



Kuratau School

Kimihia Te Matauranga Kia U Ki Te Pono
Through Seeking Knowledge Comes Truth

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IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY 30 TH MARCH	GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY 2 ND APRIL	EASTER MONDAY
TUESDAY 3 RD APRIL	EASTER HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY 4 TH APRIL	BACK TO SCHOOL
TUESDAY 10 TH APRIL	LAKE ROTOPONAMU WALK
FRIDAY 13 TH APRIL	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

***** Things to remember Term 1, 2018 *****

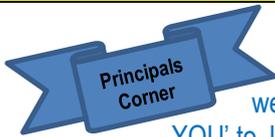
Reading **EVERY NIGHT** is so important!

Bringing your bookbag to school
EVERY DAY is a **MUST DO!**

Looking out for each other on the bus is being super responsible!

Don't forget to check the lost property bin outside Room 4, there are lots of clothes in it!!

Easter Break is Friday 30th – Tuesday 3rd including both days.



Kia Ora all, the first term is coming to an end soon. We close for the term on the 13th April. You might like to join us on the 10th April (weather permitting) for a day at Lake Rotopounamu. More information later. This year we are selling our honey to school families. The money will be spent on Bee Gear for the school. A big 'THANK YOU' to Joe Steele who separates and packs our honey for us. Honey will be sold on WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH only. 1kg for \$10.00. Limit of 1 per family. Cash Sale only. We hope to have a larger bus doing the service in Term 2 as we are currently 3 to a seat, rather squashed. We are still after adults to do ONE reading session a week. An hour and ¼ listening to our juniors read their home readers. A good one on one situation that will support our youngsters as they learn to read.

Our 2018 charter has been uploaded to our website – check it out!

ROOM 2 - EASTER RAFFLE



To help with costs towards Room 2 end of year trip to Dunedin they are running an Easter Egg Raffle.

Each child/whanau from Room 2 have been asked to contribute 1x Easter Egg towards the raffle please.

\$5 per ticket.

Drawn on or before 28th April 2018

1st Prize = Basket of Easter Eggs and 1x XL Hunting Vest

2nd and 3rd Prize = Basket of Easter Eggs

AIR NZ SPONSORED AIRPOINTS DUNEDIN TRIP 2018

Recently, Air New Zealand, very generously, through their Airpoints for Schools programme, gave us the opportunity to fly 30 of our children to Dunedin to explore marine life first hand and in depth! Room 2 will be taking up this fabulous opportunity. For further information on AIR NZ's Airpoints School Programme follow the link on our website. Also check out the photos recently posted on our Website showing AIR NZ staff having some fun with the Room 2 students in preparation for their trip. Please note: Airpoints only cover the flights and not the accommodation, food and travel needed. Room 2 will be fundraising throughout the year to pay for these items. Please support them in their efforts.



CONTACT INFORMATION & HEALTH RECORDS FORM CHALLENGE

On Wednesday EVERY child was given an information update sheet to bring home. We are in the process of updating our contact and medical records. In order to get all forms returned we ran a schoolwide competition. The class with the highest percentage of returned forms won a feed of Fish and Chips for lunchtime on the **THURSDAY 29TH MARCH**.

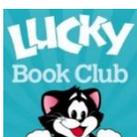
CONGRATULATIONS TO ROOM 4 100% RETURNED by FRIDAY 23RD MARCH



HELLS PIZZA READING CHALLENGE 2018

Kuratau School is participating in the HELL Pizza Reading Challenge again this year. Each child will receive their own pizza wheel to be clipped or stamped by their teacher and kept in class. This challenge is designed to get our children reading every day.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2



Issue 2 was sent out this week. It is recommend by Lucky Books that your orders are place by **FRIDAY 30TH MARCH**.

Remember: The school does not process orders. To place an order you must do it online through LOOP. All orders are delivered to school to distribute.

LAKE ROTOPONAMU TRIP

On Tuesday 10th April the whole school will be undertaking a walk around Lake Rotopounamu organised by Matua Brett. More information will be sent home soon.



Check out our updated website!



HONEY MAKING VISIT – 2018



6 Children were chosen to go up to the honey factory to watch our very own beehive honey being extracted out. Check out the photos and stories below.

ROOM 4

THE HONEY FACTORY

By Kenana O'Callaghan

Aged 6 years

I went to the honey factory and I learnt about honey and bees.

Q: How do you know which the queen bee is?

A: It is bigger than the drone bees.



HONEY BEES 'BUZZING'

By Shaun Xie

Age 5 years

We went to the honey factory. I liked seeing the honey boxes.



ROOM 2

KURATAU SCHOOL FIELD TRIP TO THE HONEY FACTORY IN OMORI

By Papillon Poynter

Aged 9 years

Friday 16 March 2018. Before we went to factory my follow school mates and I went up the hill to see the Kuratau bees in their beehives. We went back to the staff room and we put cool costumes on and we got to hold the smoker that makes bees think there is a fire so they eat all the honey so they can survive

THE TRIP TO THE HONEY FACTORY

By Kaylen McLaughlin

Age 9 years

On Friday 16th March 2018 we went to Omori honey factory. We met a girl called Elizabeth. She talked to us about how the bees make honey and how to get wax off the frames. There were lots and lots of rooms and bee boxes and barrels. There are 1600 boxes of honey. Marques, Mya-lee, Kenana, Shan, Tawhai and I went to the honey factory. All the bees the go out of the hives to get honey are called worker bees and the boy bees are called drones.

THE HONEY FACTORY TOUR

By Mya Lee

Age 9 years

The white stuff you see on top of the comb is wax. Even though it might seem "Yuck" it's "NOT" because if it didn't put wax on it, the queen bee lay honey would leak out.

Q: How many babies does the queen bee lay a year?

A: Elizabeth said "2000 eggs a day"

Did you know that the bees who collect pollen are all females?



ROOM 1

THE HONEY FACTORY

By Marques Te Whata Tasi

Age 10 years

This is the machine that divides the wax from the honey. It spins around and the wax comes out from the bottom, then the honey goes into a huge silver barrel. There were 2 ladies and one of them came here to Kuratau School. All that honey goes into a dark red barrel and gets sent to shops and our school.



THE HONEY FACTORY

By Tawhai Donaldson

Age 10 years

Friday 16th March 2018 I was at the honey factory. This machine would spin so fast that if you put your fingers in it would come "OFF". It has to spin fast for the honey to drop out of its sockets. The honey would then go through this pipe and disappear into another machine. The tray you put the honeycombs in has little rectangles so the honey could drip out.



ROOM 3

BEE FACTORY

By Hunter Robertson

Aged 7 years

At the bee factory there was a lot of hives there was 500,000 hives. They got the combs and used a machine that spins the honey around. The room was very hot to make them (bees) not attack us.

GOING TO THE BEE FACTORY

By Amber Newell

Age 9 years

Before we left to go to the bee factory we had a chance to put on our special bee suit and got to hold the smoke producer. Honey comes with little caps on them so the honey would not drip out.

ONE DAY ONLY HONEY SALE

\$10 for 1kg - Limit 1 per whanau

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH

