

Newsletter

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Tumuaki's Report

Kia ora koutou,



Short week, short days and shortage of staff would be the description for the week. You will be aware that in addition to rostering home this week, we also had to have our Years 7&8's work from home due to staff absence and a lack of relief staff. On a positive note, it is really good to welcome Mrs. Bellerby back after her surgery.

Next week the Year 10 and 11 students will be sitting their NCEA common assessment tasks in reading writing and maths. This is an assessment under the new system for literacy and numeracy. We wish our students well for these examinations.

We wish the Ripa Rugby team who are entered into the Marlborough Tournament on the 13th of June well. On Wednesday 14th June, a number of students are attending a Future Work Expo in Blenheim, run by the Graeme Dingle Foundation. This is a great opportunity to see what might be around for future employment.

Congratulations to Elliot Hatcher and Elina Lilburn-Goodwin who will be joining eight other students from Murchison, Karama, and Tapawera on the Spirit NZ, as a TOSI team. There is one clear challenge of this exciting 5 Day voyage – win the coveted Spirit trophy! Schools from around the country send teams of Year 10 students (10 from each school plus a teacher) to compete against three other schools for the bragging rights of winning the Spirit trophy.

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As team participants, students will enjoy a learning experience like no other that guarantees challenge, adventure, creativity, and reward. Activities in the programme include ship-handling, teamwork, problem-solving, debating, and water sports (in and on the water). Teams also go ashore and complete tasks against each other and enjoy competitive games that involve ingenuity, leadership, and fun. We wish Elliot and Elina well and look forward to hearing from them after the trip.

The Leos have been working hard in preparation for their annual Quiz night on the 24th of June. Tickets are \$10 each. Ella has been working hard to get sponsorship and has some amazing prizes. So get your teams entered.

Our teachers are currently working on mid-year reports, these will be available at the end of term. I would encourage you to contact your child's teacher and make time to talk if you have any questions or concerns.

Noho ora mai
Maree



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Calendar Dates

Leo Quiz Night | Millers Rest

Saturday 24th June - 6:30pm

Pelorus Youth Night 12 upwards RV Fire Station

30th June - 6pm to 8pm

RVAS BOT Meeting | Library

Monday 26th June - 5:45pm



After School care is back this year.
For bookings and enquiries contact
Renee Jope on 027 775 0083.
It will be based out of the library again.
Rates are \$5 per child per hour





Greetings Everyone

So great to have such sunny weather this week and great to welcome Mrs Bellerby back to school after her recent absence.

Next week, we look forward to, is a Rippa Rugby Tournament in Blenheim on Tuesday 13th June. Thirteen students from Years 4-6 will be attending with Mrs Massey. We wish them all the best.

Teachers all over the school are busy writing reports at the moment. For the primary students these will come out to you in the last week of the term. The teachers will be reporting to the goals your children made at the beginning of the year for their learning.

Don't forget to come along and watch your children have a fun learning time with the Kiwi Can team on Friday, in the library.

There is a lot of clothing and lost property lying around school at the moment. Please ask your children to check and please ensure their name is on their clothing, especially their gumboots.

Production practise with singing, kapa haka, set design and construction continues for all of Primary and the Year 7-8's who are helping out with designing at this point. Reminder you for your calendar, this will be on 15th November. A reminder also that our Pet Day events will be earlier this year, on 13-14th September, Week 9 of Term 3.

Coming up also is our annual Cross Country event here at school followed by the Pelorus Challenge and also the Marlborough Schools for our dedicated runners. Time to get some training in. Dates will be confirmed for you soon.

Nga Mihi

Karen Davies and the primary team.

KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLUB

for 8 to 12 year olds with local artist Paula Kerslake



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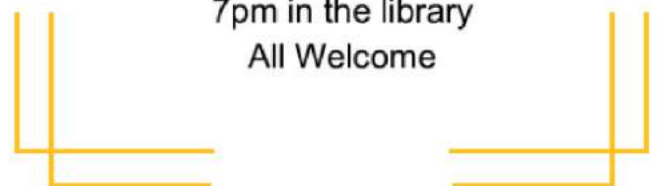
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WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE

7pm in the library

All Welcome



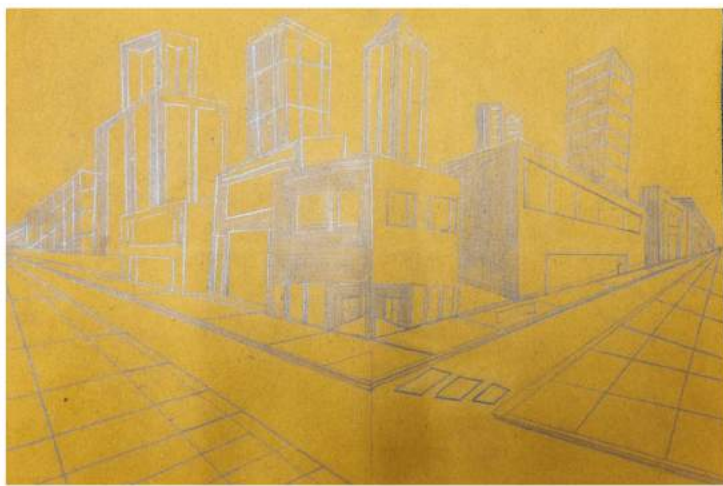
(Piwakawaka) has been learning about early settlers to New Zealand and in particular the story of Kupe and the giant wheke (octopus). Kupe's fight with the giant creature brought him to the shores of Aotearoa after his wife spotted a long white cloud. During assembly last week they put on a little play of the story for Rooms 12 and 13. They had great fun making the props and performing it. Here are some photos of the event.





Year 9 Art - with Ms Wiesner

"Two City in Two Perspectives"
by Tessa Zillwood

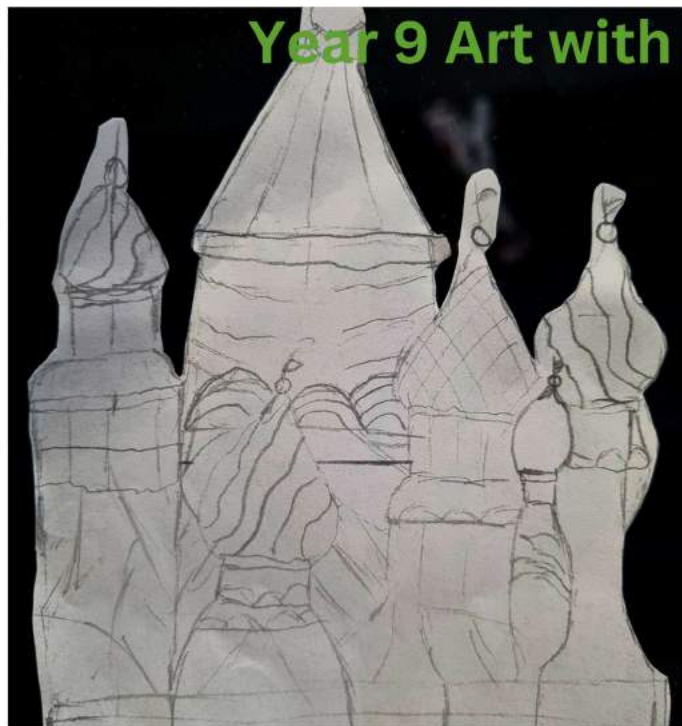


"Octopus"
by Brooke Dow



"La Tour Eiffel"
by Bella Hickson

"St. Basil's Cathedral"
by Hope - Ann Hunter



Year 9 Art with Ms. Wiesner



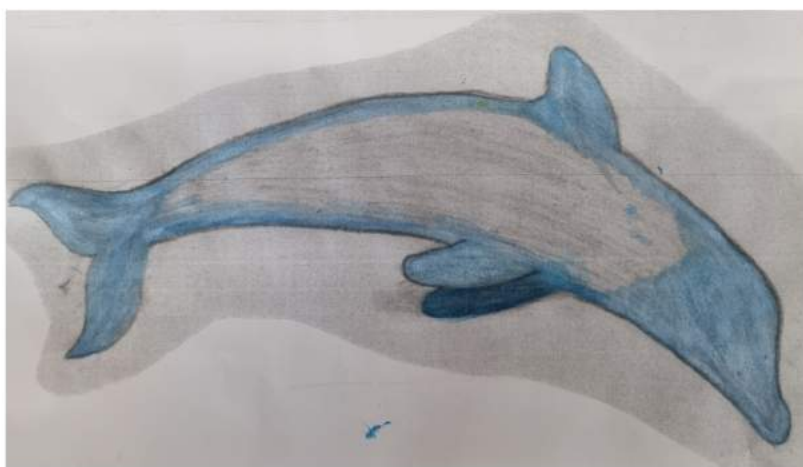


Year 9 Art - with Ms Wiesner

"Face - Picasso Style"
by Cooper Knight



"Watercolour Dolphin"
by Rhyder Dearman



"Kereru - NZ Woodpigeon"
by Jackson Jenner



"Abstract Expressive"
by Bella Hickson





Year 9 Art - with Ms Wiesner



Watercolour
"Terra's Two Birds"
by Terra Rossiter



"Rose"
by Tasmyn Thame

"Ana's Bird"
by Ana Harrison



Watercolour
"Yellow Digger"
by Jackson Jenner



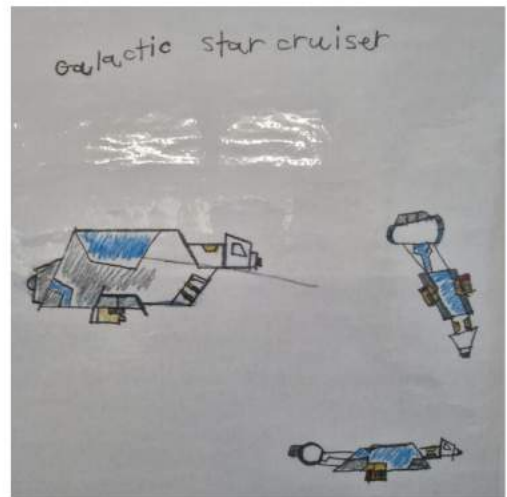


Year 10 Art - with Ms Wiesner



"Sijujian Warrior"
by Lawrence Stuart

"Galactic Star Cruiser"
by Lawrence Stuart



"Looking Up"
by Keira Illsley





"Stranded on an Island"

