



KAIPAKI NEWS

'Bringing Learning to Life'

WEEK 3, TERM 3

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Kaipaki

What a fabulous start we have had to Term 3! We have all enjoyed learning about and watching the Olympics, training for Cross Country and getting underway with our School Production practises.

Welcome to **Skylar Pemberton** and **Pippa Wallace** who have joined us in Ruma Kaakano. We look forward to making special memories with you.

Sadly, we have recently farewelled Matua Sharez from his Teacher Aide position. Matua, we are all so grateful for the gifts and talents you shared with us during your time at Kaipaki. You have made a significant impact on so many lives. We are forever grateful and will miss you! We wish you well on your next exciting life chapter.

We extend a very warm welcome home to Whaea Dana, who has stepped into our classrooms supporting students and leading our Te Reo and Kapa Haka programmes. We are so excited to have you back Dana!

Donation Thank You

We were ecstatic when the Den Hartigh family presented us with a significant donation recently. It was a most unexpected, but much appreciated, surprise. These funds have been earmarked for the purchase of new literacy resources. Thank you Hank and Leida!

Year 7 and 8 Leadership Programme Evening

Next Thursday, 19th August, we are holding an information evening regarding our Year 7 and 8 Leadership programme in 2022. We invite you to join us and hear all about the amazing things that our senior students have been up to during this inaugural year of the programme, and all of our aspirations for 2022!

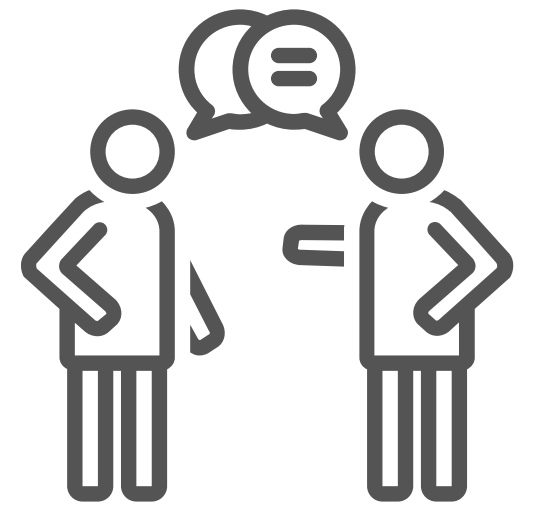
We are currently updating our prospective 2022 enrolments ahead of our Out of Zone enrolment ballot in September, as well as planning for next year's class compositions. We've scanned our lists for siblings of current students who may be turning 5 soon, but to reassure us that we're right, please could we ask for your help in letting us know if there are any children in your house or neighbourhood that will be joining us in the next couple of years.



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Ruma Kaakano

Will Brighthouse

Wonderful Will, what a fabulous start to school. I love your focus and the way you listen and participate enthusiastically at mat time.

Luke Reid

Lovely Luke, we are so lucky to have you in Ruma Kaakano. We appreciate your participation in everything and in every way in our class. You are fabuloso!

Ruma Mahuri

Fletcher Scott

For your enthusiasm and dedication within your Project Based learning. Your passion for the living world really shines through when you share your ideas with others.

Rihanna Tawera

For your hard work and determination in reading. You are an outstanding listener within reading groups and this concentration is helping you to make exciting progress.

Ruma Weri

Emily Hewson

You are working so hard to follow instructions and complete tasks to the best of your ability. Well done, Emily.

Henry Gibb

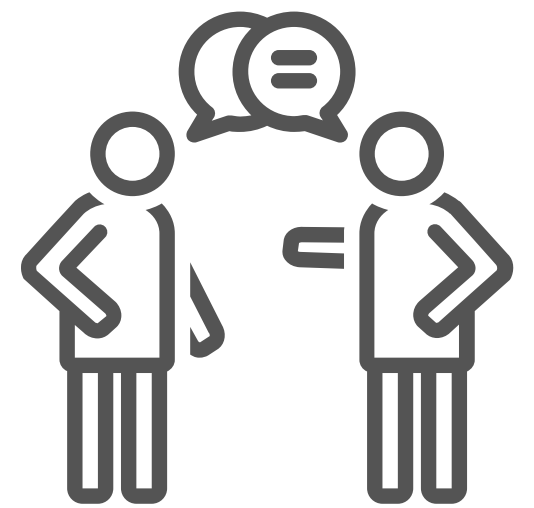
You are such a superstar learner in Ruma Weri. I love the way you communicate your ideas and knowledge about the world.



