too fat, oh well I will hide in the cupboard". He could hear her stomping up the stairs calling out his name. "Max did you take my vegetables? Come out Max I know you're here! Hmm, he must be hiding, want to play hide and seek ay well I'm going to find ya!" He was breathing heavily through the gaps on his cupboard trying not to get found. First, she looked under the bed. It was good he couldn't fit otherwise he would have been dead. Then she looked at the cupboard. He could see her look at it. He remembered a hole that we didn't cover which leads him to under the deck and out through a little gate.

He got in and escaped the house. But Max's aunt saw him from the bedroom window she ran as fast as she could to catch him. He couldn't run fast cause of how much he had eaten. His mum and dad arrived and he ran right to them. Max's aunt told them what he did. They weren't impressed but they said we can make our own garden you don't have to steal. Max's aunt gave them some pumpkin seeds to grow as well as corn seeds Max said sorry and he won't do it again.

Room 7: Lucas Nixon**Acrostic Poem**

DIRT BIKES RIP ON TRACKS.

INDEED FUN, KAWASAKI, HONDA, KTM AND YAMAHA LOTS OF CHOICES.

RRACE AGAINST OTHER PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

TIMES TICKING, THE RACE IS ABOUT TO START.

BIKES ARE AMAZING, ALL KIND OF COLOURS AND SHAPES.

I LIKE HONDAS BECAUSE I'VE GOT ONE AND IT'S FUN.

KIDS LOVE THESE 2 WHEELED BEASTS, YOU CAN DO ALL KIND OF TRICKS LIKE A WHIP, BACK OR FRONT FLIP AND MANY MORE.

EVERYONE CAN HAVE ONE BUT MUST HAVE FULL GEAR AT ALL TIMES.

SOME PEOPLE GET SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN NOT WEARING GEAR, SO WEAR AND TAKE CARE.

Room 8: Sage Coulter
Creative Writing



EPISODE 2: DEFIANCE

Can we defy the odds and make NZ predator free by 2050? Are we in a RACE AGAINST TIME? HOW? We don't know the perfect answers yet. We need fresh young minds to come up with creative new ideas on HOW we can make this happen.

The 1080 idea is a good idea but it is taking a risk for some of the wildlife we are trying to protect because if they eat it that defeats the whole purpose of trying to save them because they could go extinct even quicker. I think we need more people trapping the predators.

I think that people have their heads in the clouds thinking that we will be predator free by 2050 because we can try killing them and trapping them but you can't stop them from breeding, however I think it is possible but we need more than 29 years.

I think we need to spread the word more about all of this because not many people are aware of how bad the situation is.

OPINION



Room 9: Aliyah Burns
Predator Free NZ

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I believe it is possible. I know we can do it. I know there is definitely the possibility of not completing this goal. But so what, having something to aim for is a really good thing. Trying to complete this involves killing pests and bringing our native species back. And I think this is what it is all about. Not the goal itself but the animals and environment.

I do think it is a race against time but I believe it is not more time we need but more more people taking action and fighting for the wild. The trapping seems to work really well although 1080 seems kind of risky. I had a good think about it and decided that even if some native birds eat the poison more of them die from pests and if it's killing lots of pest (even if we do lose a couple of kea along the way) it will actually be helping the kea's and other bird's population to rise.

I think maybe we could try shooting possums. I myself want to get into this so far I have only shot two bunnies. I searched up what rats don't like and it says rats don't like peppermint, I don't know if this applies to the ship rat and the norway rat. But if it does, maybe we could place peppermint near the Kiwi, Kaka, Kea's and other bird's nests.

**OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FROM
LOCKDOWN LEARNING**



Liam Tukiri Creative Writing

One hot day a group went on a safari in Africa. They saw some crocodiles sunbathing so they got closer and closer to try to get a good photo. The two hippos came up and out of the water to go and sit in the mud while they were in the mud the crocodiles went into their territory. The hippos got up and tried to attack the crocodiles. One of the hippos tried to bite one of the crocodiles but he missed and bit the other hippo in the bum. The group on the safari took a lot of photos then the hippos saw them and charged at them but luckily the hippos were too slow and everyone lived a good happy life.

Riley Koppens Perspective Art



Harper Cullen Invention Investigation

1:

Telephone

**Alexander
Graham Bell
invented the
telephone
june 1879**

**it was invented
in Salem,
Massachusetts**



Luka de Vries Invention Investigation

My Invention:

pencil

**Who:
Nicholas
Jaques
Conrad**

1795

France



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ROOM 9 THEN & NOW

Lauren Adams



Sadie Cockrell



Arisah Ram



Ben Jolly



Olivia Devlin



Romie Martin



Evie Taylor



Aliyah Burns



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