

— Term 1, Week 8 2025 —

Wyndham Primary School Newsletter



Our Learning Term 1:

- **School Values - RESPECT.**
- **Inquiry - SUSTAINABILITY-**
Pollution & Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- **Play is the Way - Virtue:**
Empathy. Liferaft: It takes great strength to be sensible.
- **iDeaL Structured Literacy.**
- **Pr1me Maths.**
- **NUMICON.**
- **Health & PE focus -**
Swimming; LMV Athletics. John Parsons visit.

Upcoming Events:

- **Swimming** from Week 2.
- **John Parsons** visit next Thursday 3/4/2025
- **Fundraiser - Quiz** @ Three Rivers Hotel, 7pm 7/4/2025

**CHECK OUT OUR HERO
CALENDAR FOR ALL
SCHOOL DATES!**

Kia ora koutou,

Principal's Update

HERO is our school's management system for our roll but it also contains our local curriculum which enables us to track student progress and to report on achievement to parents and families. As you know, HERO is also a fantastic communication tool connecting students + staff + home; a one-stop shop really for sharing everything we do at WPS.

Since implementing the platform in 2023, we have been continually impressed by its potential. One of the best things about HERO is its capacity for sharing and celebrating the learning across all classes in real time. Just this week we had some beautiful examples of handwriting from Mānuka class and some fun, hands-on maths exploration from Kōwhai. There were photos of the student leadership demonstrated by our PALs students with their lunchtime games and then a celebration of Tōtara class and their wonderful artworks.

By not regularly checking HERO you may be missing out on these opportunities to celebrate your child's hard work. We encourage all parents to comment and to discuss the learning with our students and teachers. In this way we can help to build a strong evaluative partnership between home and school.

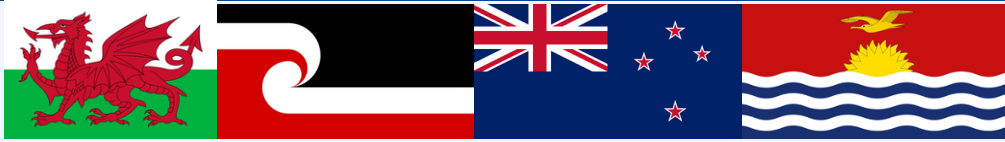
Parents who have had a child at WPS for a few years will know that we use HERO to report progress. Reviewing data together is an important part of our twice yearly 3-way learning conversations process. With primary school assessment in New Zealand a current focus for government it is increasingly being discussed by media and I suggest it is a great idea for our parents to regularly check-in to HERO to understand more about assessment at WPS.

If you do you will not only be well-versed in the nationally standardised assessments we use at WPS such as e-asTTle, IKAN or PAT testing but also other useful assessment practices such as "overall teacher judgement" or the suite of programme-specific tests for iDeaL, NUMICON or Pr1me Maths. Regularly checking in on HERO means that when our mid-year learning conversations roll around towards the end of Term 2, parents will be able to discuss their children's progress with knowledge and understanding of both what we teach and how we assess.

Enjoy your weekend together, best of luck to students playing sports this weekend - *Aim High!*

Catherine Lewis

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This term in Tōtara, we have been learning how to research and write informative reports. The first research and report we did was about our favorite aquatic animal. Currently, we are conducting research on our school's recycling habits and will be writing a report based on this.

Below is a report written by Aritiera Taberannang. If you would like to see more reports, they are all published in a 'book' in class.

Inquiry Report - The Colossal Squid.

This report was written, after doing thorough research following inquiry questions. It is my belief that all information in this report is true and accurate. I chose to research the colossal squid because I wanted to bring attention and awareness to what colossal squids are capable of.

Most people know what a squid is. I would argue that most people don't know what a colossal squid is.

Appearance Of The Colossal Squid. The appearance of the colossal squid is very unique. Its skin tone is made of red and pink hues. The colossal squid has many arms, which can reach the length of 12-14m (in adulthood).



Broken Records. A colossal squid has broken many records. It's the largest squid in the world and weighs about 1,650 pounds(750 kg) and 45 feet (14 meters) . It has a glowing eye and the largest eye too, and is considered the most intelligent invertebrate.

Habitat of The Colossal Squid.

What does a colossal squid do throughout its life? well they are born in Antarctic waters. Although some are born in the far north or far south of NZ.

Diet. They hunt whales for food and sometimes even incredible battling happens, but now only colossal squids eat whales,whales eat colossal squid too! So this is basically a food for food situation.

Where it happens.

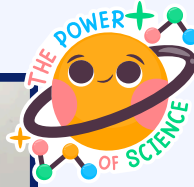
Everything like this happens 100 meters or more underwater, if you swam down 100 METERS underwater, the water pressure would rip you apart due to our weak limbs but as for colossal squids and whales their body's have thick layers of skin that can stand the pressure.

First sighting.

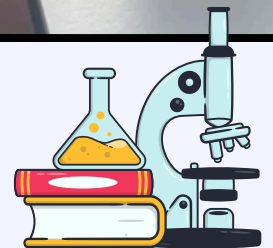
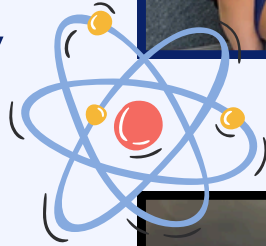
The first sighting of a colossal squid was in 1925 when the head and arms were discovered in a whale's stomach.

How does pollution affect Colossal squid?