The Waves were crashing against the boat we thought we had control but we didn't. Suddenly we crashed.



Me, Sam and Harry woke up on the beach wondering where we were. Right behind us there was an old shed.

We all got up and slowly crept over to the shed. We looked through the window and there was no one in there. We went into the shed and there were lots of guns, knives, bombs and ammo.



I found some caught a next morning stuff and went make a raft to I shot it. It was killed it and



fishing line and a nice stick so I made a fishing rod. I couple fish for dinner. We cooked it up and ate it. The it was really nice and sunny and we packed up our looking around the island for stuff that we could sail home. Before we started walking I saw a deer and up a hill so it took a while to get to. When we did we gutted it.

After walking for a couple of hours we found another boat and it looked like it had got caught in the same storm as us. We thought there might be more survivors on the island so we went out looking for anyone. We found no one.



After a whole day of looking. We went back to the wreckage on the boat. When we got back we fixed the boat up so we could sail away the next day. We got some rest before we left the island. The next day we woke up to a beautiful sunny day and we chucked the stuff in the boat. We all pushed the boat into the water and jumped in the boat. We were off with a quick start. After a couple hours we made it back to New Zealand.

By Sinclair Couper

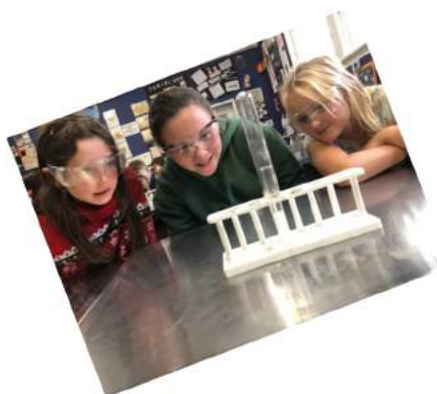




More Science with 5 and 6

The 5 and 6's come into Science on Thursdays. We have been looking at gases and this week we attempted to make some hydrogen. This was made by adding a piece of magnesium metal to a small amount of hydrochloric acid and capturing the hydrogen gas in a boiling tube held above the test tube. We achieved plenty of bubbles which was a good sign. As the reaction proceeded the metal got smaller and so the flammable hydrogen was ready to be ignited. Unfortunately the first 3 or 4 attempts were unsuccessful and the kids' faces looked rightly disappointed. Next thing Sophie's group got the largest pop test I have ever witnessed in my 20 years of Teaching! It was so impressive that Ms Kiddey almost dropped her phone with which she was taking photos. Check them out!

Mr Macdonald



Year 7 Cooking and Teamwork

Avani, Declan and Marno worked very well together as they made their own apple crumbles.



The class decided to use one sink to do a joint clean up – so they can save the Earth's resources and only use one sink of water and soap!

They worked together and decided one should wash, another should dry and the other would put the dishes away. What a team!

Everyone worked so well together to leave the kitchen clean and leave with their tasty





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**Come along to
Pelorus Youth
Night @ Rai Valley
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Friday 20th June
6pm - 8pm
12 years and over**

**QUIZ
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RVAS Leo Club fundraiser
24th June at 6:30 pm
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Key School Dates for 2023

Friday 30 th June	Term 2 Ends
Monday 17 th July	Term 3 Begins
Friday 22 nd September	Term 3 Ends
Monday 9 th October	Term 4 Begins
Monday 23 rd October	Labour Monday
Monday 30 th October	Marlborough Anniversary
Monday 6 th November	NCEA Examinations Start
December 10 th -14 th	Final week of Term 4 Last Day to be confirmed



Resilience *Taikaha*

Means coping
with challenges
and bouncing back.

THE KIWI CAN CORNER



Perseverance is all about keeping on doing something, or trying, even when it's hard. That "try, try again" attitude is an important part of resilience! In Kiwi Can we're learning more about what it means to persevere - and exploring how we respond to failure. When you see your child struggling at home with something this week, encourage them to imagine the end goal and see it through 😊

Conversation starters for this week:

- When you were learning to do something new (like learning to swim) - what would have happened if you gave up after your first try? What did it feel like when you finally learned how to do it?
- When we fail, is it the endpoint? Why is it important to be able to accept failure?
- If you were playing a game and you lost, what would be some strategies you could use to accept failure?



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