

# MBS Paanui

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ISSUE 11



## TUMUAKI MESSAGE

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia Orana, Ni Sa Bula, Namaste, Talofa Ni and warm pacific greetings Pacific/Caregivers and Whaanau,

What an amazing term it has been and our tamariki and staff are ready to now enjoy the school holiday break. Term 3 has involved a range of learning through language experiences, celebrations and events that started with 'Net Safety week' and educating our parents/whaanau and children about being safe online, to our 'Cook Island Language Week' integrating and embracing the culture and language of the Cook Islands and the theme of sustainability. We then held the Scholastic Book Fair a school fundraiser organised by Whaea Teresa followed by our Book Character Parade where most of our students and teachers dressed up in some amazing and creative costumes that day. Our First Pasifika Fono was held this year for all parents of pacific learners, and we gathered feedback and parent voice through both the fono and parent survey. We sadly farewelled one of our teachers Ms Shadia Khan in Room 2 who moved to Australia with her family. Next, we had Tongan Language Week where our Tongan students officially opened with prayer, songs and performances finishing off with a whole school assembly of traditional Tongan music and dance. We had our official opening of the school playground to acknowledge all our sponsors and the PTA who over the years have invested their time in fundraisers which we are very grateful for including the Father's Day Raffle. We celebrated the official week of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori as a whole school hosted by Te Hiaroa students beginning with karakia and waiata from our wonderful kapahaka group led by Whaea Alayna. Matua Jordan also shared that this year highlighted 50 years since the Māori Language petition was signed a significant time and important to acknowledge. However, it was the 'Fun Run' held at Ambury farm this term organised by Matua Haki and Whaea Jenny where many of our parents and whanau attended and supported including the PTA which was a highlight for many of us seeing our children getting involved and having FUN! We couldn't have asked for a better day and thank you again to all our parents and the community who sponsored or donated their time and money for this special event. Our staff also took part in some fantastic professional development facilitated by Laurayne Tafa about 'Relationships First' including teachers planning for Term 4 on Teacher Only Day. Finally, we come to the end of another term and not only did we celebrate Chinese Language week with our students we also had a 4 day week as Aotearoa New Zealand's official Queen Elizabeth II Memorial day was held on Monday 26 th September as a public holiday. I would like to say a very special ngaa mihi nui to our amazing leadership team and the staff who have worked so hard this term and finally our students who have been learning about climate change, weather and how to be agents of change through our student inquiry.

Have a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 4 including our new students who are starting!

Ngaa mihi nui  
Mrs Mata'utia



# TONGAN Language Week

The tamariki had an awesome week of learning about Tonga, the Tongan culture and the language. This was done through reading, writing, maths, arts, crafts, singing and cooking. It was so great to hear our Tongan fānau share stories, traditions, dance, recipes and cultural attire. To end the week we had the assembly filled with talented kids performing.





# FUN Run

Last week our tamariki participated in our annual Fun Run, which was held back at Ambury Farm. It was an awesome day and the rain just held off for us to finish all the races. It was well organised, so thank you to Matua Haki and his team. Ngaa mihi nui to the PTA for their mahi with the sausages, ice blocks and treats.

## The Top 3 Placings for Cross Country 2022

Year 0-1 girls = 1st Stevie Purchase, 2nd Lucy Hamilton, 3rd Heavenly Tautua-Kimi  
 Year 0-1 boys = 1st Jude Otuhouma, 2nd Kaiyan Tupuola, 3rd Cassidy Pakinga Castle  
 Year 2 girls = 1st Grace Lea'aetalafo'ou, 2nd Frankie Brown, 3rd Samantha Tidey  
 Year 2 boys = 1st Eli Duncan, 2nd Ethan Tomic, 3rd S.J Whaanga -Aiono  
 Year 3 girls = 1st Harper Maney, 2nd Ruby Green, 3rd Zoe Cross  
 Year 3 boys = 1st Karlo Jelichich, 2nd Joe Kriletich, 3rd Nixon Greer  
 Year 4 girls = 1st Grace Peart, 2nd Vera Smith, 3rd Evalynn Totton-Levy  
 Year 4 boys = 1st Nilay Lawrence, 2nd Frasier Patton, 3rd Beau Rehm  
 Year 5 girls = 1st Abigail Freeman, 2nd Layla Wong Tung, 3rd Sabrina Kolio  
 Year 5 boys = 1st Detroit Rawiri, 2nd Lorenzo Anastassiou, 3rd Soul Stowers  
 Year 6 girls = 1st Seraya Tanuvasa, 2nd Edith Totton-Levy, 3rd Ysabella Hill-Willis  
 Year 6 boys = 1st Josiah Lea'aetalafo'ou, 2nd Samuel Mateljan, 3rd Caylis Peo



