



MBS *Paanui*



Issue 09



Our Book Character winners from left: Samantha Tidey, Ayla Powys-Calder-Watson, Helena Brown, Sofiyya Bird, Nixon Greer, Hahleese Rameka-Duncan, Rylee Greer, Beatrix McCusker and Brendan Sihamau. Congratulations to you all.

Tumuaki Message

Kia Orana Koutou and hope you are all well especially during these cold and wet winter evenings. Lots of things have been happening over the past 3 weeks and it was great to see so many of our tamariki getting involved with learning more about the Cook Islands during Cook Island Language week. I especially enjoyed seeing the staff and students embracing the traditional 'ei katu' which is a garland of flowers you wear around your head, also known as flower crown. We have 15 students who identify their first ethnicity as Cook Island Maaori which is 4% of our school. This year's theme for 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Ārina - Cook Island Language Week is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna which means, connect me to the soil of my ancestors'. According to the Ministry of Pacific People 'Pacific languages are a key cornerstone for the health and wellbeing of Pacific people'. We also know that the loss of a language can lead to a loss of culture and your identity, and it so it is great to see so many schools celebrating Pacific language weeks throughout the year. The highlight for this week was our 'Book Character Dress up' day and having whaanau there to see our students dressed up in so many different book characters for the parade. It was a time to show off their creativity and who their favourite book character was, which made it a difficult task for our judges. Ka pai te mahi! Well done and congratulations to all our winners and everyone who dressed up for the occasion. There was also the 'Scholastic School Book Fair' organized by Whaea Teresa our school librarian who did an amazing job setting up the pop-up bookshop bringing our community together to celebrate reading on top of raising funds for books and resources for the school. A big pakipaki and ngaa mihi to Whaea Teresa for organizing this and thank you to our parents who supported the Book Fair. We know that developing a love and culture for reading is important for our tamariki. We look forward to upcoming events including the official opening of the school playground, The 'Technology expo' that aligns with our student inquiry theme and our Pasifika Fono for our parents of pacific learners. We would like to thank our parents and whaanau for your support towards the Board Elections this year as we know it is an opportunity where you can make a positive difference for children's education as a parent representative in schools. We are now halfway through the year and as the Tumuaki I have had the privilege of meeting some of our parents and new whaanau at MBS. I believe it is important to build strong connections with families as your contribution is always valuable. Over the next two terms I would like to interact more with our families and invite you to come and have a korero and talanoa with me as part of building relationships and a strong partnership. I look forward to another great term!

Bernice Mata'utia

BOOK CHARACTER *Dress Up*

There was an awesome amount of tamariki and staff dressed up for Book Character Dress Up. Luckily the weather was fine and we got to do the parade. The judges (especially Whaea Teresa) were blown away by the creativity and in character personalities they saw. We also had a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to all those who supported by buying books. The school can now choose many free books for our library. Ngaa mihi nui ki a Whaea Teresa moo too mahi. Thank you for all that you do to grow the love of reading in our tamariki. We can't wait until next year to see what costumes the kids come up with.



SENIOR *Planting*

Early in August, some senior MBS tamariki joined with students, teachers and whaanau from 10 other local schools to plant young harakeke, cabbage trees and other natives along the coastal foreshore walk at Ambury Farm. The sun was shining and smiles were out in full force as students put in the mahi to dig in 1000 natives! They learnt the 'pukeko dance' which packs the soil in after planting and stops those pesky Pukeko from pulling the plants out later. We all celebrated at the end with many boxes of pizza and juice. Thanks so much to the wonderful rangers at Ambury Farm and those who organised this trip. Stay tuned for more planting in our community!



PIIWAIWAKA *Whaanda*

Kia Orana, last week Ruma tahi celebrated Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani, Cook Island language week. The theme was "connect me to the soil of my ancestors". We celebrated in true Cook Island style with food, music, dance, art and laughter shared throughout our classes. It was another great week celebrating yet another amazing language week.
Meitaki Maata.



