

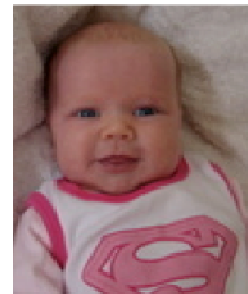
18 May 2011 Term 2 Week 3

Welcome to our new student:

HEART STOPPER CHALLENGE

Heart Kids

Well done to Mr Forrest, Mrs Archer and team sitting around in a bath of ice for 5 minutes. An extreme way to *connect beyond the school*. The team were inspired by the Archers 6 month old baby girl Phoebe, who was born with Hypo Plastic Left Heart Syndrome, a rare congenital heart defect. She has had two operations and a lengthy stay at Starship hospital. The team has raised an amazing \$4,310 to date and wish to thank all their sponsors.



DISAPPOINTING PARENT BEHAVIOUR AT THE SCHOOL CROSSING.

It is the expectation of all parents and staff that students are polite and considerate of others. Unfortunately a few adults have not been modelling this at the school crossing. Our school patrollers and parent volunteers have a difficult enough job managing pedestrian safety at the crossing without a few thoughtless people ignoring them, ignoring safe road practices and being rude and uncooperative. The police train our patrollers who must follow a strict procedure. Please adhere to this. In some instances one may appear to be waiting longer than wished but the children are not helped by comments or orders from those waiting to cross. Drivers can help by not double parking along the drop off zone. This restricts the patrollers vision and causes delays. **Thank you to those parents who have been showing our children sensible and safe behaviour.**

WHĀNAU GROUP MEETING

Thursday 19th May 6pm staffroom

All families are welcome to attend the whānau group meeting where we will discuss the year ahead. There is input into the kapa haka group, pōwhiri, noho marae and other school activities.

BEGINNING SCHOOL INFORMATION MORNING

Thursday 26th May 9.15am – 10.15am in the Staffroom

For parents of new entrants to the school. Hear how to ease your child into school life. Linda Palaret, Associate Principal-Junior School, will be running this session and is more than happy to answer your specific questions.

OPEN MORNING

Thursday 26th May 9.30am to 12noon

For any families in the community interested in seeing our school in action. Come to the office and our wonderful student councillors will guide you and answer any queries or questions. Stay for morning tea and meet the staff.

PÖWHIRI WELCOME

Friday 27th May at 8am

The pōwhiri is held to welcome new families to the school and encourage understanding of this Māori cultural practice. All students and family members are welcome to experience this special acknowledgement of joining our school community or attend as part of the tangata whenua (host) to welcome new families. Those attending will be guided throughout the pōwhiri. Join us for refreshments at completion of the welcome.

HEADLICE

PLEASE check your children for these visitors who have made a voracious return this term. We must all work constantly at keeping these chappies away. To prevent reinfection it has been suggested that all families check their children on Friday night and treat over the weekend if required.

TODAY'S SCHOOL ROLL NUMBER - 353 Students

ROOM 18 has been working on the Learning goal: To plan and write a recount independently capturing an experience involving some type of architecture. A time limit of 40 minutes was given. This is one of the fabulous results, by a Year 6 boy.

Squelch! Our feet tramped through the mud which seemed to ooze from under your feet. The baby leaves were bright green and shiny. It was late spring, the beginning of April. Every now and again a cascade of water droplets tumbled from the old trees standing either side of the path. It had rained earlier this morning, the result of this was that me, my sister Anna and my Dad were kitted out in raincoats and wellies. We were looking for the perfect place to build a magnificent den. Then we saw it - a small clearing with a stream that seemed to tinkle as it cut it's way through the damp forest like a slithering snake.

I scrambled down through the ferns and over the dead leaves and twigs littering the muddy clearing. We began by foraging through the woods for long solid logs we could use for our dens walls. I was only seven or eight at this time so I couldn't carry the big logs like my sister or my Dad. So I set to working clearing the space that would become our den, of sticks leaves and any other things that covered the forest floor. Sparrows chirped merrily as they soared from tree to tree.

The den was looking rather good by now but there were quite a lot of gaps that if it rained the water would fall through. Ferns and moss were everywhere so we put them on the gaps and hoped that they would keep out most of the water. A small burst of dappled sunlight blazed through the clouds and caused us to squint. I hoped this was a sign it wouldn't rain again but we were wrong!

My Dad then told us that he had brought some marshmallows to eat and we could toast them over a fire. A fire is quite easy to make once you know how. What you have to do is get some wet stones to put around the fire to stop it spreading them get many different twigs to burn. Next what you're supposed to do is rub two sticks together to make a spark but we cheated and used matches. It was a lot easier.

Before long we had a roaring fire going. It crackled cheerfully in the silent woods. The flames danced together as though playing a game. The fire really warmed you up and toasting marshmallows over it made them simply delicious.

We were having so much fun we didn't realise the dark forbidding clouds swirling and coiling in a strong breeze and sure enough fat droplets began slowly at first but it soon turned into a downpour.

"Quickly, get in the den" shouted Dad. We hurried inside listening to insistent, rythmic, drumming on the roof. The den seemed to be working but then a solitary raindrop fell from the roof. Soon one drop became a water fall. We scrambled out and sheets of rain bombarded my freezing face. Putting out the feebly dying embers we then ran all the way home, heads bent against the rain. We arrived sopping on our doorstep cold and tired but never the less we had had a very enjoyable day.

YUMMY APPLES TIME AGAIN

The "Healthy Eating, Healthy Living" "Yummy" sports promotion has sports money for schools with \$200,000.00 OF FREE SPORTS GEAR! Crunch your way through "Yummy" Apples, collect the "cut out" labels from the 2kg bags of apples or individual Yummy apple stickers (each 2kg bag "cut out" is worth 10 stickers!) Bring your stickers to school for your class chart. Get going, start collecting your "Yummy" 2kg cut out labels and stickers now! **Last year we earned \$700 worth of sports gear.**



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS – THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

Week 3	Wednesday	18 May	1.30pm – 3pm	School Cross Country
	Thursday	19 May	1.30pm – 3pm 11am	School Cross Country postponement day Earthquake Drill
	Friday	20 May	2.15pm-2.45pm 5.45pm–7pm 7.30pm-9pm	Middle/Senior assembly. Cochran Hall. All welcome Junior School Disco. Cochran Hall Senior School Disco. Cochran Hall
Week 4	Tuesday	24 May	TBA 7.30-10.30pm	ICAS Computer Skills Board of Trustees meeting. Staffroom. All welcome
	Thursday	26 May	9.30am-12noon 9.15am–10.15am	Opening Morning Beginning School Information session. Staffroom
	Friday	27 May	8am-8.30am 2.15pm-2.45pm	Pōwhiri welcome new families. All welcome School singing

