



# FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter No 8: 5th July 2019

Dear Parent / Caregiver,  
A warm welcome to our new students and families: Lorryna, Athayla and Emerald.

### FAREWELL

Today we said farewell to two of our teachers. Ms Whittaker has gained a leadership role at Whitiora School and Whaea Toni has secured a position at Insoll School. We thank both of them for everything they have contributed to our school and community and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.



### PARENT DISCUSSIONS

Thanks to our parents/caregivers who came along to parent discussions. If you were unable to come, please do not hesitate to meet with the class teacher at another mutually agreed time. Congratulations to Kat Gamble who was the lucky draw winner in our \$100.00 grocery voucher giveaway.

### SENIOR CLASSES OVERNIGHT TRIP TO ROTORUA

**Thursday 19th - Friday 20th September**

Students will be staying at Kenswick Christian Camp. Activities will include a visit to the Buried Village, Redwoods—Whakarewarewa Forest and much more.

It is fantastic to see a number of students have already fully paid their trip and others have begun making payments. Even though this seems a long way away, the date will creep up quickly and we encourage you to start making payments.

The cost for the overnight trip is \$45.00 which is heavily subsidised.



Room 8 students have been exploring paragraphs. The following two pieces of writing are exceptional examples of their learning.

#### *The Snow Leopard*

The snow leopard is a big cat that lives in China and in the rocky mountains around the world.

The snow leopard is a fluffy and solid big cat. It looks like a small tiger with a leopard coat. It has green or grey eyes for camouflage. Their fluffy looking coat is for keeping themselves warm in the snow. Their long tail is for balance and when it's too cold they wrap their tails around their body like a scarf. Their babies have darker black spots than their mum.

The snow leopard can jump up to nine metres. They are active at dawn and dusk. They stalk their prey and wait for the time to ambush. They attack their prey three times bigger than their own size.

They give birth to up to five cubs each time. When they are one and a half years old the cubs can leave their mum. The male snow leopards pee for their territory and they need eighty miles for their territory.

The interesting thing about snow leopards are that they live twenty years in captivity and thirty years in the wild. The good thing about them being in the zoo is that they get fed more and live more years, but the bad thing is that they look like they want to escape in their cage. In the wild they can run far and be happy in their group and feed on fresh animals, but the bad thing is that are lots of predators out in the wild.



I want them to be in the zoo because they can't die by predators. They can eat more and breed peacefully, and no cubs get hurt.  
*Report by Gabriel Datu*

#### *Mitai and Matariki*

Mitai and his seven brothers lived in a village called Maketu. Mitai was very handsome and so were his brothers. All the girls loved them, but they got rejected. Their oldest brother was called Rongonui. Mitai had magical powers to turn into a bird and he could fly over a rainbow or two.

One day Mitai and his brothers went hunting when they came upon seven lovely ladies preening each other. They immediately fell in love so in a few weeks they got married. After they got married Mitai's brothers stopped working for themselves and became skinny and boney. Their good looks fading away. The wahine bewitched them. They were shockingly vain, and they were laughing evilly when no one was looking.

Mitai used his powers and turned into a Kereru and sneaked into their meeting. One by one they came out as Tiwaiwaka looking suspicious.

Mitai swiftly ran right back to the village warning his brothers what they were plotting about. He told them to make some nets to capture them. They then waited until they came back then 'boom' they captured them! Mitai used his magical powers to turn into an albatross and flew up to Uru, God of the stars.

Uru threw the seven shining ladies into the sky to shine once a year. That's what made Matariki come to life!

*Retold by Kotuku Nikora*



Congratulations to our Fairfield Bullets Basketball team who placed Runner Up in their section for the Term 2 Miniball league. Awesome team effort!

Enjoy the holiday break.  
Term 3 starts at 8:40am on  
Monday 22nd July.