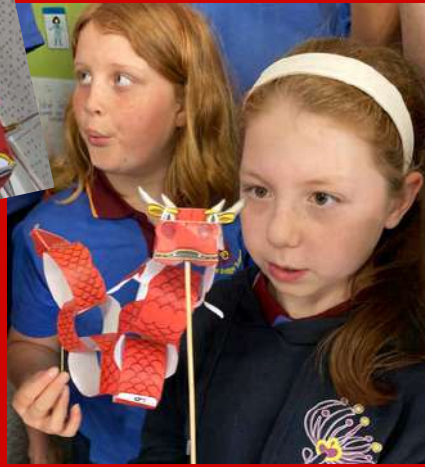






# CHINESE Language Week

What an awesome way to end the term by celebrating and learning through Chinese Language Week. Hannah and Cynthia were guest speakers on the broadcast teaching everyone Chinese phrases and counting. Pork buns and dumplings were eaten. Dragons, lanterns and masks were made. Rooms 11 and 13 have been working hard in preparation for their assembly.





# PIIWAIWAKA Whaanau

Room 6



Clouds in a Jar!

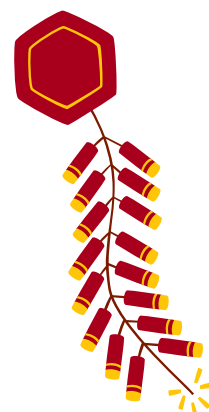


Checking out the condensation forming on our very own water cycles and splish splashing in a water and ice play space.



What is static electricity and how does it create lightning and thunder?

We have also celebrated the Tongan and Maaori languages over the last 2 weeks, with a special focus on weather kupu! Malo 'aupito to Mele Tupou and her beautiful whaanau for sharing their Tongan culture with us during Tongan language week. We will miss you and wish you all the best on your return to home soil!  
Ka Rawe to all of these rocking readers! Our library space is now well loved :)





# Piiwaiwaka Whaanau

## Room 2

This month has been settling in and adjusting to our new environment and building positive relationships. Thank you to everyone who donated to our wig day!

For Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori we made headbands for our pepeha profiles. They will be displayed very soon in the hallway so watch this space!



Room 2 was privileged to showcase their singing talents at the closing of the Tongan Language week! So super proud of our future superstars as we only learnt our songs in a week. They had the confidence to stand in front of the assembly and sing their little hearts out! Malo au pito.



## Room 3

Ruuma Toru enjoyed Wig Wednesday. Our tamariki loved wearing their colourful wigs to support the fundraising efforts towards the Child's Cancer Foundation. For inquiry, we are learning about condensation through the water cycle. Our tamariki are watching daily to see if any rain drops have formed in their pouches yet.



In week 7, we celebrated Tongan Language Week by creating ngatu tapa art and learning how to count from 1 to 10 in Tongan. Malo aupito Sini for sharing your culture with us by wearing your wonderful cultural attire. You are amazing.





# PIIWAIWAKA Whaanau

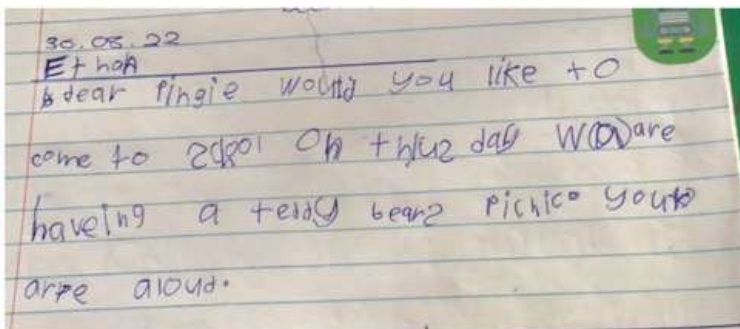
## Room 1

We have been taking advantage of the great weather. Each morning we spend some time outside enjoying the sun and doing observational drawings, reflection writing and reading with a buddy.

