

# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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### Kōkako Kids News

Next term we have our Otakiri Agricultural day. This week we started to write some stories about calves. We listened to a story about cattle and then wrote our stories.

The baby calf drinks milk and it only stays with its mother for one or two days. Mum licks the baby when it is born and it is cute. The baby calf drinks milk and the milk has colostrum in it and the milk makes the calf strong. The calf has to learn to walk. Miller



The calf was drinking the milk for one or two days because the mother was getting milked at the milking shed. The milk from the mother cow was in a bottle. The calf drinks colostrum. When the calf is born it has to learn how to stand up and walk on its legs and walk to its mother to drink the milk. The milk helps the calf to get stronger and bigger. Pippa

The baby calf was drinking milk. It was little as, and the farmer milked its mother. Hamish

The baby calf drinks colostrum. It has to learn to drink milk so it could get stronger. Freddie

On Wednesday Sarah Walker came to our school. Walker House is named after Sarah. Sarah told us how as an 8 year old she wanted to go to the Olympics. She tried many different sports before deciding to choose BMX bike riding. She went to her first Olympics in 2008 and came 4th. In 2012 she won a silver medal. She has been World Champion BMX rider 3 times.

Sarah told us she can do big jumps on her bike. The longest jump was 14 metres long. That was as long as the library! Stella

Sarah can ride her bike faster than a car driving in town. She can go 65km. Lauren.



Sarah told us that you always have to keep trying to get better at your goal. Maz



Sarah won a silver medal at the Olympic games. That means she came 2nd. I got to feel it and it was really heavy. Cody

When Sarah went to the Olympics the first time she came 4th. She kept on trying and at the next Olympics she came 2nd. Faeya

Sarah told us about being safe on a bike. She showed us all her safety clothes you need to wear. Roam

Sarah told us to believe in ourselves - that we could do anything if we tried hard enough. Huntah

I liked Sarah's bike and all her gear that she had to keep her safe. Jack



## Staffing

We welcome Mrs Tracy Wilton-Jones (Whaea Tracy) who is sharing the teaching of our growing junior class. Whaea Tracy is working in Riroriro in the mornings supporting students with literacy learning.

We are also looking forward to Ms G. being back at school next week after her long but necessary absence recuperating from her broken shoulder.

## Cubs Kawerau

Cubs is about fun and personal development; this means promoting physical, intellectual, social and spiritual well-being of the individual, helping them achieve their full potential.

Cubs is for young boys and girls.

If you wish to find out more, please contact Michelle van der Hulle on 027 286 4881 or mc@vdh.co.nz.

## Student-led Conferences

Many thanks to all those parents/caregivers and whanau who were able to support their child in sharing their learning on Tuesday afternoon. We had a wonderful turnout. For anyone who was unable to attend, I'm sure your child/ren would welcome you at any time to share their learning journey.

## Tarawera College Open Day

Tarawera College Open Day is 10th September, we have students for the whole day. (9:15am - 2:15 pm) should anyone wish to join us.

Our open evening is 10th September 6:00 pm. All welcome.

I can be available on Wednesday 16th 2-3 pm at Otakiri if any parents wish to meet with me. Please let Michelle in the Otakiri School office know.

Kind regards, Julie Mees, Deputy Principal



WALKER HOUSE