Newsletter Term 3 Wk 6 2024

Friday, 30th August 2024

Kia ora e te whānau.

Learning Support Awareness Day:

Yesterday - Thursday 29th August we celebrated 'International Support Awareness Day. At Pāuatahanui School our learning support are our amazing Learning Coaches - Vicki Jud, Donna Hegan, Mel O'Hagan and Jeni McEwen.

Joelle Clark and Eryn Street did a fantastic job of making sure these wonderful people were recognised for all of the work they do at our kura, working with lots of our children. As it was an awareness day as well as a celebration. I thought I would share some of the issues schools face concerning learning support.

- The number of children who would benefit from the support of a learning coach has increased over the past few years. Unfortunately, the funding streams available to employ quality learning coaches have not increased to either meet this demand or come close to meeting the demand.
- Our learning coaches do an amazing job, and their role is very diverse:
 - Assisting children with their learning as part of intervention groups in structured literacy and maths, both in and out of the classroom
 - Helping students learn through specialist programmes
 - Assisting the children to self-regulate so they can then access their learning better
 - Communication and liaising with teachers and whānau
 - o Emergency cleaning
 - Helping on school trips
 - Doing playground duty
- As a school, we access as much professional development as we can to upskill our learning coaches.
 Once again there is very limited or no funding available for this.

Pāuatahanui School is very lucky that we have such talented and amazing learning coaches and we appreciate everything they and I am sure you do as well.



Parumoana Swimming Sports:

The Parumoana swimming sports took place this week at Cannons Creek Pool:

- Tuesday Year 5 & 6 competition
- Wednesday Year 7 & 8 competition

Representing the Year 5 & 6 Pāuatahanui team was:

- Amelie Leaver
- Annabelle Ossont



- Elizabeth Exley
- Lawrence Wang
- Nova Parsons
- Paxton Hammond
- Phoebe Lang
- Sofia Layfield
- Toby Webster

The year 5 & 6 team should be so proud of their efforts. They competed amazingly and as a team placed 4th out of the 8 much larger schools competing. I would like to thank the parents who helped with transport; Charles Wang, Tanya Ossont and Sophie Khun-Hammond and a big thank you to Kirsten Lang who was the team manager for the event.

Representing the Year 7 & 8 Pāuatahanui team was:

- Bonnie Draper
- Ella Haughton
- Katelyn Exley
- Mackie Turei
- Mila Van Dalen

The year 7 & 8 team should also be proud of their efforts. They were a small team, making it even harder to compete with the bigger schools and some very talented swimmers. Thank you to Lisa Van Dalen for transporting the team and to Emma Woodward for being the team manager for the event

Ngā mihi Caine Webster - Principal principal@pauatahanui.school.nz

FROM THE OFFICE

These students were awarded with a Certificate in this week's junior assembly. Congratulations!



Aspen Connor B Isla Maddie M Zara Arlo M Sophie Declyn Oakley Carly Emma M



The board invites applications from whānau who live in the Pāuatahanui School zone who wish to enrol their children at Pāuatahanui School for 2025. Enrolment forms can be completed online via the school website - https://enrolments.linc-ed.com/apply/NZ/2953.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on the school website or at the school office.

The board will determine how many places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students in 2025 once all in zone applications have been received. The number of out of zone places available for 2025 will be published in the Kapi-Mana newspaper on Tuesday 24th September.

Caine Webster

Principal

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This is open to past and present Pāuatahanui students and staff. So please pass it on to anybody who might be interested.

Lucky Book Club orders



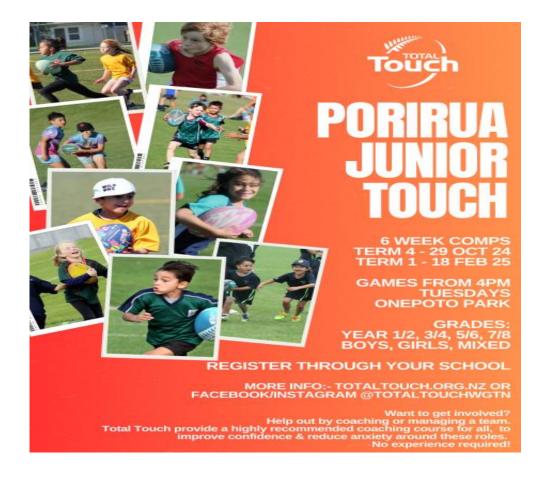
Orders for the latest scholastic book club issue are due by **Tuesday 3rd September** please.