Ruuma tahi have been doing play based activities in class and enjoyed creating a car park and automotive city for their vehicle to travel from one destination to another. We would like to thank Whaea Kate for all her help. We enjoyed celebrating Tonga Language week and would like to congratulate Jojo and Sione for performing at this year's celebrations.

## Room 5

A few weeks ago we were very lucky with the weather so we took advantage of the outdoor activities. We brought our own bikes and scooters to school on Fridays, we played relay games and learned how to skip. But we especially enjoyed celebrating the MBS reward chart. For our class, we decided to have a teddy bears picnic and invite our soft toys to school. What a treat to have them in Ruuma Rima. First, we wrote our own invitations, we recorded ourselves reading our invitations and posted on to Seesaw to share with our whaanau.



We enjoyed learning digital skills with David. We learned to use "Scratch Junior" to present our water cycle presentation. Having fun with the water cycle experiments. We watched the clouds and the rain.





## Room 8

# TUUI Whaanau

The tamariki of Room 8 quickly became interested in climate change and how this was affecting the polar bears. We learnt that the melting sea ice will make it difficult for polar bears to hunt for food. We've created Polar bear art using oil pastels to remind us that we are climate changers. We noticed that there are things that we already do at home and school to help like turning off the tap when we're not using the water or turning off the power switches when they're not in use.



## Room 9

Everyday so far Rachel has come wearing beautiful traditional wear and explained each item to us.



We have been celebrating Chinese Language week with Rachel Salmon taking the lead and sharing her rich culture with us. So far we have learnt how to say -

Nǐ hǎo, wǒ jiào \_\_\_\_, wǒ shǔ \_\_\_\_.  
Hello, I am \_\_\_\_. My zodiac sign is \_\_\_\_.

We have explored some of China's history by taking a virtual tour with a Shaolin Temple Kung Fu monk. Ruma 9 also loved drawing their Chinese dragons.





Room 10

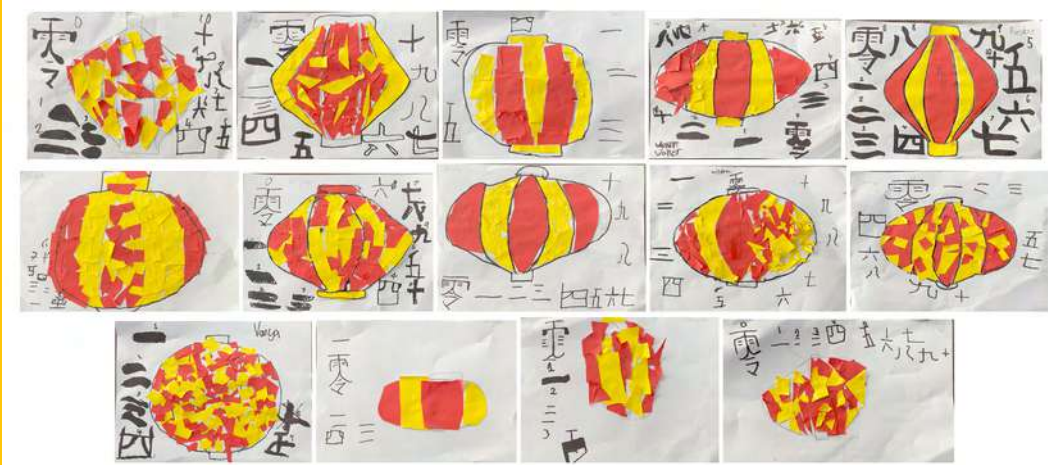
Tuui Whaanau



Room 10 has been learning all about the Water cycle. Through using Scratch (coding computer program), we learnt how to show our understanding by creating our own animation of how the water cycle works. We had lots of fun doing this.

This week we are celebrating 'Chinese Language Week'. We explored how to write in Chinese, by writing numbers one to ten in Mandarin Language. It was a fun experience to make beautiful, 'Chinese Lanterns' and be creative when designing our own lanterns. We are looking forward to reading more books in class and watching videos to learn more about Chinese culture and language over the week.

