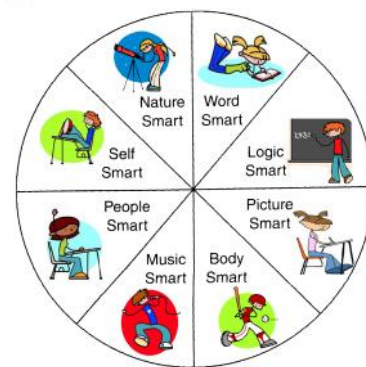


Hub News

Term 2, 2016



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Welcome to the Junior Hub — 21st Century Learning...



This is our first Hub newsletter for 2016. There are 45 happy learners in the Junior Hub, with more new enrolments expected throughout the year.

Ms Topia is our new entrant/Year 1 teacher, having taught for the last two years in the middle school. Kahla is enjoying this new challenge and loving her children.

Miss Chloe Peters is new to our school. Chloe is a beginning teacher, and compliments our Junior Hub with her strengths in physical education and I.C. Technology.

Mrs Martin is the voice of experience, and her presence ensures that the learning programmes in the Junior Hub are steeped in literacy and numeracy. The foundation of literacy and numeracy proficiency is vital for future learning and continues to be the learning focus for our tamariki. Sheila continues to work with students in the afternoon with the Reading Recovery programme.

The Board of Trustees is aware of the importance of the first 3 years of learning, and supports this through employing teacher aides to support class learning. Aimee Bradley and Kerry Little are experienced teacher aides and work with our children in a professional capacity.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Leanne Gillespie as parent helper in our Junior Hub.

As you can see, the adult/student ratio in the hub is low which adds value to our learning programmes.

Junior Hub Staff:

Teachers: Mrs Sheila Martin, Ms Kahla Topia, Miss Chloe Peters

Support Personnel: Mrs Aimee Bradley, Mrs Kerry Little

Parent Helper: Mrs Leanne Gillespie

Whakawhanaungatanga Camp

In the Hub we are learning to make new friendships by working together...

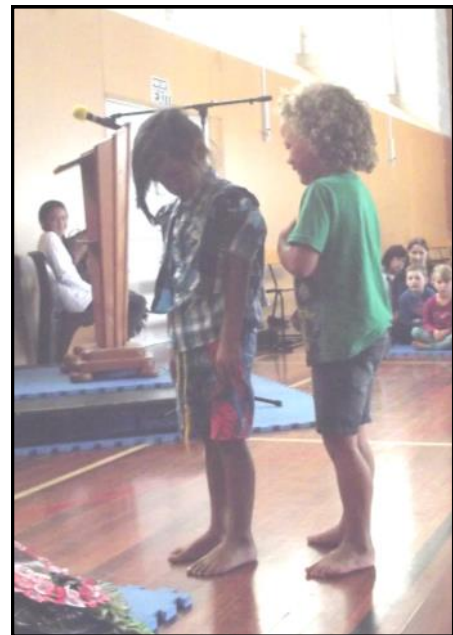
During the first few weeks of school, Te Kopuru School held our annual Whakawhanaungatanga Week. Students learnt about working together to achieve success. This was done through tabloids rotation where children had to cooperate, collaborate and strategize to achieve a positive end result. Some of these activities included "Cup Stacker", "Shishkball", "Electric Fence", "Spilly Billy" and "Mine Field." Great fun!



ANZAC DAY

In the Hub we are learning about the importance of ANZAC Day, and the effects of war...

The Hub celebrated ANZAC Day at the Te Kopuru School ANZAC Day Service at the end of term 1. The students learned about the significance of ANZAC Day and contributed artwork to the school display.



Romiromi and Jacqlon laying their wreaths at the flagpole during our ANZAC service.

Room 1 ANZAC Poem

**War smells like wet mud.
War looks like danger.
War sounds like bullets exploding.
War feels like sadness.
War tastes like gritty sand.**

In the Hub we are learning to keep safe by becoming confident in the water...

Water Safety

Water confidence is an important learning focus in our school, We are surrounded by water: - the Northern Wairoa River runs past our field, and the West Coast Beach is a favourite place in the summer. Our children need to be confident around water.

Thanks to the Board of Trustees, we are fortunate to be able to employ our swim coach, Mrs Marie Birkenhead, to work with our children in our school pool.



Some students were challenged to swim a length of the school pool. Some students were able to float, kick, and dolphin dive. Some students were able to put their heads under the water and blow bubbles. Some students were able to dive into the pool.

During Term 1 The Hub participated in a Water Safety session with Megan McDermott from Sport Northland. The children learnt skills such as floating in a life jacket and huddling. The children really enjoyed this experience.



"Yesterday we went to the pool after 3rd break. We put the life jackets on. We stood on the side and took a step down into the deep end. We were floating on our backs. We were kicking all the way. We got out and got changed. I was the first one to put my clothes on at the pool."

Tahje Year 2

In the Hub we know how to wear a life jacket and how to huddle in the water to keep ourselves safe...

"Yesterday we went to the pool. Mrs McDermott taught us to float on our back. We floated on our backs. It was fantastic on our backs."

Otis Year 2

In the Hub we use our learning experiences in our reading and writing.

"Yesterday we walked to the pool. We stepped into the pool after we put our life jackets on. We floated."

Paige Year 2

Tuakana Teina

In the hub older children have the opportunity to help and share their knowledge with the younger students. And EXPERTS students (older or younger) are also given the opportunity to become teachers.

Small Group Teaching

enables specific targeting of student needs.

Working in groups allows students to share ideas and express opinions with each other. Working in groups fosters team work and cooperation.



Tukaha dressed-up his bike when we officially opened our bike track.



Pool games add fun and build confidence in the water

WANTED:

Grandparent/Parent/Caregiver/Community Helpers
Our junior students would love to be able to listen to and read to adults. Is there anyone who would like to spend some time—maybe 2/3 times a week reading with our children? Please contact the school if you can!

Term 2:

Term 2 is going to be another busy term. Room 1 will be setting up and learning about worm farming. Room 2 will be learning about creepy crawlies and Room 3 will be looking at recycling within our school. We will also be learning about Matariki and will have our Matariki celebrations at the end of the term.

At the end of the term we will be conducting our parent teacher interviews and sharing the student's e-portfolios. Sharing and celebrating student achievement and success is important for our children. Appointment times will be sent home in the fortnightly school newsletter. We look forward to catching up with you.

Please remember we are always happy for you to come into our classes to join in with the learning!