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Week 3, Term 3 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

**CONGRATULATIONS** on being Taniwha



Silver Medal winners in the Interschool Challenge Trophy!

We are so proud of all our students who ran and supported the annual Taniwha Challenge at Te Horo School last Friday. In all my years here, we have never been in the Top 3 for the Inter-school Trophy, but

that all changed last week. Four Gold Medals, one Bronze and so many amazing places. Fifteen runners in the top 10, with 5 more finishing in 10-15<sup>th</sup> place. Great achievements from everyone. Thank you, families and staff, for your support both with transport and on the day with our students. Thank you also to Sheryl for your great photography. Students who came to the day once again - AWESOME in the way you ran, and the way you supported each other, (and brought Mrs J cups of tea!) It was, as always, a great day, despite the rain! All that Fit K paid off!

AG Day in class activities are underway (I think we have taken on too much as per usual!) with a very different flavour this year. It is always nice to have new activities alongside the more traditional exhibits.

Room 4 is looking stunning, and we can't wait to get to use it. The autex is on the walls, and carpet is going down. It will soon be the best room in the school! On that note, we are now on the Small School's Improvement Package, which means we will have an audit around lighting, heating, air quality etc. After the audit we will receive updates to our inside environments.

**MATHS WEEK 2021:** We have had Maths Challenges for all levels out in the hallway this week. All correct answers for that day have been in a draw with a winner from each level. It has been great to see the students attempting multiple levels. Lots of conversation and thinking going on at the table, (maybe sharing of answers too!)

## How Old is Granny Puzzle?

Tom asked his Granny how old she was. answer, she replied:



Rather than giving him a straight

"I have 6 children, and there are 4 years between each one and the next. I had my first child (your Uncle Peter) when I was 19. Now the youngest one (your Auntie Jane) is 19 herself. That's all I'm telling you!"

How old is Tom's Granny?

Send your answers into school or email <a href="mailto:portischool@xtra.co.nz">portischool@xtra.co.nz</a> to enter a prize draw. Closes on Monday.

Answer in next week's newsletter.

**BETTER START LITERACY PROGRAMME:** The test results after 10 weeks are very positive and there has been some great progress made within this group of Junior students. Congratulations to the students, Mrs Booth and Mrs Grenfell for all your hard mahi / work.

We need to do a 'burn off' on the field of the rather large pile of 'rubbish' and vegetation. If there are any volunteers it would be much appreciated. All costs will be reimbursed. Will even supply lunch or morning and afternoon tea!

Mrs J (Principal)

**BOT SPOT:** - Next meeting is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021



## TANIWHA CHALLENGE -

RESULTS: Date for age is 1 January 2021 which is why we have 4-year olds.

1st: Ngahana: 4-year girls, Aran: 5 year boys, Marley: 5 year girls, Szaffi: 7 year girls

3rd: Lincoln-Blayze Siafa: 11-13 boys

4th: Jethro Imeson: 7-year boys, Lola Monos 10-year girls,

5th: TeAroha Cooper: 6-year girls,

6th: Kimberlee Cooper: 7-year girls

7th: Kingston Mills-Heremaia 6-year boys, Te Hina O'Leary 9-year girls,

9<sup>th</sup>: Roitana Shelford: 6-year boys, Kate Harmse 5-year girls, Aimi Morling 7-year girls, Sonny Kendall-Bercich 8year boys

12th: Andrew Fraser: 13th: Josh Chauhan: 14th: Cassidy Elliot, Jaydn Bryne, Emma Morling

16<sup>th</sup>: Tayla Creelman: 18<sup>th</sup> Oriwa Tipene: 28<sup>th</sup>: Puhi Nathan Alexis Harmse (sorry not sure of her placing)

For those that have qualified to enter at the WPSSA Barge Park cross country event on  $1^{\rm st}$  September a note is attached. Please complete and return to us if you would like your child to compete. Entries for this event must be received by Friday  $27^{\rm th}$  August.



AG DAY - Just to advise for the calf, lamb and goat section, there will also be an 'adult' and 'pre-school' category.

If you would like to enter, please note on the entry form already sent home or let us know. This is only available for calf, lambs or goats.

Get those entry forms into school please.

Keep working on those home exhibits - time is ticking.

Self-manage your time.

<u>SCHOOL PHOTOS:</u> After receiving some requests from Parents we had investigated school photos and have booked Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October as the date. **Dawn Dutton** will be taking the photos and a pre-order form will be sent home nearer the date. Just prior notice.

## \*\*\* COMMUNITY NOTICES\*\*\*



BASKETBALL ACE ON COURT - New Zealand basketball legend Tom Abercrombie will be at the Mangakahia Sports Complex this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August for an afternoon of action from 1.30pm. In conjunction with Northland Basketball there will be a 3x3 comp, slam dunk comp, 3-point comp and a chance to take on Tom. Come and support our local facilities.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

TERM THREE	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Bee Friends Starts again. A new group as programme is the same.
	AG Day animal entry forms due back by today
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	TECH - Year 7 & 8 - remember shoes !!
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Daffodil Day - Wear something yellow and gold coin donation — if you are able!
Wednesday 1 Sept	Whangarei Primay Schools' (WPSSA) Cross Country at Barge Park