Room 7



Room 11

What an awesome term we have had! We have been learning how to become better in reading, writing and math inside the classroom as well as enjoying all the sport challenges outside the classroom. We loved the challenge we had at the Tuui Soccer Tournament and the Fun Run at the Ambury Farm. We also had great fun watching the animals on the farm after the Fun Run Race.





Our year 3 & 4 tamariki were able to celebrate the end of their soccer sessions with their Counties Manukau coach by having an interclass competition. It was a beautiful day and we would like to say a special thank you to our Counties Manukau coach and Onehunga Mangere United club for lending us their fields to complete our football experience.

TUUI  
Whaanau



Fun Run 2022 was an awesome time to showcase our tamariki efforts in fundraising for our kura and also training over the past weeks. We are extremely proud of all our tamariki for showing our school values throughout the day. Students shared about being excited and nervous before starting the race but felt supported by their friends who encouraged them to just do their best. Other students shared how they loved seeing and hearing their parents cheer them on as they headed toward the finish line. We would like to thank all our whaanau who were able to support us.





# KERERU Whaanau

## Room 12



Room 12 thoroughly enjoyed learning about Tonga and being immersed in the Tongan Language. We have so many experts in our classroom who are so proud of their culture. They speak and share their knowledge in the classroom all the time. A huge 'Malo 'Aupito' to Rosemary Tuitupou Lama, EJ Puna, Fatani Tupou, Kirsty Pole and Veia Pongi for your knowledge and expertise. We want to acknowledge Sita Vaenuku Tuima for coming in to the classroom to help us make Otai and Keke 'Isite. Malo!



We wanted to make the Maaori language strong and we know it starts with us. We focussed a lot on the language and learning phrases we hope to continue using forever! The tamariki enjoyed the yummy food, especially the fried bread. Ngā mihi nui kia koutou moo too aroha me tautoko. Thank you Room 12 for your support and love while learning the Reo. Kia kaha te reo Maaori!



## Room 13

Room 13 had so much fun presenting our inquiry learning about the water cycle, using stop motion. Students had to make their own props to clearly show each stage of the water cycle. It took a lot of time, planning, preparing and filming but it was well worth it in the end. We made amazing stop motion videos each with their own flare, humour and creative thinking.



During Maaori language week, we learnt about everything that goes into making a poi. Apart from this, many learnt how to plait, make tight knots and how much fun it is to use a poi.





# KERERUU Whaanau

## Room 15

To celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori, we sang waiata, kanikani (danced) and practiced te reo, used kupu to name classroom items and phrases when we needed to go somewhere. Tamariki worked hard on creating taonga, choosing a Maaori symbol they felt connected to. They moulded the symbol out of air-dry clay which was challenging as the clay would dry out easily. Then it was dried, painted and placed on a woven piece of card for decoration. Ka mau te wehi ruuma tekau maa rima!



## Room 16

It is hard to believe we have packed in so many amazing things over the last 10 weeks including Chinese, Cook Island and Te Reo Language weeks along with our Inquiry day and speeches where Room 16 worked incredibly hard! Over the last few weeks, we had a wonderful trip to the New Mangere Bridge where the children did some wonderful sketching of the old and new bridge and found out lots of new information about it by reading the placard. Room 16 also worked so hard training over the last few weeks and I am sure anyone would agree that the Fun run was a great day out for all the children.







# TE HIAROA Whaanau

Teena koutou e te whaanau o Te Hiaroa.

Kua tae maatou ki te mutunga o te wehenga tuatoru. He maha ngaa mahi kua tutuki i a maatou.

I teeraa atu wiki, i whakanuia e maatou Te Wiki o te reo o Tonga. I tunu kai maatou, i kanikani, i waiata, i ako pai hoki taatou eetahi kiianga pai kia whakanui ai te reo o Tonga. He mihi ki a Grace raaua ko Josiah Le'aetalafo'ou. I tuu whakaihihi raaua i te hui a-kura ki te whakanui i too raaua ahurea Tonga. Anoo te pai!

Whai muri ake, i tuu te wiki o Te Reo Maaori.

Naa ngaa tamariki o Te Hiaroa i poipoia te kaupapa ki te marea o te kura i ngaa mahi ako, mahi toi, ngaa mahi a Reehia, te tunu kai, kapa haka, whakataetae hoki. E poho kereruu ana maatou ngaa kaiako i aa koutou ngaa tamariki kua tuu whakahihi i too koutou ake Maaoritanga hei rangatira moo te kura katoa, moo te ahurea Maaori anoo hoki.

