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"Learners Forever, Leading the Future"

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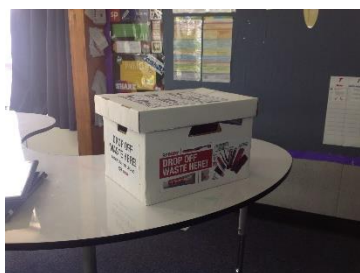
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Kia Ora Koutou,

In this newsletter we would love to share with you what we have been doing for the last 15 weeks and present our final solutions to our found community problem. Over the past term Korimako and I have been on a learning journey to develop student agency and undertake our first Project Based Learning Inquiry. This is a learning process in which they collaborated in teams to make an impact on real life everyday issues within our context. Within this they develop their dispositions, skills and understand themselves, the why, and the how it fits with the big picture and their future. Authentic Project Based Learning merge all learning areas of the NZ Curriculum, gets students to have ownership on their learning and is all about the learning process not just the end. So after joining the Un Sustainable Goals Fellowship and conversing with schools overseas, Korimako decided that our big idea was Kaitiakitanga with the understanding that we are all guardians of our world and have impacts on it (that even children or little changes can make a HUGE impact!). Our driving question was, 'How can we reduce the amount of waste, consumption and rubbish at Otakiri School'. We have failed fast, developed our capabilities and skills, iterated, surveyed, collected data, interviewed and written many letters with the stakeholder (the school) also being at the heart of moving forward towards our set date. which is this week, NZ National Recycling Week. Below are the final team products/solutions to the above questions that Korimako investigated and decided were going to have the most impact? These are Bees Wax Wraps, making our bins more visual (as well as getting more bins including a worm and compost bin) joining Paper for Trees, Teracycle Colgate and Bic pens programmes, recycling and compost lessons, an Environmental day, creating the Clean Crusader (with vests), growing vegetables (garden to table) and a stop motion movie on Sustainability. We are also presenting at assembly tomorrow if you are interested in hearing more about our learning. Please also look out for our upcoming community projects and contribute to the above solutions we have developed.

"Ko au te awa, Ko te away Ko au." "Titiro whakamuri kia anga whakamua" - look at our past to create a pathway forward



Lucy Dickinson
Teacher

School Hats

With the beginning of Term 4 comes the warmer weather especially as we head for Christmas. Please make sure your child has a blue bucket hat, these can be purchased from the school office for \$10. Your child must bring their school hat every day. If your child does not have a hat they will need to play in the shade.



Jubilee Sponsorship

We're looking for sponsors to help with some of the costs for the School Jubilee in October 2020 for billboards, advertising, printing, a courtesy van for elderly, a band and a photographer. If you are able to help with sponsorship, please contact Michelle.



Trophy Returns

As we are getting closer to the end of the year we would appreciate all end of year trophies returned to the office as soon as possible. Also with the Garden Competition coming up soon we would like all garden trophies returned.

Garden Competition

The annual Garden Competition is happening again in November. Children will be bringing home a Gardening Competition notice home tomorrow, please keep an eye out for this notice.

School Photo Orders

All school photo orders must be returned to the office by Tuesday 29th October. Order forms for Netball, House Captain and School Councilor will be coming home as soon as they arrive in the post.

Edgecumbe Farmers Market

Sunday 27th October 8am to 12.30pm
Rangitaiki Cosi Club Car Park

A FEW PHOTOS FROM AG DAY.....



Dates and Reminders

29th October – 8th November – Ed Life Van; 30th October – 1st November – Korimako Camp; 5th – 8th November – Karearea Camp; 13th November – Rangitaiki Athletics; 19th November – Blue Team Athletics; 26th November EBOP Athletics; 27th – 29th – Tui Camp; 3rd December – BOP Athletics; 5th December – Learning Partnership Conversations; 6th December – Final Assembly; 10th December – Learning Partnership Conversations; 10th December – Gold Team Pool Fun Day; 11th December – Blue Team Pool Fun Day; 11th December – Y8 Dinner; 12th December – Final Assembly and Last Day of School.

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