



OTAKIRI SCHOOL

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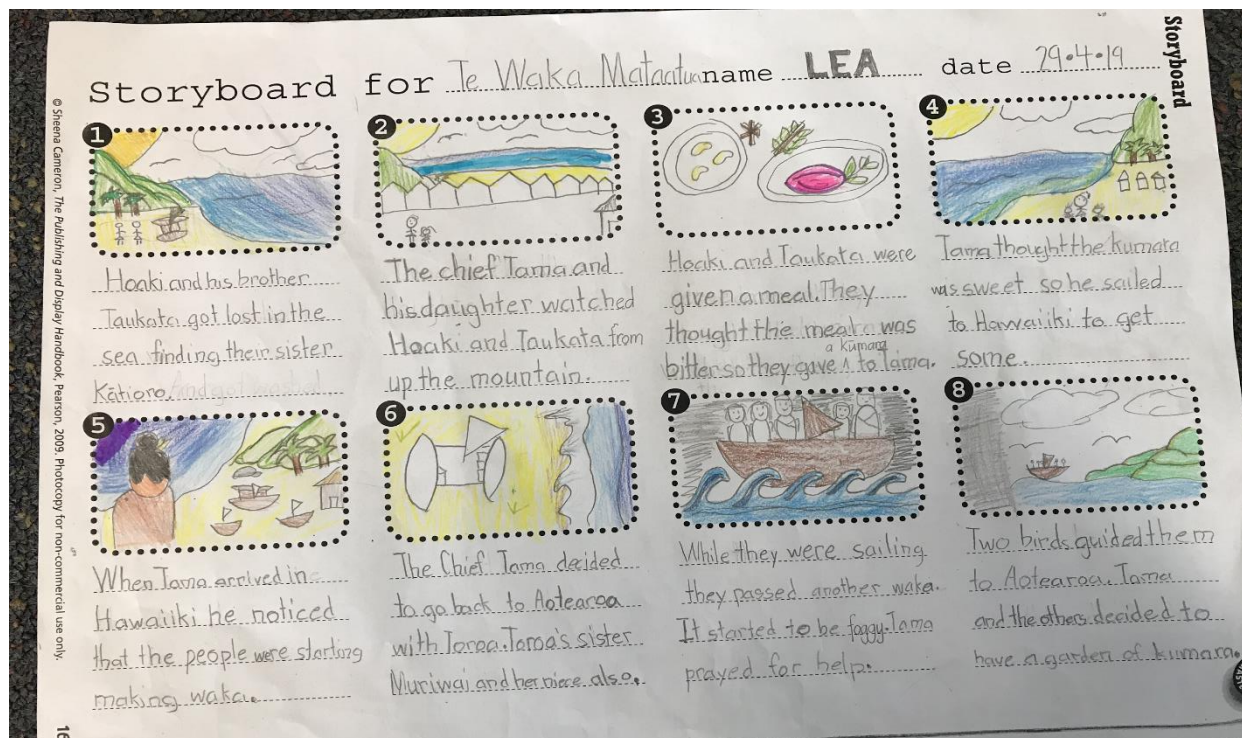
Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,



In the Beginning...



Ruru Class began their Inquiry of local history by reading a variety of Māori Legends. After listening to the legend, "In the Beginning" children worked in small collaborative groups to retell the story using variety of presentation styles - Readers Theatre, Musical Drama, Storyboards, Story cards or a Flip booklet. Children worked enthusiastically retelling the legend. At the end of the week we celebrated their learning by sharing their creations. Other local legends we focussed on were, "Toroa Rāua Ko Wairaka" and "Te Waka Mataatua - How the kumara came to New Zealand". This provided the children with background information before our visit to the Mataatua Marae.





Learning about the arrival of Toi and Toroa to Aotearoa, how Whakatane got its name, and tracing the steps of our ancestors along the Ohinemataroa River (Whakatane River) were rich learning experiences for our tamariki. We were very proud of our Deputy Senior Leader, BJ Knight for his leadership throughout our visit. Thank you BJ!

OTAKIRI COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT MEETING

Neighbourhood Support invites you to a community meeting on Tuesday 21st May, 5.30pm at the Otakiri Hall.

This is an opportunity to learn about Neighbourhood Support and how it benefits the whole community. To learn how to be safe, identify your hazards and how to respond to them.

Speakers: Neighbourhood Support and Police.

All welcome



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Dates and Reminders

15th May – Rangitaiki Netball & Rugby Day; 13th – 23rd May – Bike Ready & Cycle Skills; 22nd – 23rd May – Scholastic Book Fair; 23rd May – Student Led Conferences; 28th May – Rippa Rugby; 29th May – School Cross Country; 6th June – Rangitaiki Cross Country; 18th June EBOP Cross Country; 21st June – EBOP Inter School Gymnastics Competition; 25th June – BOP Cross Country; 2nd & 4th July – Learning Partnership Conversations; 5th July – Last day of Term 2.

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