Kei whea mai koutou!



Kua puawai te koanga me te roanga a tamanui te raa ki runga i a maatou. Noreira kua timata ngaa tamariki te keri me te whakatoo i ngaa riiwai Maaori me te manaako, ka timata te tipu kia hauhaki me te whaangai i ngaa whaanau o Te Hiaroa i te wehenga tua whaa.

Nooreira e te whaanau he mihi nui moo teenei wehenga. Me tiro ake maatou ki te mutunga o te tau. He nui nga mahi kei mua i taatou. Kia tau ngaa manaakitanga ki runga i a taatou katoa i ngaa hararei. Hoki ora mai!





# SCHOOL Updates

## Speeches

Last week Kereruu students participated in their persuasive speech final competitions. The judges were very impressed with the various topics, how well the speeches were constructed and the delivery.

The finalists for year 5 were – Lorenzo Anastassiou, Cole Duncan, Finn Johnston, Vea Pongi, August Schoone, Peyton Togiama, and Layla Wong Tung. The year 6 finalists were – Wiremu Barnard, Rayne Brewer, Owen Donnell, Rosemarie Lama, Ethan Levy, Beatrix McCusker, Nishtha Pranav, and Alexander Rayner-Kirby.

Congratulations to our winners and participants, we are very proud of you.



1st Place – Wiremu Barnard (middle)

2nd equal – Beatrix McCusker and Owen Donnell



1st Place – Lorenzo Anastassiou (middle), 2nd Place – Cole Duncan (left) and 3rd Place – Vea Pongi (right)

## New Whaanau

Maangere Bridge School would like to warmly welcome our new tamariki. Kingsley Eketone in Room 2, Everly Paul in Room 3, Thaveesak Chao in Room 1, Bounphithak Chao in Room 15, Din Zheng in Room 8, Arli Tito in Room 15 and Samson Ah-Kiau in Room 9

We'd also like to say again 'nau mai, haere mai' to Luana Bennion, our new kaiako in Room 2. We are excited to have you in our whaanau and hope you will flourish in our kura.

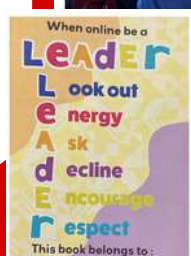


## Virtual Reality

Twenty-five year 5 and 6 students were lucky to have worked with 3 engaging staff from Lālanga – Fale, Birdie and Eva.

They participated in a Social Media workshop, learning how to be a leader in this area. Then they got to have a play through a Virtual Reality workshop. The kids all spoke highly of the experience.

We'd like to say a massive thanks to the team at Lālanga for this awesome opportunity for our tamariki.



LĀLANGA



# COMMUNITY Notices



## A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

COSTUME DISCO 28TH OF OCTOBER  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

### Unbelievable

School holidays  
Māngere Bridge Library  
October 1st - 16th



#### Scavenger hunt

Travel around the library and see how many wonders you can find.



Check out the Auckland Libraries Bearstack app  
<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/school-holidays.aspx>

Complete activities on Bearstack to earn badges and go in the draw to win prizes!  
Many of the activities happening in the library will mark off challenges in the app.



#### Scavenger hunt

Hunt around the library for creatures from Myth and Legend

The PTA is hosting another disco for our Mangere Bridge School tamariki. Put the date in your calendars whaanau and start thinking about a costume. More information to come next term.



## HERITAGE festival

1st October -  
16th October 2022

Join us to celebrate our rich heritage with guided walks, talks and displays.

[www.onehunga.net.nz/heritage](http://www.onehunga.net.nz/heritage)



## Tournament of Minds Fundraiser Kids Mystery Bike Ride



TEAM KEVIN from Royal Oak Intermediate needs your help to get to Aussie!



Ride at 1pm, Sun 2nd Oct: Ambury Farm, Mangere Bridge.

Entry by donation to give-a-little page: scan code.  
Event & Donation Details: Pedal Easy on Facebook  
Register your place by email: [jason@pedaleasy.nz](mailto:jason@pedaleasy.nz)



DONATE

Money raised helps the team compete in 'Tournament of Minds' World Championships, Canberra this month!