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Ruma Peka

Michael Breen

For the outstanding presentation of your maths practice as well as your excellent listening skills.

Finn Rolley

For always taking pride in the presentation of your work.

Ruma Rau

Ollie Wakeling

You have fit back into Ruma Rau as if you never left. We're so pleased you're back!
Ruma Rau appreciates your kindness, hard work and determination.

Jazmin Harvey-Price

Your willingness to listen and contribute during discussions makes a huge difference to our class. Thank you for your cheerfulness and willingness to help.

Ruma Tiwai

Rachel Murphy

Welcome to Rachel and well done on taking up the leadership challenge helping out in the P.E. shed and bike track

Daniel Oliver

Daniel, you are becoming an excellent communicator in so many areas of school life. We are proud of you.

WE WERE EXCITED RECENTLY TO STUMBLE ACROSS THIS ARTICLE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION BLOG

Link to blog:

<https://blog.doc.govt.nz/2021/08/06/a-lesson-on-vision-the-story-of-kaipaki-school-harakeke-and-opportunities/>



A lesson on vision: the story of Kaipaki School, harakeke and opportunities

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When Kaipaki School contacted the Waikato DOC Office with an offer to donate some harakeke plants from its school grounds, Dion Patterson, Living Water Site Lead for the Waikato Peat Lakes, saw an opportunity that would benefit the community.

What does it mean to have vision?

The first definition in the Oxford Dictionary describes vision as “*the faculty or state of being able to see*”. It's our physical ability to perceive through sight, our ability to see the material things in front of us: the places we're in, the things we can hold and touch, the people we're with.

But we also know vision is more than that.

Kaipaki School is a small rural school along Kaipaki Road in the Waikato. In May 2021 the Kaipaki School Deputy Principal, Nicky Pearse, emailed the Department of Conservation's Waikato District Office. The school was having a working bee to re-landscape its grounds and there were several very large flaxes in front of a school building. They were old, overgrown, and had served their purpose.



"The harakeke were no longer needed and had outgrown the changing landscape of the school grounds," says Dion Patterson, Living Water Site Lead for the Waikato Peat Lakes. "But the school didn't want to rip them out and discard the plants; they wanted to repurpose the plants and find a new space for them."

Vision also means being able to see beyond the spaces we're in.

"Nicky wanted to see the plants taken and used by community groups for lake, wetland or waterway restoration," says Dion.

Opportunities can present themselves in many ways, in many disguises, and our experiences train our eyes to see them.

"The Living Water team have experience with re-purposing harakeke and we immediately understood what could be possible," Dion says

Five days later, Living Water called on a team of tree removal specialists who arrived at the school afterhours with a small digger to uplift 10 -15 large flaxes and load them onto trailers. The plants were taken to Lake Rotomanuka in Ohaupo for preparation. The next day another team of tree specialists arrived at the lake and went to work on the flaxes. Over the next few days, they prepared 500 – 600 flax cuttings.



Vision also means being able to see the possibilities in the things we can hold and touch.

Living Water had 600 flax cuttings to find new spaces for. The team set to work, getting in touch with its thriving community network.

"We reached out to Mark Walker from the Mangaotama Stream and Wetland Restoration Trust," says Dion.

"He saw the opportunity. The group is leading great restoration work in the catchment and there was a place there for cuttings in the restoration this waterway."

The Mangaotama Stream flows east from Ohaupo into the Waipa River and the Mangaotama wetland, where the group does most of its work, is at the lower end of the catchment.

"Mangaotama Stream and Wetland Restoration Trust then shared some of the cuttings with its neighbouring community group, the Mangahia Gully Care Group to help support its restoration project," says Dion.



Fifty cuttings were also used by local volunteer Alasdair Nichol to fill gaps in the lake margin at Lake Rotomanuka; and the harakeke leaves trimmed from the plants when making the cuttings were offered to Te Wananga O Aotearoa in Te Awamutu for weaving tuition.

"We were blown away by how it all worked out," says Dion. "It illustrated how important it is for us stay connected to our communities when we're trying to achieve ambitious conservation goals. It reminds us good things happen when we work together and learn to see the opportunities around us."