Ruma toru completed another MBS Reward Chart. They celebrated with a mufti day and prizes from Koka Ellina's rainbow bag. Congratulations to Caetano, Heavenly, Isaac & Stevie who won an extra prize for the most colourfully dressed. Even though the weather hasn't been the best, we have managed to ride our bikes and scooters and play some outdoor games this term.

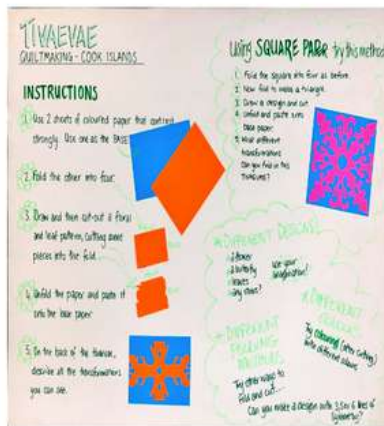


PIIWAIWAKA *Whaana*

In preparation for our Book Character Parade, we have been reading the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Tamariki created items to wear on the day which connect to this story.



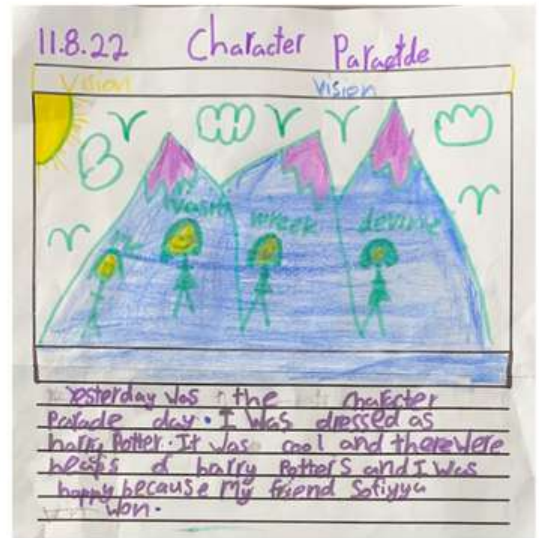
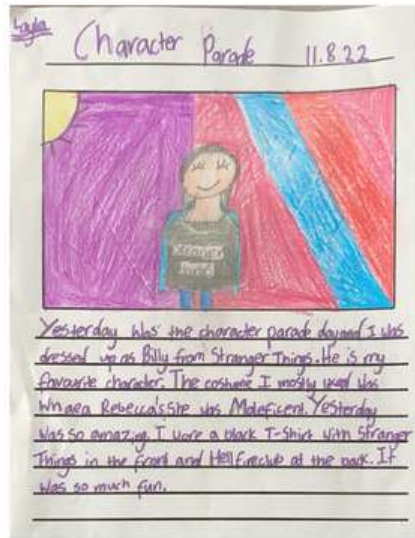
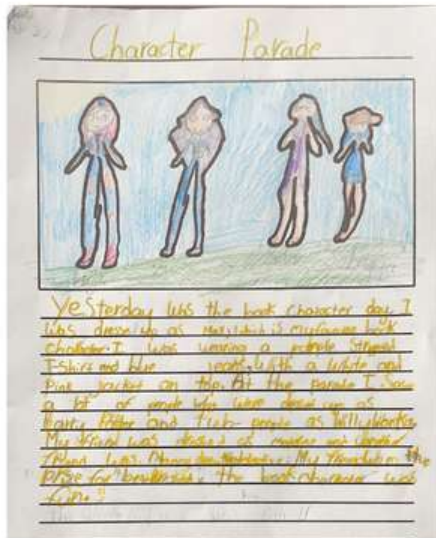
Cook Island Language Week: Ruma Rua have discussed and designed their own tivaevae patterns.



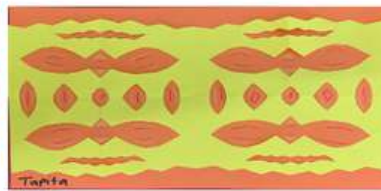
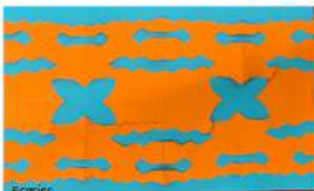
Did you know we have our own bug, insect and reptile specialists in Ruma Rima? Francis and his whaana kindly shared their geckos with our tamariki. The excitement, the nervousness, as well as the fun part of getting to feel and hold them were just phenomenal to observe. It was an experience which we all enjoyed.



