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Newsletter **Week 8 9 December Term 4 2022**

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau:

As this is our last newsletter for the year on behalf of our Board of Trustees, Leadership Team and staff we want to thank our school community for their support this year. For the last three years of Covid disruption which we are still in the grips of, we have managed to hold it all together. At times it has been far from easy but collectively we have all pulled through. Hopefully next year will be much better.

Despite this adversity our school has continued to experience student roll growth and with this increased additional new staff members. I want to acknowledge and thank our staff for their tireless effort this year to ensure that our students have the best opportunities we can provide.

We have three new members on our Board of Trustees with one vacancy remaining. If you are interested in this vacancy role please contact our office and we will get in touch.

We have finalised our Teacher Aides' placements for next year and the list will be circulated via Storypark. This year, while we have made a number of staff changes, eleven teachers and ten teacher aides moving within our school from a staff of 100, our key focus has been on forming the best possible teams to meet the needs of our changing student population.

Best to you all for the festive season. Stay safe and look after each other.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Term Dates for 2022

Term 4 Monday 17th October - Thursday 15 December 12 noon

Wednesday 14 December - Whole school get together to say "Goodbye" to our school leavers and staff who are leaving at 10.30 at Base.

Kayak Day 2022

Arguably the best day of each year.

Big efforts by all to make this Kayak Day a success.

Safe fun with each other in, on and around the water. .



Welcome Bay Satellite - Toroa and Kea Athletics Day at Welcome Bay School



This term has been busy with lots of enjoyable sports activities. Toroa and Kea classes enjoy opportunities to be part of Welcome Bay School's events and athletics if one of the favourites! So many fun activities and things to try! The mainstream students were so awesome at including us and helping us learn new skills. It is so great to be part of this school.

We have been practising skills such as how to run and jump for the long jump and the scissor jump onto the big high jump mat plus how to point and throw a ball. The sack race was also a favourite, so exciting!

Room 2 at Base

Animals in Action

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Run, run, run, like a cheetah

Climb, climb, climb, like a monkey

Fly, fly, fly, like an eagle

Swim, swim, swim, like a turtle

Animals in action

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Let's Go!

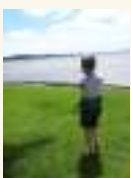
HOW DO ANIMALS MOVE?

Room 2 has been exploring this question in many ways...



ALSO: To prepare ourselves for Kayak Day on Thursday 1 December, we visited Rotary Park each week. It was great getting used to the space and we all felt very comfortable when Kayak Day arrived.

Thanks to all the whānau who were able to join us! :-)



A big THANK YOU to all who supported Room 2 by buying raffle tickets.

We had an amazing trip to Marshall's Animal Farm!

Photos to come on StoryPark. :-)

This is Room 2's last entry for the year. We would like to wish you all a very merry Summer break and all our best wishes for the new year. :-)

Room 4 at Base

"Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa"
We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone.

We have been learning about living things in all their different forms. Identifying what living things are and what they require in order to live and grow. We have propagated our own plants, planted beans, met some furry friends and have had lots of fun creating different animal masterpieces.



Room 4 at Base

Room 4 has really enjoyed cooking, tasting and sharing all types of food. We've tried different cultures' cuisines, we've made baking to gift to our friends and teachers and have treated ourselves to some delicious sweet treats to celebrate the students incredible mahi. ka mau te wehi!

