



Moerewa School

TE KARERE O TE KURA

11 April 2018

Kia ora Whanau,

As we approach the end of Term 1 we think back to our successes this term.

Most recently we had 21 students take part in the **Weetbix Tryathlon** at Waitangi, and as you will hear from Jethro and Lewis, fun was had by all.

We trained hard all of Term 1 to prepare ourselves for on the day, and the hard work paid off. Within a half hour of finishing their race, most of our athletes were ready to go again!



Early in Term 2 is **Road Safety Week**. We will be taking this opportunity to remind our students and their whanau of the importance of keeping ourselves safe on the road, especially when we are riding a bike.

There has been a rule at Moerewa School dating back nearly 10 years that says our children **must** wear a helmet if they are going to ride their bike to and from school.

It is the law, and more importantly, cycle helmets can save lives. Cycle helmets can be purchased from the Warehouse for as little as \$7, a small price to pay to keep our tamariki safe.

From next term we will be re-insisting that this happen and if your child refuses to wear a helmet we expect you to support us telling your child they can not ride to school without one.

We will also be teaching them how wearing bright colours while cycling helps drivers to see you and further reduces the risk of accident. We will also have a "Wear Bright Colours to School" mufti day.

There will be prizes and giveaways to reinforce this positive message.

Finally, **our school Facebook page**. We sent out a questionnaire recently as we felt this could really improve our communication with parents quickly and more easily.

Many other schools had spoken to me about the ease of letting their parents know what was happening in the school and the positive comments by far outweighed the negative.

Approximately 80% of respondents said YES to a school facebook page, but this dropped to around 60% when asked should we post photos of the children engaged in learning activities (either at school or on trips).

So as the majority said YES we will proceed with setting this up. If you do not want photos of your child posted please let the office know and we will try to the best of our ability to ensure this does not happen.

If it does accidentally happen, please contact us promptly as it is a very quick solution to remove a photo from a posting.

The only authorised people to post to the page will be our school staff. Any offensive comments will be promptly deleted. The purpose of the page will be **to inform**, it will NOT replace our usual complaints processes.

Nga mihi whanau,
Jason Tane

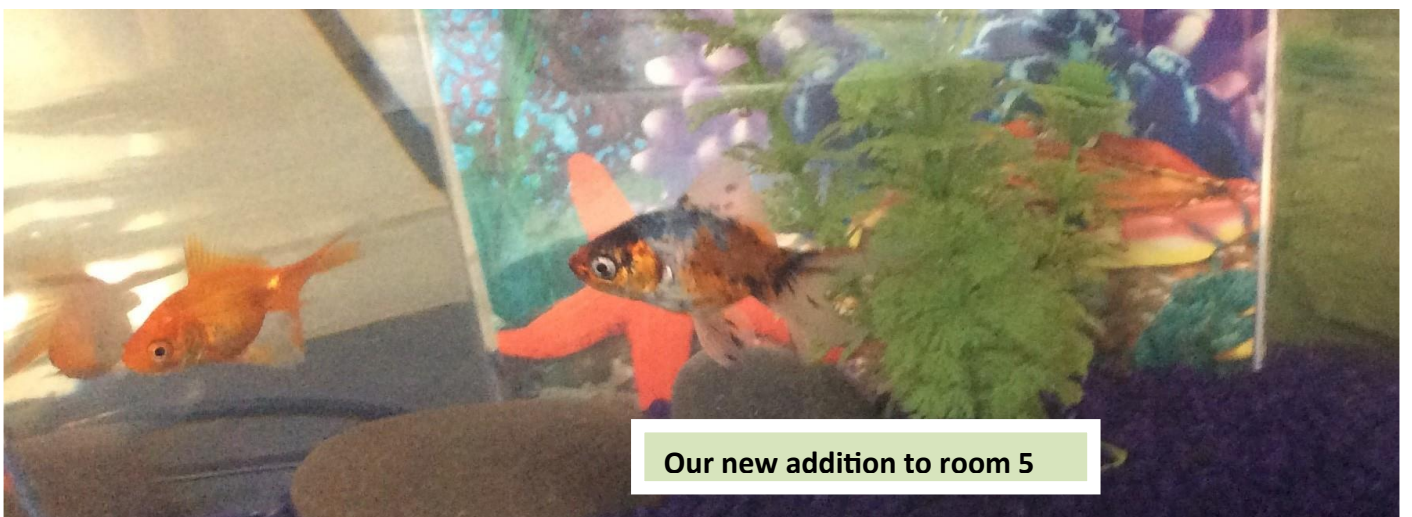
Room 5 had an early visit from the Easter bunny!



