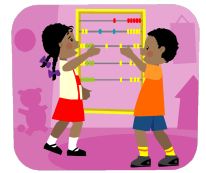








Out and about in the classes

...from the teachers, Term 2 2020



<p>Junior Hub</p> <p>Aimee, Christine and Tarryn</p>   	<p>What an interesting term this has been! We began our term remote learning which saw new learning take place for not only our tamariki but for the teachers as well. We were so impressed with the support from parents during this time. Our little learners were involved with daily Zoom meetings as well as quickly learning how to use seesaw and other online platforms to complete a range of exciting learning activities. Our arrival back to school saw a focus on our students hauora (wellbeing). We completed a range of learning activities to provide them with the necessary tools to feel safe and happy back in their new school environments.</p> <p>The tamariki have loved getting back into play based learning where they spend 3 afternoons a week exploring a range of hands on stations from Vet Clinics to craft and building.</p> <p>Each Thursday, the children have enjoyed rotating around our Arts and PE learning sessions. In art, we have been learning to use pastel colour with a focus on warm and cool colours. In music the children have loved exploring beat and rhythm using their bodies as percussion. During PE we have been developing our large ball skills through passing, throwing and striking- we are all becoming great footballers :)</p> <p>We look forward to the rest of the term as we head towards our new normal at Level 1 as of Wednesday.</p>
<p>Kiwi Hub</p> <p>Brianna and Hayley</p> 	<p>Wow, what an interesting way to start the term. We saw ourselves remote learning for the first five weeks of Term 2. This was challenging at times, however very rewarding seeing the whānau support and the children so engaged in wanting to achieve their goals. It was fantastic seeing the children use Google Classroom for the first time, as well as logging into ZOOM each morning to engage in their learning workshops. On the arrival back to school, we were lucky to have a 'B' celebration to burst our bubble. Children chose between Bikes & Balls, Blocks & Building or Beads.</p> <p>We have just started activating our prior knowledge on our new inquiry about Space. The children are all very excited about the learning ahead. We will be putting this knowledge to good use during art, in which we will be creating a pastel piece based on the planets. During PE, we have been building on our football skills and putting this into a team scenario, where they work together to be more successful.</p> <p>Kapa Haka started in Week 8, with a great turn out from the Middle Hub. They are working on becoming more successful with their waiata, kupu and Te Reo Maori games.</p>
<p>Tui Hub</p> <p>Laura and Kate</p> 	<p>Lockdown saw a very different start to the term in the Tui Hub. Both classes engaged really well with online learning opportunities, using Zoom and Google Classroom to keep connected and learning from home. It was awesome to see all the whānau getting involved and meeting everyone's pets! Since returning to school, children have settled in and we as teachers are pleased to see how engaged they are in their learning. There seems to be a lot more independence and self-motivation.</p> <p>We have had our Ka Pai Kids Celebration, bursting our bubbles with all things beginning with 'B'. Initially there was a big focus on wellbeing, taking time to reflect on our experiences and learn about our strengths. Inquiry is now moving to a focus on Space, focusing on the planets, moons and the connection to our Earth and Te Ao Māori. In art, children are learning to use mixed media to create images. PE has been building on large ball skills. We have also had a focus on 'unplugged' digital technology as well as exploring online coding. In Te Reo, we have started learning about Puanga and Matariki as this appears in the school holidays. Kapa haka and choir started in Week 8 and it is awesome to be back doing these activities. We are so proud of everything our learners' have achieved so far this term and can't wait to see the rest!</p>