

MISSION

*We will achieve our
personal best in a
happy, supportive
environment.
Ka tutuki e tatou katoa i
roto i te wairua*

Newsletter

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Cover Art

This is my haunted house. First I drew a draft and then I copied it onto a big piece of paper. We had to go over it with crayon and then we dyed it. *By Ariana-Jade Moke-Amotawa.*

Dear Parents / Caregivers

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

We have only received requests for Student Led Conferences from 30% of our parents. This is extremely disappointing. Please support your child's learning by making a time to come and hear about what they are learning and how well they are doing at school.

CHICKEN POX

We have had several cases of chicken pox. This is a highly contagious disease so please keep an eye out for any symptoms. Some information about it is:

- One bout of chicken pox will give you immunity from the disease again. However, it remains in the body and can be re-activated as shingles.
- Initial symptoms include fatigue, a mild fever, lack of appetite and a feeling of being generally unwell.
- This is quickly followed (usually within 24 hours) by a red rash, which appears on the chest and/or back first.
- 12 – 24 hours later the rash will turn into small red spots which will then turn into yellow blisters which burst and dry up about 3-4 days after they appear.
- Fully recovery usually takes 7-10 days after the symptoms first appear.
- The virus is spread in droplets of saliva in the air or by direct contact with the fluid from the blisters of the infected person. Coughing and sneezing are the most common forms of transmission.
- Once infection with the virus has occurred, the incubation period (the time until the symptoms first appear) is between 10 and 21 days).
- The person is infectious from 2 days before the rash first appears until after the final crop of blisters have formed scabs.

Treatment is rest, pain relief such as paracetamol and calamine for the itching,

SPORTS CORNER

Touch

Sportsmanship - conduct considered fitting for a sportsperson, including observance of the rules of fair play, respect for others, and graciousness in losing.

This is important for all children to exhibit and it would be really nice if others learnt what sportsmanship is all about too. Here's hoping that the opposition tonight show this value.

Last week the opposing team showed they had been playing touch for a while. However, this did not deter our team as their commitment to keep trying became more noticeable. Our team didn't let anyone put them off, whether they were laughed at or whether sportsmanship was lacking. Winning or losing is not everything; it is whether you enjoyed doing what you were doing, I know it's nice to win but we must always have a winner and a loser. Our 'Player of the Game', was Isaiah Hood. Ka pai Isaiah.

Once I have received the draw for this week's game, I will let the children know the time of their game.

Flippaball

On Tuesday we played Flippaball at the Aquatic Centre. It was a really fun games. We played against Ngongotaha and we won 10 – 8. *By Nikita Monk.*

There is **NO** Flippaball next Tuesday, due to the Easter Break.

NETBALL

Our Netball girls have been registered to take part in the afternoon with our WBOP Netball team. As you can see from the timetable they are sure going to have some fun. This will take place on Saturday 16 April.

1.45pm	WBOP Magic team share a sausage sizzle with the players
2.-2.45pm	WBOP Magic and Academy players at netball stations
2.45-3.00pm	Autographs, photos, selfies
3.00pm	WBOP Magic team depart



MIGS IN MOTION CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6.30—8.00pm

Starting 1 April, we invite you and your whanau to come and explore our amazing facility. We have Olympic size trampolines, 25mTumble track, Crash mats, Bars, Rings, Ropes, Balance beams. Spend 90 minutes running, climbing, jumping, skipping and hanging out with the kids in a fun filled safe, indoor space, which is supervised by our friendly, trained and experienced staff. MIGS is a great space for young and old to socialize and have fun together. Adults are free; kids are \$5.00 each paid, and signed in by adults at the front desk.

FLAG REFERENDUM

Resources were sent out to all schools who wished to take part in the flag referendum voting project. This project taught our students about the history of our flag, the components of the flag and about voting. Our votes have been collected and counted and are:

The current N.Z flag 61 votes

The proposed flag 56 votes

We will compare the national results with ours once they are published.

ASSEMBLY

There is no assembly this week as it is Good Friday. Our next assembly will be on Friday 1 April (April Fools Day) and will be hosted by Room 5 and Matua Clayton. We hope you can join us at 12pm in the hall.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board of Trustees will meet tomorrow, Thursday, at 6:00pm in the meeting room. All are welcome to attend. If you are considering being nominated for the Board in the June elections, you may like to come along and observe a meeting in action.