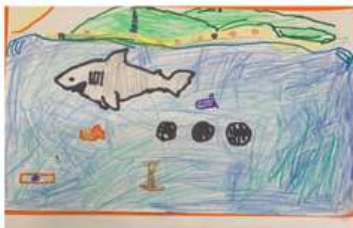
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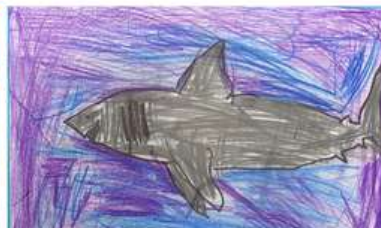
Room 7 has been reading a variety of books and looking at different book characters over the term. This helped us choose the character we like the most. We tried our best to dress up as one of our favourite characters for the character parade at school. After being part of the amazing experience, we decided to reflect on our day and write about our character parade experiences.



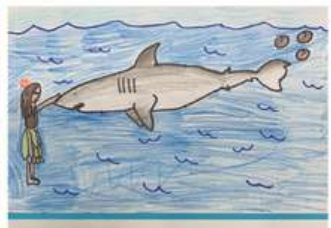
Tinirau fell in love with Ina. Tinirau called the shark to go and get Ina. Ina got on the shark and when she got hungry she got the coconut and hit it on the shark's head. The shark got angry and left. Tinirau called Tekea the great white shark to help Ina. When Tekea got there Ina got on Tekea and she was taken to Tinirau. Tinirau was happy and Ina was happy they lived happily ever after.
By Jay



Tinirau fell in love with Ina but they lived far away from each other. Tinirau kept sending her messages in the sea to get to Ina. One day Ina wanted to go to Tinirau so she tried to go on a fish but it didn't work. Then she tried a shark and it worked until she got hungry and tried to open the coconut by banging it on the shark's head. The shark was hurt and Ina got pushed into the water. Tinirau heard so he made a great white shark save her. They live happily ever after.
By Levi



Ina cracked the coconut on the shark's head and the shark cried because it was sore.
By Fanando



Once upon a time Tinirau the god of the sea and Ina a pretty lady were in love. But they lived so far away from each other. Ina decided that she would go and see her love so she called the sea creatures to carry her but only the shark was big enough to carry her. During the journey she became hungry and whacked the coconut on the shark's head. The shark screamed and threw her off. Tinirau sensed that she was in danger and sent a great white shark to rescue her. When he got there Tinirau said to the shark, "you have brought me my love and for that you and your kind will be the king of the sea".
By Grace

To celebrate Cook Island language week Room 8 learnt about the beauty of Tivaevae art making. We learnt about symmetry and created our own tivaevae. We enjoyed reading and writing about the Cook Island legend Ina and the Shark.

TUUI Whaanau



This week Ruma 9 have enjoyed learning new soccer skills with Coach Arnando. They have learnt dribbling, passing and shooting. Kotahitanga, Rangatiratanga and Manaakitanga are the school values that we are working on.

Our class celebrated Cook Island language week by doing some Tivaevae art making and enjoying some yummy Raro doughnuts.



We have enjoyed working on our Zentangle still life art project for the past two weeks. The art project requires a great deal of our attention and focus. It is a lot of hard work. We are very proud of the effort and patience we put into it. We love our completed artwork!



KERERUU *Whaanda*

For inquiry, Room 12 have focussed on how technology in the home has changed over time. We looked at homes and materials used throughout the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. We also studied homes in the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st century. We were given an assignment to work on at home and school which was to create a home that was eco-friendly and energy efficient. We were able to use everything we learnt about houses and technology. Check out what we made!