Preparing the flax cuttings. Photo: DOC

So what does it mean to have vision? The second definition from the Oxford Dictionary describes vision as "*the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination and wisdom*". It's our ability to understand the people we're with, the communities we're in, and share a common goal. It's our mental, emotional, spiritual ability to perceive through another kind of sight, where we see the old, the overgrown, the *served-its-purpose*, and then we look again and see something else entirely different: potential.



Cross Country



This term we are focusing on developing running fitness ahead of our school and combined schools events:

Friday 27th August: Kaipaki School Cross Country @ Kaipaki School

Friday 6th September: Rural Schools' Cross Country @ Karapiro Domain
(for 8 year olds and up only)

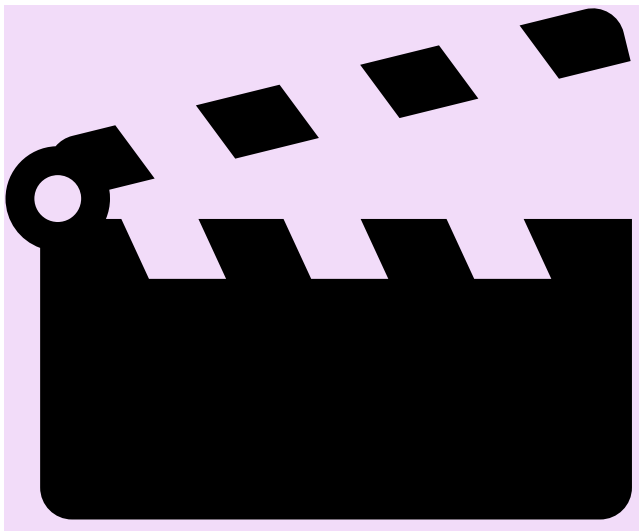
Each learner has set a personal goal and they are striving to further develop their long distance running techniques. To assist with this training, it would be really helpful for students to bring suitable footwear to school for running activities. Gumboots or bare feet can present a few challenges across the different surfaces on our school track.



Cancer Society Run

As in the past few years, some of our Year 8 students are fundraising for the Cancer Society at our school cross country event. This is a true example of our Kaipaki vision - Bringing Learning to Life. These students have been responsible for making contact with the Cancer Society and making all the arrangements for the day. They're on the hunt for sponsors... and there's always room on the page for more. **If you would like to support these amazing community minded students please email isabel@kaipaki.school.nz or sign up in the school office.**





School Production



Students and staff have been hard at work preparing the great World-famous -in-Kaipaki bi-annual production, which is coming to a stage near you (Raleigh Christian Centre) on **Thursday 16th September**.

Our whole school is involved from start to finish in this performance - from script writing, to singing, from prop making to programme designing.

Make sure you put a ring around this date in your diary!

Just a wee heads up that most costumes will require a black base - black t-shirt and black long pants.

Due to our growing potential audience numbers, this year there will be two shows, one will be a **full dress rehearsal** at 1pm, and then an **evening show** at 6pm.