SPCA VISITS

Here are some of the students from Room 1 & 4 greeting Shadrock the dog.



Our trip to the SPCA

As soon as we went in, we met Matua Geoff who worked at the SPCA. He took Room 7 into a room where we met a guinea pig whose name was Charlotte. We learnt about dog safety but first he asked "Who has pets at home?" and lots of us had dogs. One of the dog safety rules was to be a tree. Matua Jeff asked anyone if they wanted to hold the guinea pig and heaps of us put our hands up but Matua Geoff chose RJ. Matua Geoff asked Alex if she could get her friend who was a dog. His name was Shaddy. When Alex came back we had to see if we could still remember one of the dog safety rules.

Shaddy was a friendly dog but it was not so long after that that we went to look at the cats and kittens. One of them looked like Faith and Nikita's kitten. They were all so cute but I really liked this cute fluffy little kitten. There were heaps of cats and kittens. There were about five to eight cats or kittens in each room. Then it was time to go so we all said "bye Matua Geoff". After Taiwhakaea gave a thank you speech we were in the vans and back to school.

I really liked going there and hope that we can go visiting there again. *By Maraea Paul*

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student-led conferences are a time when your child talks to you about their learning and achievement. They will be held on **Wednesday 6 April from 3.15pm until 7.45pm.**

Please make a time to come to school to hear what your child has to say about their learning, to look at their learning environment and the work they have on display in their classroom, and to talk to the class teacher.

This is a valuable learning opportunity for your child. Please support their learning by completing the slip below.

- Use one form per family. Or text 027 2486285 to book a time.
- Write your child's name and class beside the time you want to **start** each conference.
- Remember to allow approximately 20 - 25 minutes for each conference so you can hear what your child has to say and have time to talk to their teacher.

FAMILY NAME: _____

Wednesday 6 April	
3.15	
3.30	
3.45	
4.00	
4.15	
4.30	
4.45	
5:00	
5.15	
DINNER BREAK	
6.15	
6.30	
6.45	
7.00	
7.15	
7.30	

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Homedale Kindergarten

Homedale Kindergarten has spaces available. Phone 348 9035 or pop down and see Di and the team at 50 Homedale Street.

Agrodome Colouring Competition

The Agrodome is running an Easter colouring competition – every entry gets a free ticket to see the legendary Agrodome Farm Show. We would love to give all our local children the chance to enter and get a free ticket to see the show. Children can download it via our website – www.agrodome.co.nz/easter.

HEART FOUNDATION SNIPPET

Jasmine from The Heart Foundation sends us little snippets and recipes from time to time. You might like to try this one at home over the Easter break.



EASTER PIZZA



You need

- 6 wholemeal pita breads
- 2 Tbsp tomato paste
- Vegetables of your choice, sliced
- ½ cup grated Edam cheese

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C
2. Lay pita breads out on a baking tray
3. Spread tomato paste evenly over pita bread, then sprinkle with cheese
4. Place sliced vegetables in patterns on pita bread
5. Bake for approximately 15 minutes or until lightly browned

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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Keanu Tawera	R.1	For being responsible and keeping our class tidy.
Bonnie Peipi-Allen	R.4	For excellence in everything she undertakes.
Krylan Hihi-Edmonds	R. 6	For displaying excellent work habits and behaviour.
Shikarna Sharp	R.5	For your caring and responsible attitude.
Jayden Amai-Kara	R.11	For always using manners and just being a pleasant member of Room 11
Terangi Kingi	R.7	For his improved effort, attitude and leadership skills.
Rain-Maree Tito	Playground Power Award	For helping a friend.
Thomas Rae	Playground Power Award	For helping a friend.

COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 24 March	B.o.T Meeting
Friday 25 – Tuesday 29 March	School Closed - Easter
Wednesday 6 April	Student Led Conferences
Friday 15 April	Wheels Day School Finishes
Monday 2 May	Term Two Begins

FOCUS VALUE FOR TERM 1 - Responsibility