## MORRINSVILLE NETBALL FESTIVAL

Our two senior netball teams - Fairfield Fever and Fairfield Ferns had a "big day out" at the Morrinsville Netball Festival last Sunday. It was great to have the opportunity to play against teams from schools as far away as Ngatea and Putaruru. In true Fairfield spirit all players gave it their all on court and thoroughly enjoyed the day. A big thank you to our volunteer umpires - Whaea Shannon and Cecilia who gave up their Sunday to accompany the teams and also to our fantastic whanau for all their support and positive sideline encouragement.



We have another Festival day which is to be held at the Hamilton City Netball Centre on Sunday 28th July and are hoping to take all 4 of our teams to this event.

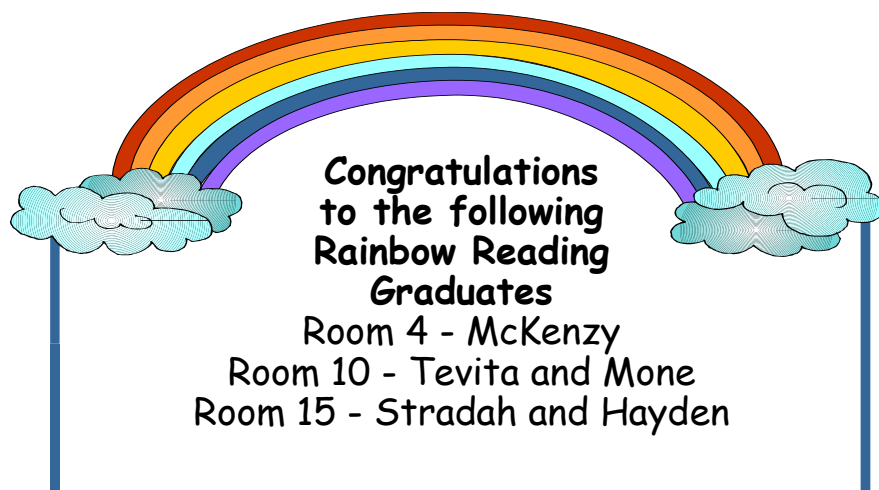
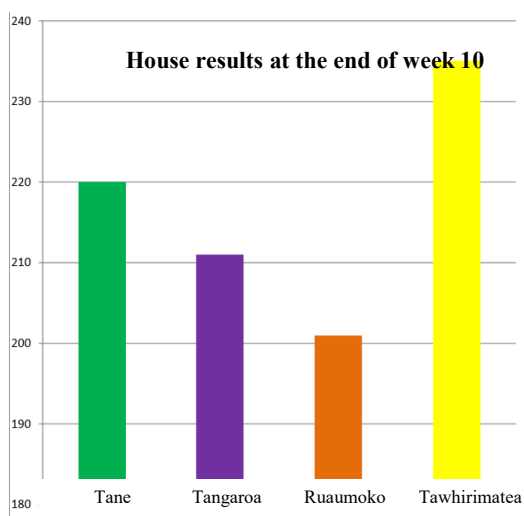
## KIDS HOLIDAY COMPETITION

### Scavenger Hunt

Here's a task to keep the kids occupied during the holidays. Find all of the following items and present them any way you like. e.g. As a poster, as a model, as an interesting shape, as a scrapbook....

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|--------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| egg shell          | 1 drinking straw           | 1 hair clip                                      | 1 ice block stick     |
| 3 different leaves | 1 ticket (e.g. bus, movie) | 3 rubber bands                                   | 2 small stones        |
| 2 barcodes         | a maori design             | a bottle top                                     | a used envelope       |
| 2 lollies          | empty toothpaste tube      | a business card                                  | a piece of string     |
| grains of rice     | part of a cereal packet    | a drawing of your teacher                        | part of a milk bottle |
| A bread bag        | a photo of yourself        | your name written or coloured in rainbow colours |                       |

**Bring your completed entries to the school office no later than Friday 26th July. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entries.**



Kind regards

**Rob Newton  
 ACTING PRINCIPAL**

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