Our New Library Space

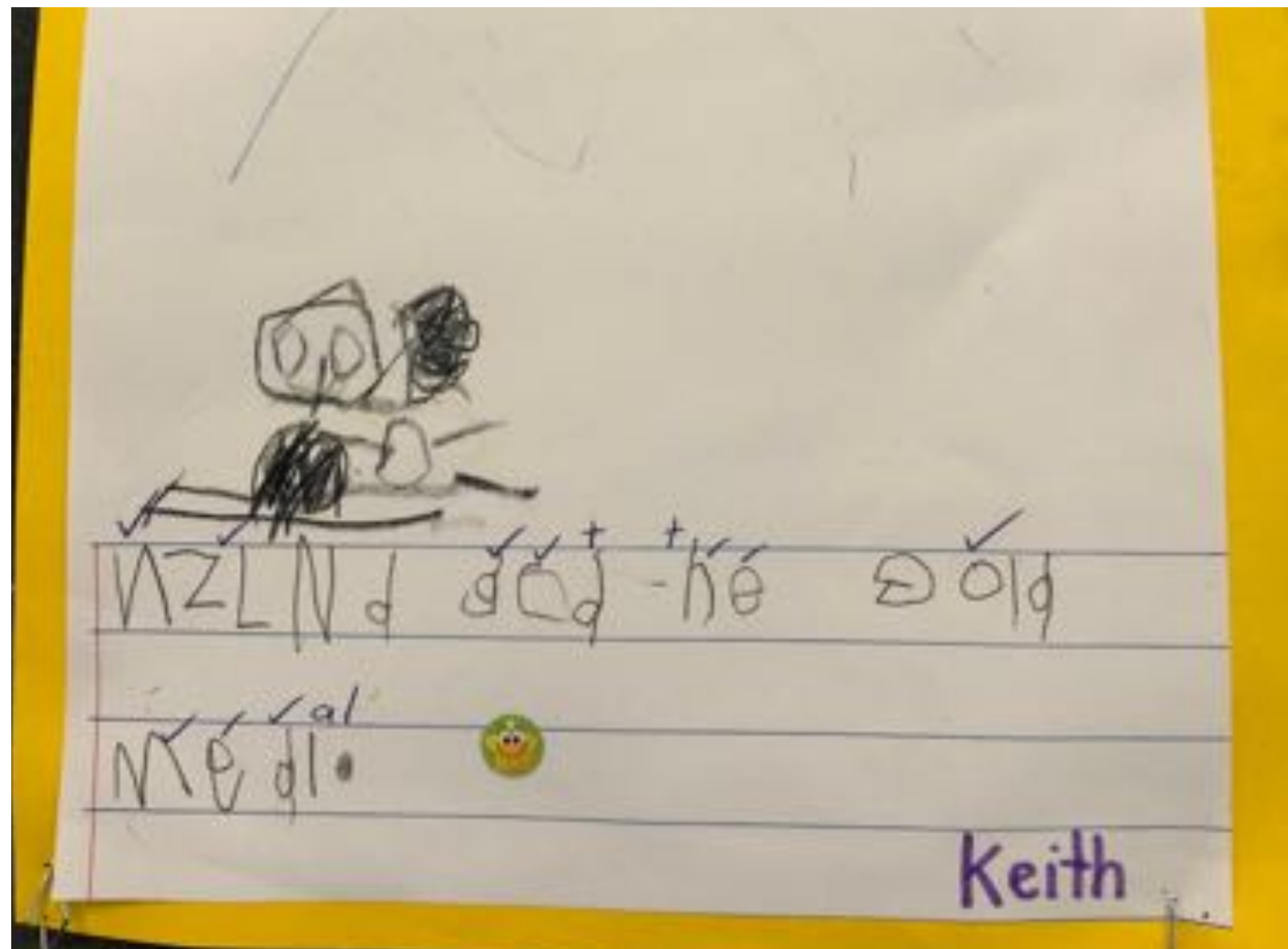
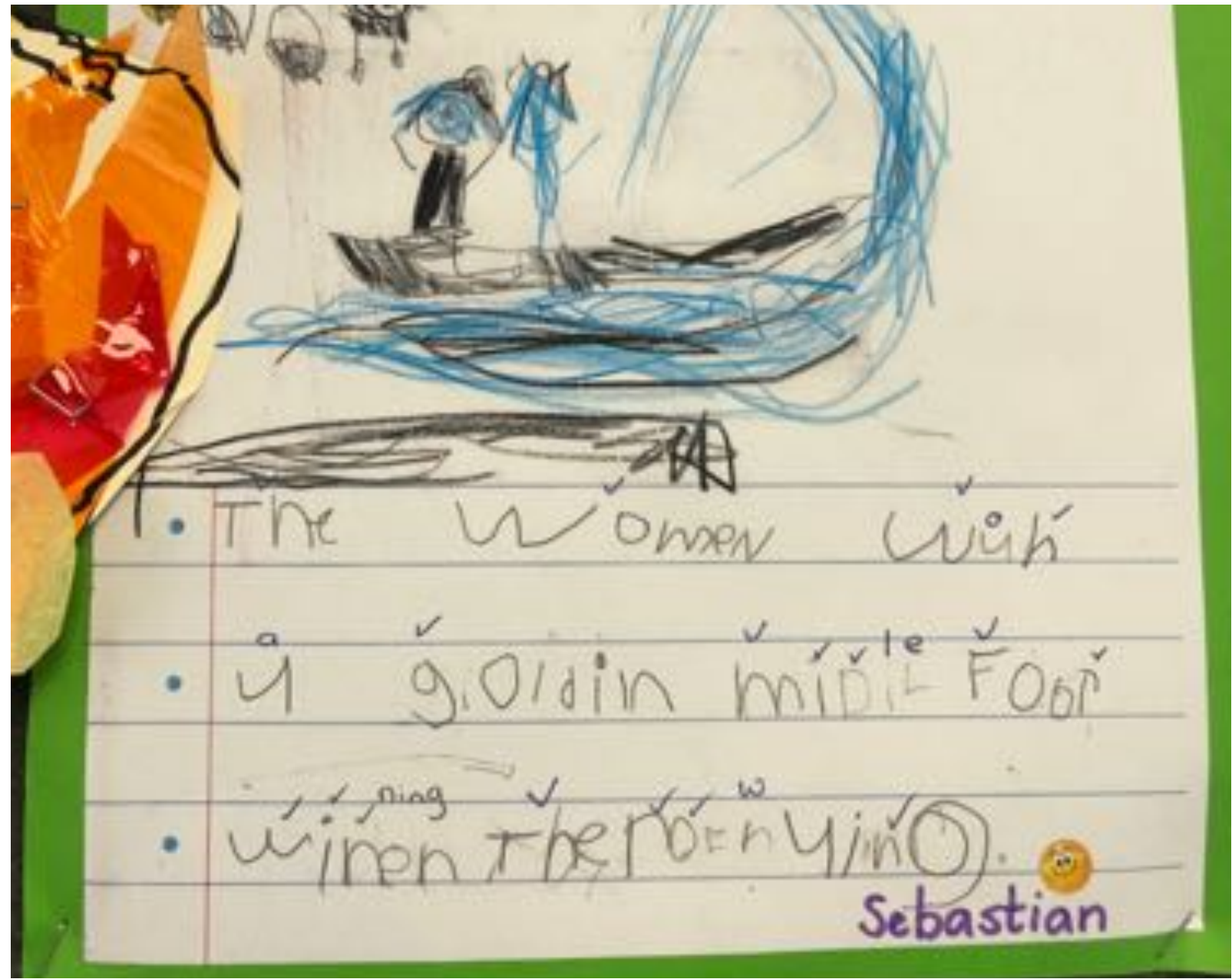
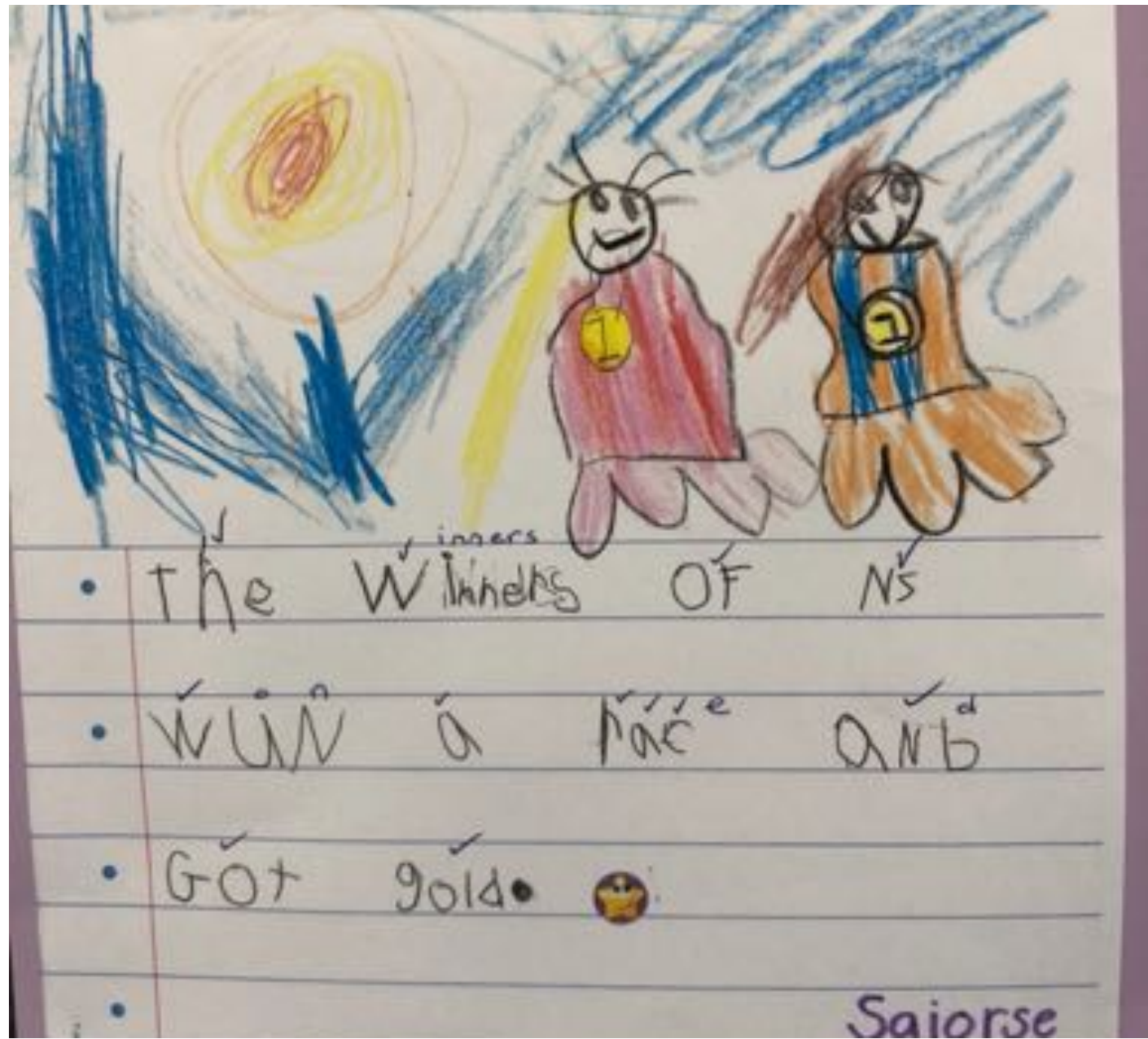
We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Bronny and Nell Ewens who have been working very hard to establish our new library space. These ladies have been working hard to make it a user friendly space by processing the new books and arranging the furniture.