Room 5 planting out Iris bulbs on their garden



Our new addition to room 5



Room 5 made Easter masks



Room 5 carrot seeds



Whanau Ra

In Room 14 we have been learning how plastic effects the sea and sea life and so we decided to make a shopping bag with a message on it so the whanau can use it instead.

We have been learning how plastic in the ocean is killing our sea life and to encourage our whanau not to use plastic shopping bags. Did know that turtles think some plastics are food?

I made this bag so we can put our shopping in it instead of using plastic bags. By Alex

I made my bag for Aunty to take to the shops so she doesn't use plastic bags. By Hori Hau

If you use plastic bags the sea turtles will die because the bags could end up in the ocean and they get tangled up in the pollution. By Reggae



Zak also wanted to know how bees make honey and this is a picture of Zak eating a honey comb. The wax is white and can be used for making candles. The honey is made from nectar and pollen that the bees collect. Please don't spray near bees because they pollinate the flowers that give us food.

Billie tells us that bees do different dances to send messages to the others in the hive.



Swimming Room 14 & 16



Weetbix Kids Tryathlon (Last weekend)

What was your favourite thing about the day? *Biking and I won pens, bottles, balls and highlighters - Jethro*

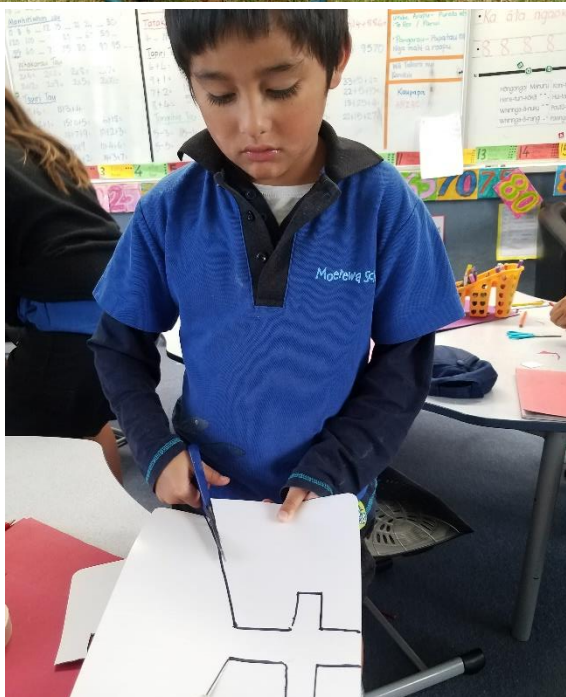
Swimming and I won 10 water bottles, stickers, 4 pens and 5 balls and a highlighter - Lewis

Do you think you will do it next year? *Yep!!! (from both)*



Whanau Kopunui

Whanau Kopunui has been planting seeds donated for our School community garden. We have grown them in the warmth of our classrooms, potted in to ice cream containers and now eagerly await the opportunity to transfer these seedlings into our School Community Garden. Big mihi to all those whanau who came along to tautoko our Maarakai working bee. Your efforts will be seen well into the future. Your community thanks you.

