



# OTAKIRI SCHOOL

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### Tūi Class Newsletter

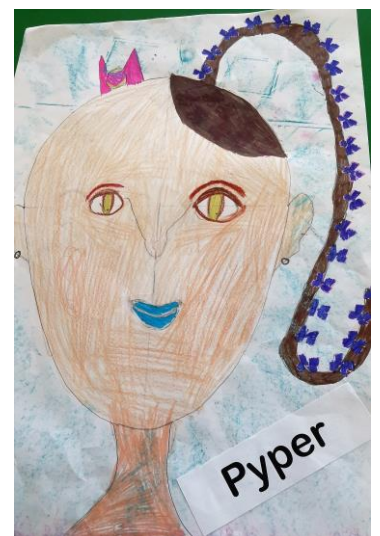
I had a look at cicada shells and I discovered that they actually do have a sucker. It was tucked up under the tummy. I decided to do some research about cicadas to share with Tūi and Mrs Richmond.

I published my story on Google Docs and Ellie taught me how to get a picture from the internet. Miss G showed me how to share it to her and then we put it on the T.V. to share with my class. By Mia H.



We are finding out about where we come from. I found out that my Great, Great, Great Grandad was Major James Cameron and he met King George. This is a picture of them talking. The Cameron's had a castle called Cameron Castle. We think we are related to Enzo Ferrari from Italy. They made Ferrari cars. By Pyper.

Mrs Dolman taught us how to draw a self-portrait. We drew a cross on our faces to help us put our eyes and ears in the right place. We had to check our eye and hair colour in the mirror. We had to make sure our eyes were the same size because if they weren't they'd look kind of funky. By Cassidy.





Tūi have been going to the Kawerau Pools with the Swim Team. I have been practising backstroke and freestyle. Miss G says that I am very good at backstroke and she uses me to show the class how to do it.

By Blake



**We may all be different but in Tūi we all swim together.**



### **Paid Union Meeting**

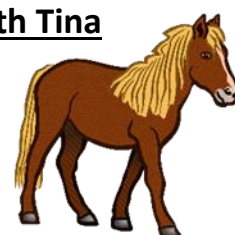
Teachers have a Union meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. School will run as usual with non-union staff and buses will leave at the normal time. If you would like to pick up your children early you can do so at 12.30pm.

### **Learning Partnership conversations**

Due to the Union meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Learning Partnership Conversations will now be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> from 3.15pm.  
**School will close at 12.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Pony Care Course, after school with Tina Hammond BHSAI**

The course will include games, worksheets, demos & hands on brushing, feeding, tacking up, general pony health & much more! It will also include a small amount of riding. The course is designed to give kids confidence, awareness and knowledge in preparation for looking after their first pony, starting riding lessons, or to simply indulge their passion for ponies!



**3.30 – 4.45pm** (I can pick up from school with my kids at 3pm by arrangement)

**\$20 per child.** Places strictly limited – first come first served.

**Mondays 5 – 7yr olds** Start date Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March 19

**Thursdays 8 – 11yr olds** Start date Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March 19

Children will need: Long sleeves, long pants, gumboots/jodhpur boots, an A4 folder to keep worksheets in. Riding helmet if you have one, or one will be provided when needed.

*Private riding lessons are also available for all ages (adults and children) on your own horse/pony or pony hire available if you are 2 – 11yrs old.*

UK qualified riding instructor, riding and training horses & riders for over 20 years.

**www.tinahammondbhsai.webs.com**

(NOTE: I haven't updated this site for a few years so please use the contact details below.)

**0210 260 7457**

**efs@farmside.co.nz**

### Dates and Reminders

5<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rangitaiki Swim Champs; 9<sup>th</sup> Mar – Country Fair; **19<sup>th</sup> Mar – Teacher Union Meeting**; 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – EBOP Swim Champs; 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Learning Partnership Conversations, **school closes at 12.30pm**; 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Learning Partnership Conversations; 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Top School; 26<sup>th</sup> Mar – EBOP Cricket World Cup; 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Ruru Camp; 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Kōkako and Takahē camp; 4<sup>th</sup> Apr – Rangitaiki Touch Tournament; 10<sup>th</sup> Apr – Rangitaiki Fun 4 U Day.

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# Welcome to our Village

"Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together"

## Eastern Bay Of Plenty 2019 Playcentre Awareness Week



Haere mai ki konei tamariki me te whānau.  
Welcome children and families to Eastern Bay Of Plenty's Playcentre Awareness Week event. Come and see what "Playcentre" is all about. Bubbles, balloons, children's play based activities and a whole load of fun!!!

Thursday 7th March 2019  
10am - 1pm

Whakatāne Library & Exhibition Centre  
Kākahoroa Drive, Whakatāne



"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood".  
- Fred Rogers

Good for your child...

...and good for you

Awakeri  
Playcentre

Edgcumbe  
Playcentre

Gairaka  
Playcentre

Mananui  
Playcentre

Opatiki  
Playcentre

Otakiri  
Playcentre

Port Ofopu  
Playcentre

Wairaka  
Playcentre

Our village becomes your village at Playcentre: fun and friendship for you and your children in endless experiences that last a lifetime.



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## COUNTRY FAIR UPDATE

The next Meeting is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3.15pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

**Helpers:** Thank you to all those who have signed up to help. There is an online form that you can fill in when you are able to help at the fair and there is also a sheet in the foyer at school. We have lots of new stalls happening this year and we can't run the fair without your help. If you are able to help please ring the office.

**We still need helpers to run Bouncy Castles, Candy Floss, Food Tent, Petting Zoo, Ticket seller, Baking, Food Prep on Friday, making steamed puddings.**

**Grocery items** This is starting to build with lots of canned goods - next Monday 4<sup>th</sup> send along anything in packets. Of course, you can still send along cans of food, jars and bottles. Please check expiry dates and place in trolley in the foyer. Non-perishables only at this stage please – just prior to the fair(Friday/Saturday) any fruit or vegies accepted.

**Stalls:** If you would like to hold a stall please ring and enquire at the office \$20 or Car boot \$10. If you have any contacts of other people who are regular stall holders at markets invite them to come to our fair. (No food vendors though).

**Hanqi Tickets:** on sale at the office. \$10 per ticket – limit 100 tickets.

**Raffle Tickets:** Multi Draw Raffle tickets are being sent home for each family to sell prior to the fair. Extremely popular and some great prizes thanks to our sponsors.

**Baking:** Next week baking trays/plates will be sent home for each family to bake something for the fair.

**Wanted:** We still need the following

- Gazebos 2 or 3 more would be great – thanks to those who have offered
- Large Chilly Bins
- Old chipped crockery – especially cups for the 'crockery smash' stall
- Farm gates/secure fencing for petting zoo to contain animals
- Milk Shake Makers/ice cream scoops

This year we are fundraising for a bike track for the school. So, let's all pitch in and help raise funds for our kids.

Thank you for your help  
Vera Pawson  
Country Fair Chairperson

**Return to Mrs Pawson - Kokako Room/or Office**



I can lend a gazebo

I can lend a chilly Bin

Name\_\_\_\_\_