Yummy Stickers

Keep saving the 'Yummy' stickers on your fruit to enable us to get some free sports gear for the school. We will notify you towards the end of this term when they need to be brought to school. You can either download a sticker sheet at www.yummyfruit.co.nz or pick a sheet up at the school office counter.



Porirua Junior Touch Competition



Keep an eye out for further details to follow in Hero, if your child is keen to be part of our school Touch team. Meantime, should you have any queries feel free to contact Kayleigh Peach (Room 1 teacher).

LAMB AND CALF DAY

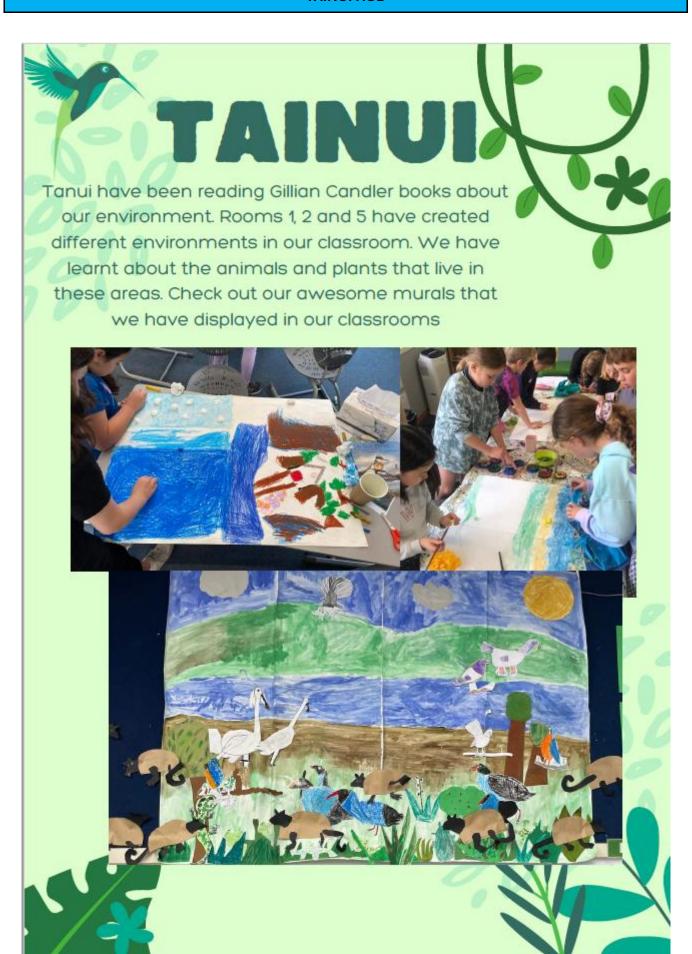


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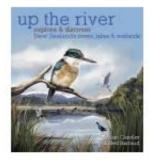
Lamb & Calf Day meeting on Tuesday (3rd of Sept) at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

Everyone welcome!!!











Raukawa

In Raukawa we have been investigating the amazing different habitats we have in New Zealand. Inspired by our visit from author Gillian Candler, we used her books to learn about the different creatures and features found in these places. We worked together to create collaborative pieces of art celebrating our environment.













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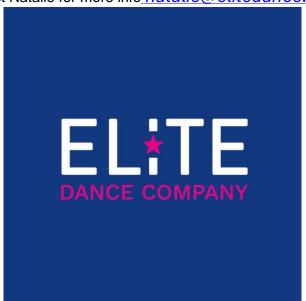
For our Inquiry this term we are making our own theme parks. Our theme parks have to be sustainable and based on New Zealand creatures and Wildlife. We have been making maps, rides, cafe's, mascots and rides on Minecraft. They are loads of fun and we have enjoyed designing and building our theme parks.







Contact Natalie for more info<u>natalie@elitedance.co.nz</u>



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