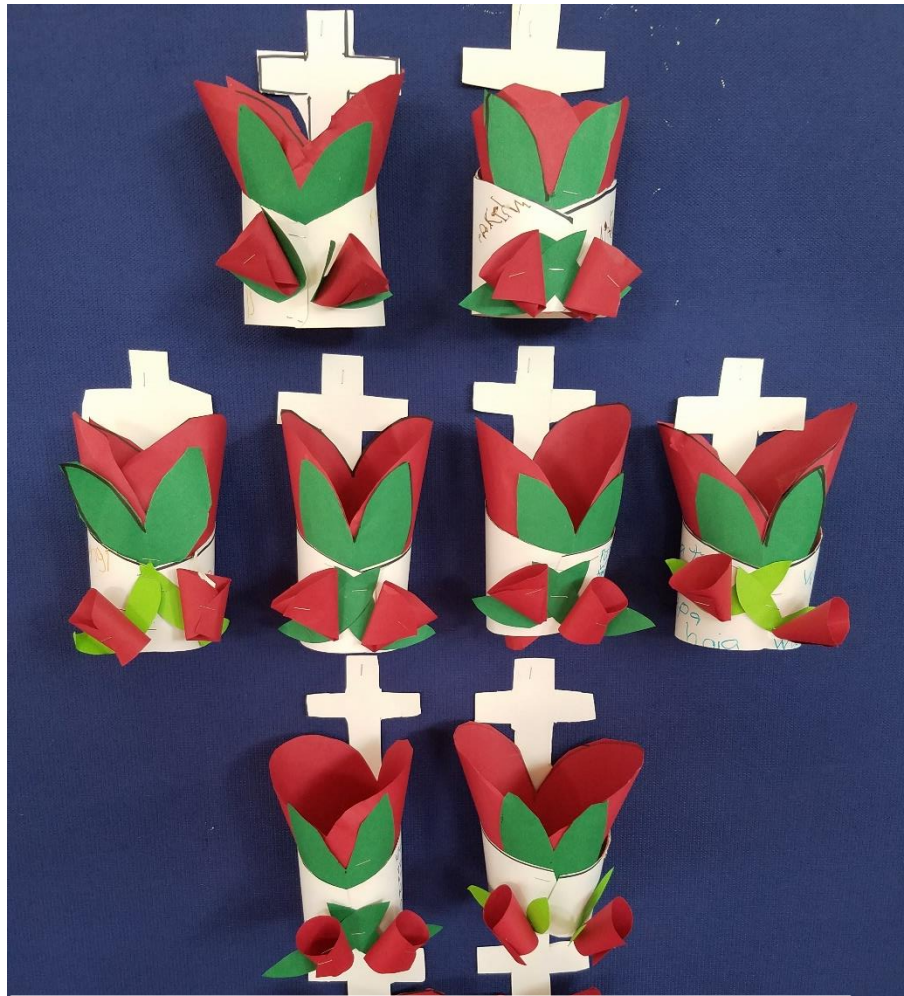


Conrad cutting out his cross for his ANZAC stand



Jacquii cutting out his cross for his ANZAC stand

The ANZAC stands Room 9 made



WHANAU KOPUNUI

Tena koutou whanau,

He whakamahara tenei ki wa matou whanau kua ngaro atu ki tua i te arai i tata ake nei. Kore rawa matou ko te wareware.

He mihi nui tenei ki nga whanau e kaha ana ki te awhi i wa matou tamariki, me wetahi o wa matou mahi pena i nga Cake Stall, nga haerenga ki te kaukau i te kareti, te mahinga i te kura mo te hapori, to matou hui a kura, nga kuia me wetahi kaiawhi i roto i nga akomanga.

We look forward to the end of Term 1, the holidays and onto Term 2.

Anita, Marg



Room 9 Remembering ANZAC DAY



Kopunui participating in trust activities this term, working together and helping each other.

Whanau Matariki would like to thank all those who donated easter eggs for our hamper. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help greatly with our trip costs.

