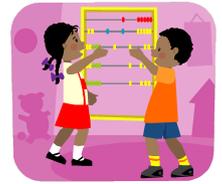




Out and about in the classes

.....from the teachers, Term 1 2018



Junior Teaching hub Jo, Laura and Kellie

Kia Ora Koutou! "Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi -Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work. This would be the whakatauki that is guiding the Junior Hub this term, and what a fantastic start to the term we have had. We have launched the Walker Learning Approach which allows for children to learn through investigating different areas in play. Play is focused around student interests and also what the wider school community is doing too. Every day there are eight focus students who we interact with in more depth. It has been a steep learning journey for all of us but we are loving the increase in problem solving, oral language, creativity and how it provides an authentic context for learning social skills. On top of this we have had the Year 1 tamariki to the Eco School, while the Year 2 children had dinosaur day. We have also followed up our interest in bugs and insects with a trip to the Museum. We wish you could all be here to see how amazing our swimming has become, but hope you are enjoying the pictures that we place on Seesaw instead. Our children competed in a duathlon, which would have been a first for many of them. We were so proud of all their efforts - ka mau te wehi! A big thank you to all the whānau who have come in as parent help in so many different capacities. We couldn't do it without you!

Kiwi Hub Tarryn and Diane

It is hard to believe week 7 is here already! The Kiwi Hub has started the year with 49 children across year 2-4. The children have settled quickly into the Hub routines with many children already familiar with the expectations having been here in 2017. We started the term getting to know each other with an 'All About Me' mini unit. This led onto a Keeping Ourselves Safe unit, where we were lucky enough to have Constable Paul Miller in for several visits, teaching us about Touch, Tricks & Secrets and Adults who we can trust. We have now begun our inquiry into **Focus on Food- Te Arotahi Ki Te Kai**- From the Garden to the Table where we will be looking at seasonal fruit and veg, growing plants, germination, cooking and of course eating healthy kai! This term we have also enjoyed swimming, developing our small ball skills, we have completed art work based on the famous artist Roy Lichtenstein and are now moving onto exploring mixed media art works. Our students have also enjoyed training and competing in our recent Junior Duathlon and Senior Swimming Sports. We are so proud of all our tamariki's efforts. This term has seen the introduction to Seesaw in the Kiwi Hub and we are so impressed with the amount of positive feedback and celebration of our Clever Kiwis hard work. We have enjoyed meeting the parents at our recent conferences and many offered ideas on their child's likes, dislikes and learning styles. SO...a very busy start to 2018 but it is always exciting and rewarding with such a fantastic group of tamariki!

Tui Hub Hayley and Kate

What a great start to 2018 the Tui Hub has had. Many of our Year 6 students put themselves forward to become student and school leaders with 12 being selected. From Week 1 we have been training for our triathlon in Week 8 and it has been great to see our tamariki so enthusiastic about the morning fitness. We have also been practising our swimming each Friday and showcased what we have learnt in our recent swimming sports. We have had mini Inquiries for the first part of the term starting with All About Ourselves which has also linked in with Keeping Ourselves Safe. It has been great to have Constable Miller in to work with the students to ensure they know what to do if they are feeling unsafe or uncomfortable. We also researched the Treaty of Waitangi and Room 6 readers have also been studying ANZAC. We are now starting our 'Relate' section of our Inquiry model where students are learning new vocabulary and activating their prior knowledge for our new topic of Healthy Kai. We're looking forward to the Heart Foundation coming in to teach us many things, from reading food labels to selecting healthy foods at the supermarket. The Tui Hub is building excitement around camp for Week 11. We cannot wait to get to Vertical Horizons and take part in activities that will take us out of our comfort zones. We've started our Seesaw journey, sharing children's work samples and connecting with parents to celebrate their learning.