Thank you ladies - we can't wait to use our new and improved space!

We are also looking for a superstar community member to build us a shelf for our picture books - see picture below. If you can support us with this - please email jadecoutts@kaipaki.school.nz. Thanks - we appreciate your support of our school.



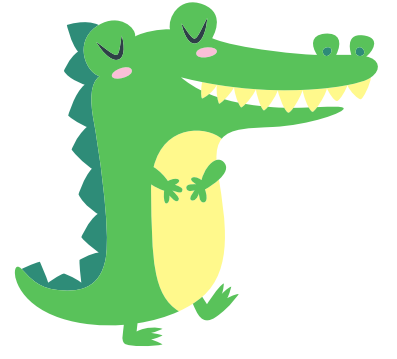
Classroom Learning- Olympics



Writing Samples – Ruma Rau

The Crocodile and The Fish

By Dallas Pope



Suddenly, the crocodile snapped its big jaws. Arr!! The scaly fish was gone. It was the size of my pencil case and it was black. I felt sad for the fish. Hungrily, the crocodile swam toward me. I saw hunger in its eye. Slowly, I raised my gun. Bang! The bullet hit the croc in between his eyes and now my mum has a crocodile skin handbag.

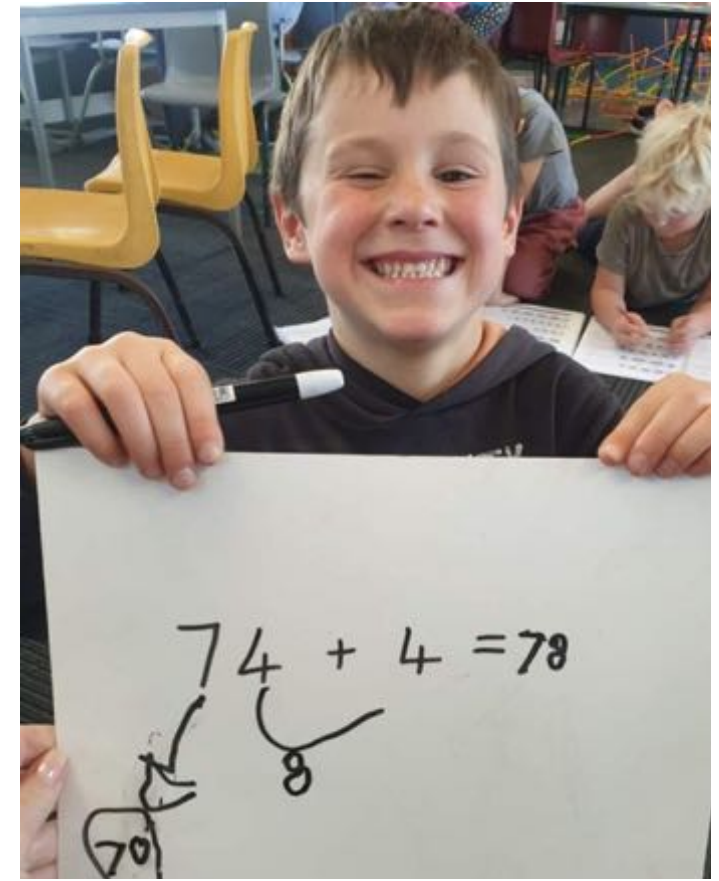
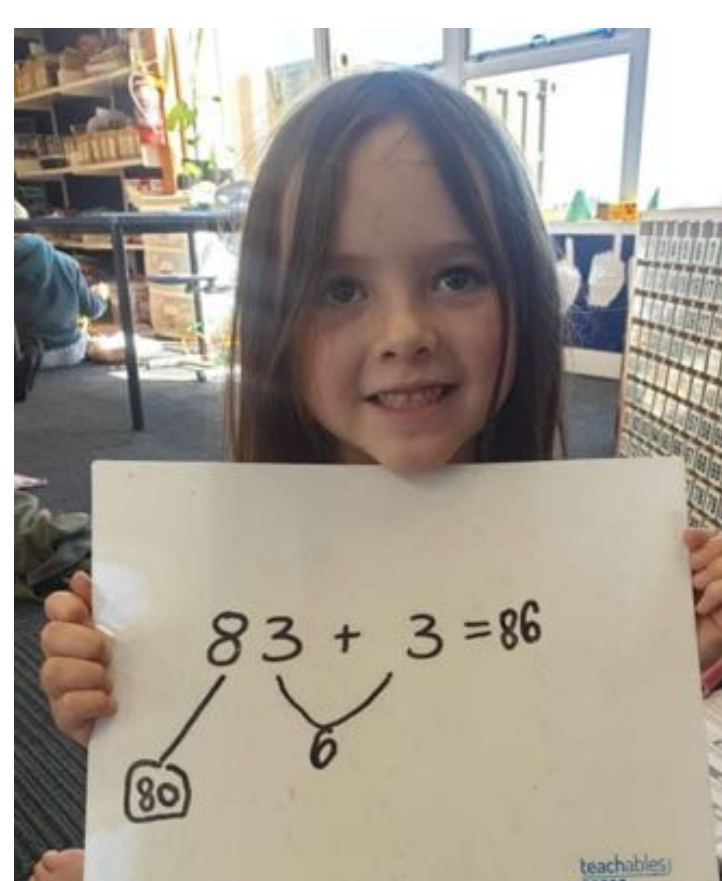
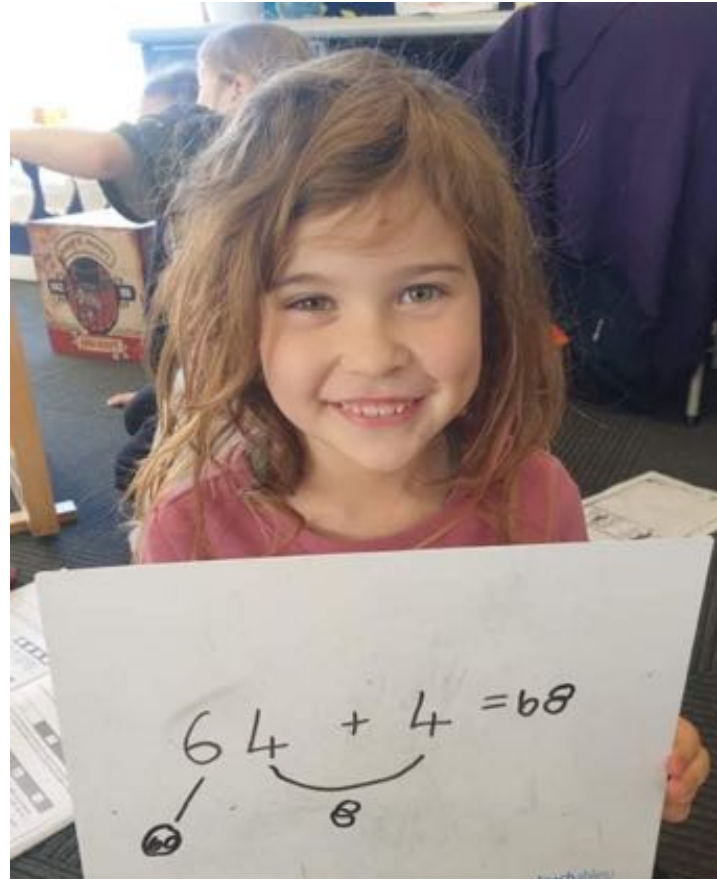
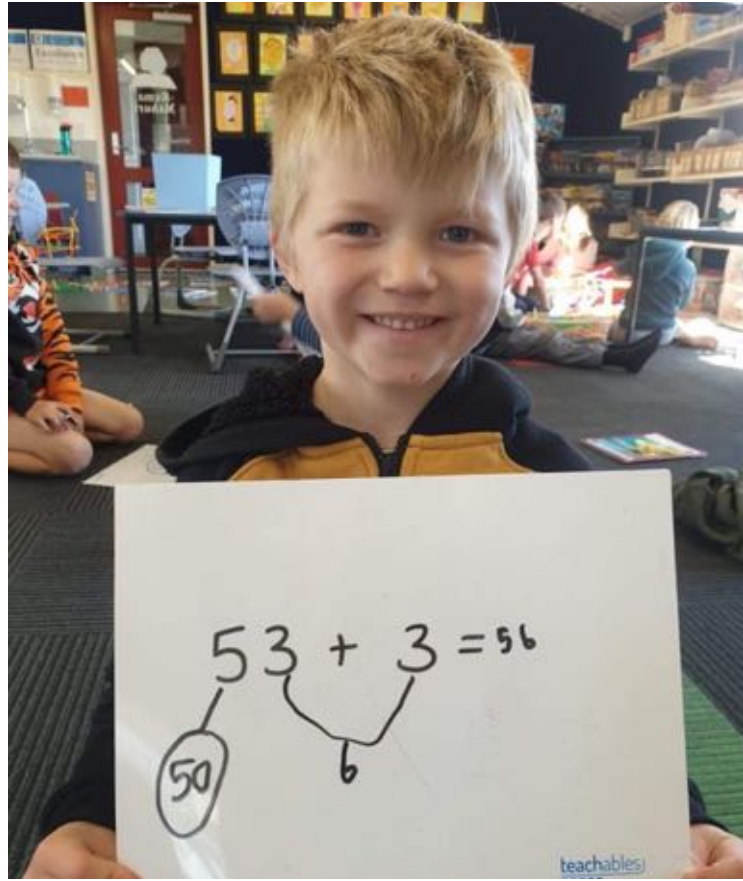
History