Congratulations to the winners

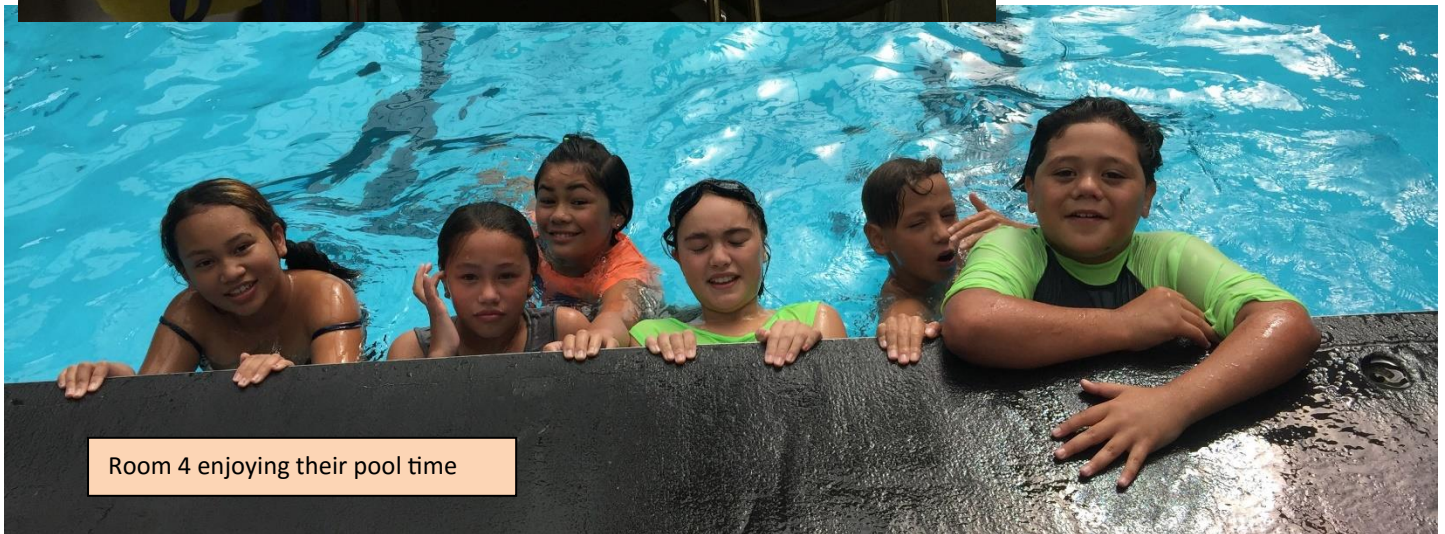
- 1st – Myrene and Emmit
- 2nd – Matini
- 3rd – Matua Jason
- 4th – Cassie
- 5th – Betty Whyte
- 6th – Ezra Tautari
- 7th – Betty Whyte
- 8th – Hawk.



Check out the hamper table. Whanau were so generous.



Emmit was certainly one happy boy



Room 4 enjoying their pool time

FABULOUS EASTER WEEKEND.

LAST WEEK MY FAMILY AND I HAD A SATISFYING EASTER HUNT TO CELEBRATE EASTER WEEKEND AT OUR HOUSE. MY MUM , DAD AND SISTER TYLER HID ALL OF OUR EASTER EGGS.THEY MADE RIDDLES AND WE HAD TO SOLVE THE RIDDLES TO FIND OUR EASTER EGGS .WE HAD SO MUCH FUN .I FOUND MY FIRST BUNNY YAY I “SCREAMED”!.AFTER I FOUND MY FIRST ONE I WAS ON FIRE AND FOUND THEM ALL .I ATE SO MUCH CHOCOLATE I WAS HYPO TILL THE NEXT DAY .I WOKE UP IN THE MORNING AND I WAS SAD BECAUSE EASTER WAS OVER BUT I STILL HAD A FUN DAY.

BY BAILEE NANKIVELL. Room 4

Moerewa School Swimming Day



Whanau Marama

Over the term, our goal was to develop relationships and our leadership skills.

Our students have been swimming every other week with Whanau Ra to build their skills for our School swimming sports.

They have also organized and run Tabloid sport. Playing games like long ball, rounders, bat down, spider cricket, netball and relays to develop our teina skills.

pThey also helped in setting up our Te Maara Kai o te hapori o te kura o Moerewa. (our community garden) supporting the kaupapa and Matua Wylie.

A group of our students; Kreedynce, Mizaarn, Kiro, Tiari, Phoenix and Thomas attended a Police Blue Light camp at Lonsdale park, where they showed themselves to be *extremely engaged, respectful and natural leaders*. *The staff were overwhelmed with how they conducted themselves*.

This weekend another group of students will also take part in a community project to paint the Kawakawa Police Station.

Our class has developed great relationships with each other and are beginning to form new relationships within our school and outside in our community.

Newsletter Prize

Matua Jason has said that there will be a really cool prize at the end of each term drawn from the number of signed and returned newsletter slips, so please once you have read the newsletter sign and give to your child to return to school. Doing this for every newsletter that goes home in the term will increase their chances of winning but we do ask that you read the newsletters first please.

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I, (caregiver) have read the newsletter and would like my children _____ to be included in the prize draw at the end of term.

Signed _____ Date _____

Caregiver

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