In Room 13 we are exploring bridges as part of our technology inquiry. We had heaps of fun working together to take on the paper bridge challenge. Tamariki could only use paper, tape or glue to construct a bridge. The winning bridge managed to carry 58 blocks which was awesome! After we have learnt a more about bridges and what makes them strong, we will attempt the paper bridge challenge again and to make improvements and put our new found knowledge to the test.



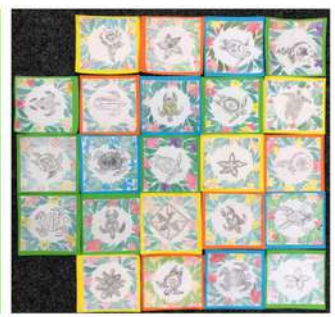
KERERUU

Cook Island Language Week

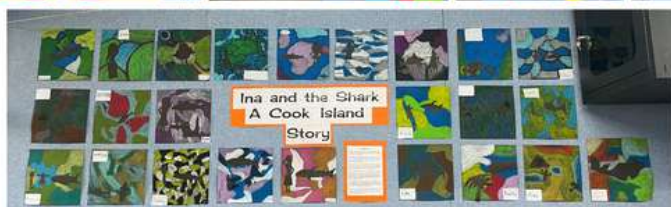


Room 12 played games, learnt a dance, learnt about our wonderful neighbouring islands, cooked and ate food, created some beautiful artwork and practised some phrases. What a wonderful week of learning and embracing our wonderful Cook Island culture! Tāmata'ia!

Room 13 explored tattoos. We compared how modern day tattoos work and how they were done traditionally. We also discussed the purpose of the tattoos, the meaning behind designs and then took to the drawing board to create our own designs. We then looked at the frangipani flower and the many beautiful colours they come in to decorate our borders.



In Room 15 we were so lucky to have Tangi bring in a special Tivaevae which was made by his grandmother. We learnt about the different types of Tivaevae and what the patterns and colours can represent. Then we set about making our own out of paper - it sure looks amazing, and now sits up high on the wall in class. Feel free to pop in and have a look!



Room 16 used pastel to create a colourful background with silhouette characters of Ina and the Shark. From this we produced a wonderful display for the classroom. The children also created tivaevae patterns using coloured paper which we have put on display as well before placing both on the Cook Island Inquiry presentation which they uploaded to Seesaw.

KERERU *Whaanga*

Room 13 learnt all about the Commonwealth Games and created amazing silhouette art pieces. We learnt about analogous colours - colours that are next to each other on the colour wheel - and used pastels to create our backgrounds. Students then got to choose a silhouette of a Commonwealth Game sport to cut out. This required dedication and patience as many had small bits to cut out. Lastly, we learnt about bordering and framing, it was tricky to get the spacing right for both, but I'm sure you'll agree, it turned out great!



Room 16 students have been working hard in their technology inquiry where they have researched different bridges. They then began designing a second harbour bridge for the 21st century for cars, light speed rail, pedestrians and cyclists. Currently, they are working hard to use tinkercad to create an online model which can be printed on a 3D printer.