By Greta Barbosa

Quietly, I trekked through the thick forest. Crack! An old brown stick cracked beneath my bare paw. I slowed my breathing as I approached my prey. Slowly, I released my claws out of their case. I sensed the prey was calm and happy. I opened my jaw and lunged at the prey. I crouched over the dead body, and hoisted it up onto my shoulder. After a long walk, I reached my den. I crawled inside and laid the prey on the floor for my family. While I napped, they ate. As the only female in the family, I felt proud to be able to change the future. No matter what gender you are, you can rewrite history or better yet start a new beginning.



Ruma Mahuri in action



Dear Parents

At the school cross country on the 27th of August we are doing a bake sale. All money we raise will go to the cancer society, if you want to help please bring the baking in on the morning of the school cross country.

Many thanks

Jaimee, Isabel, Aimee & Georgia

Term 3 Dates

Wednesday 18th August - Ruma Tiwai Trip (Concert)

Thursday 19th August - Year 7/8 Information Evening

Friday 27th August - School Cross Country

Friday 3rd September - Kapa Haka Festival

Wednesday 8th September - Kaipaki Speech Finals

Friday 10th September - Rural Schools Cross Country

Thursday 16th September - School Production

Tuesday 21st September - Rotary Speech Competition

22rd & 23rd September - Squash Competition

Thursday 30th September - Last day of Term 3

Friday 1st October - Teacher Only Day

Ag Day

Our annual Ag Day will be held on Wednesday 20th October, with calf, lamb, and goat sections. Please contact us if your child is interested in entering an animal as soon as possible with Mandy, office@kaipaki.school.nz. More information to follow.