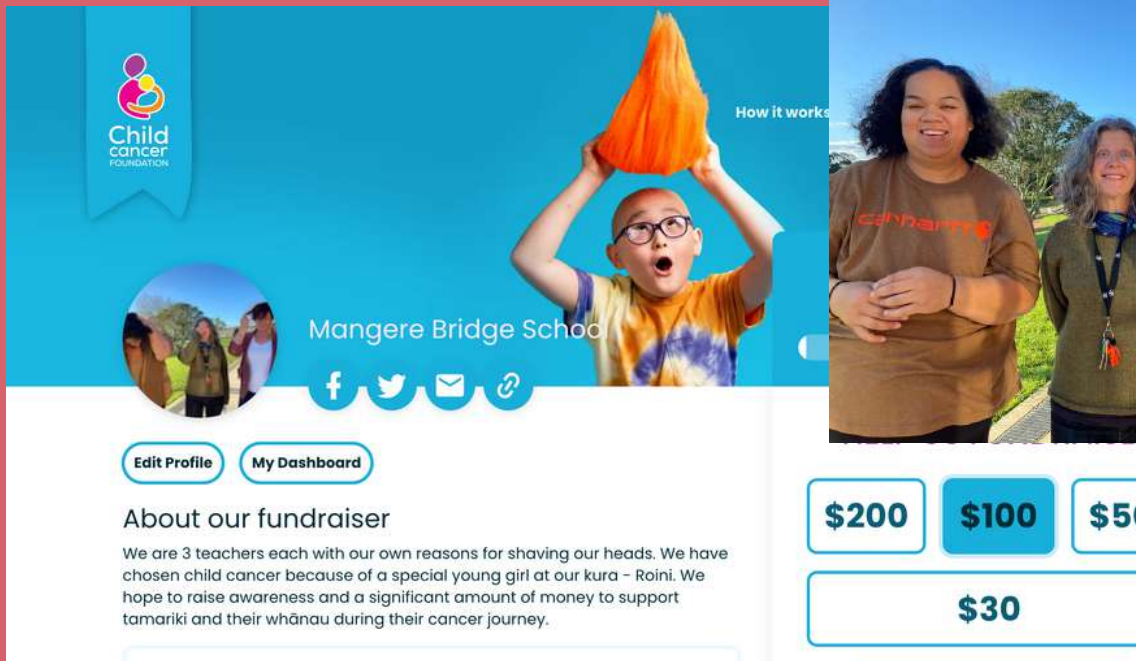


TE HIAROA *Whaanau*

Teenaa koutou e ngaa whaanau o Te Hiaroa. Ko te manaako i pai ngaa hararei ki a taatou katoa. Koa ana maatou nga kaiako i hoki ora mai ngaa tamariki ki te kura. Tere ana te haere o teenei wehenga whaanau. Naa runga i ngaa kaupapa whakamiharo. We had another great start to the term. Even with covid restrictions still at orange, it was great to see Te Hiaroa alongside our little Piiwaiwaka whaanau representing the school to welcome our new tamariki into the kura. Nau mai haere mai MBS! Week two was such a vibe celebrating our whanaunga tata from Rarotonga. Our tamariki mixed it up this time making beats, having an ura challenge, retelling stories and filling up our puku with yummy Cook Island food. Mako rai! Mihi nui ki o maatou tamariki i whakanuia i te raa pukapuka. A huge thank to our tamariki and whanau who put in amazing effort to celebrate the book fair for 2022. We would also to send a big shoutout to Whaea Teresa for organising another spectacular book fair week, nei raa te mihi maioha ki koe Whaea. Noo reira e te whaanau ki tau nga manaakitanga ki runga i taatou katoa!



SCHOOL Updates



Child Cancer Fundraiser

These brave kaiako, Ms Eniata, Whaea Nic and Whaea Rebecca are shaving their heads in order to raise money for child cancer.

Their team goal is \$5000 and they are asking for as many people to support as possible. They will be doing this on Wig Wednesday, September 7 at school. Time TBC. If you are able to support these ladies visit <https://wigwednesday.org.nz/t/mangerebridgeschool> to donate.

School Policies

We have some policies that are up for review this term. They will be in every newsletter, to make them more manageable to look at. This time you can review Care and Management of Students and Supporting Student Wellbeing

You can view the Policies/Procedures at <http://mangerebridge.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no 'www')

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BOARD Talk

Dear MBS whaanau,

We are almost at the end of our time as a board.

Thank you to those who have put themselves forward to serve for the next three-year term.

We'd really encourage everyone to participate in voting for the new board, so that we can be sure they have your support.

Signing off for (not quite) the last time,
MBS Board

COMMUNITY Updates

ROYAL OAK INTERMEDIATE -YEAR 6 OPEN DAY

On this day, Year 6 ākonga and whānau are welcome to visit Royal Oak Intermediate School. Whānau will be welcomed by prefects who will then give whānau and ākonga a guided tour of the kura. No appointments are required for these visits.

DATE: 18 August 2022

VENUE: Royal Oak Intermediate School Hall

TIME: 9:30am - 2:00pm