It affects Colossal squid in lots of ways. One of them is poisoning the food chain, and contaminating their homes with pollution such as plastic chemicals and oils and other things making it hard for the colossal squids to live.



Tōtara class has been learning a lot about water pollution—how it affects us and others, and how we can stop it. To truly see the effects of litter in water, we conducted our own experiment. We went around the school collecting litter and then selected pieces to place in our water jars. Over the past few weeks, we have been monitoring the changes in the water.

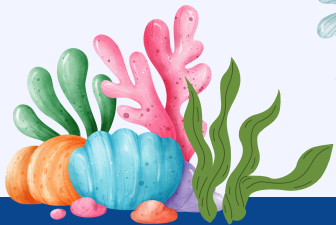


Our Learning - Tōtara

We studied the work of Chris Jordan, who is renowned for using recycled materials to recreate some of the world's most famous artwork, such as The Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh. Inspired by his work, we used recycled materials to create representations of our favorite aquatic animals, which we had written reports on.



Can you guess our animals?



Week 8 Learning Awards

Kōwhai:

Loki Webb is working very hard in our literacy blocks. He is using his spelling knowledge to write independently and he is sounding new words in reading. He whetu koe!

Mānuka:

Milly Ebbett you have been so focused on your literacy learning this week. You are trying really hard at recording your letter sounds correctly and have been taking your time to form your letters correctly. Ka pai to mahi!

Rimu:

Frans Swanepoel well done for consistently displaying a positive learning attitude! This has led to your awesome progress with reading and writing. You should be very proud of yourself!

Harper McEwan you have worked so hard and your literacy results are very awesome. Well done for moving on to stage 2 spelling and progressing to authentic reading texts. You have a very proud teacher.

Kahikatea:

Oscar Eason for aiming high with writing. You are on task, you always strive for excellence in every piece of writing, and have great ideas. Keep it up!

Isabella Swanepoel for aiming high in reading. You are reading fluently and complete follow up tasks to a high standard. Well done!

Skylaar Blanco for aiming high in reading. You are reading with confidence and fluency. Well done Skylaar!

Matai:

Charlie Dyer has worked extremely hard this term. You have demonstrated dedication, determination and a positive attitude. Miss Yeo is very proud of you. Keep up the amazing work Charlie!

Austin Jacobsen you have made wonderful progress in your writing. It has been fantastic to see your confidence shining through in your writing. Awesome mahi Austin.

Swanique Swanepoel you are a delight to teach and always give 100% in your learning. You demonstrate such a positive attitude.

Pōhutukawa:

Lucas Ward for working really hard in reading this term – your test results are showing that work. Keep up the awesome mahi!

Iris Wheeler for always giving everything 100% and listening to feedback given.

Tōtara:

Edward Instone for outstanding dedication to his learning. He has consistently submitted his homework on time to a high standard, demonstrating responsibility, effort and a commitment to his learning. His classwork is always presented to a high standard too.

Week 8 Values Awards

Kōwhai:

Jackson Caldwell likes to be organised and is helpful when we are organising our room. Tino pai!

Mānuka:

Jayden Templeman-Modde you are a respectful member of Manuka class. You constantly display beautiful manners and are a super star at following instructions. Keep being awesome!

Rimu:

Ivarr George well done for consistently showing respect to everyone around you. You are an awesome learner!

Lucy Sunshine-Tervit I love how you are so responsible with your belongings and your actions. You are a Rimu role model!

Kahikatea:

Wilson Wilson looks after his own belongings, always gets ready for the day and is prepared for learning. Keep it up Wilson!

Tom Clearwater thank you for always being a good role model to others and being ready for learning.

Matai:

Bree Crighton well done for showing consideration to everyone! You always offer to help others whenever they need it.

Garima Minhas for consistently demonstrating respect. Garima is always making sure to follow classroom expectations.

Pōhutukawa:

Charlotte Gregory for always displaying good manners in the senior classrooms.

Mackenzie Maxwell I like how you are aware of others and their feeling in group activities.

Tōtara:

Ted Rabbidge you have demonstrated our school value of responsibility and have shown good manners. You are growing into an exceptional year 6 role model. You are always organised & punctual which is reflected well in your work and as a PALS leader. Ka Pai.

Payton Jacobsen you consistently show respect and consideration to those around you. You're a great friend, and your bubbly personality truly shines in the classroom.

WELCOME

HAERE MAI, WELCOME

to **Ruby Herbert** and **Tessa McEwan** and their families!

We are so happy that you have chosen our school for your learning journeys. We hope that you are both enjoying getting to know your new classmates and teachers in Mānuka Class and we look forward to seeing each of you grow and learn with us!



Happy Birthday, Rā Whānau Kia Koutou

to **Ruby** and **Tessa** from Mānuka, **Zia** from Rimu, **George T, Tokatiita** and **Jacob** from Kahikatea, **Phoenix** from Pōhutukawa, **Brodie** and **Edward** from Tōtara who have all celebrated a birthday in the past fortnight!



Currently for review – Term 1 2025

Our Term 1 review closes on Friday 11th April 2025 at 3pm:

- ***Health, Safety & Welfare Policy***
- ***Safety Management System***
- ***Risk Management***
- ***Worker Engagement, Participation & Representation***
- ***Healthcare***
- ***Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness***

If you would like to contribute to our current procedure review please visit our School Docs site at <https://wyndham.schooldocs.co.nz>.

Our **username** is **wyndham** and **password** is **wyndham**.



Well done!



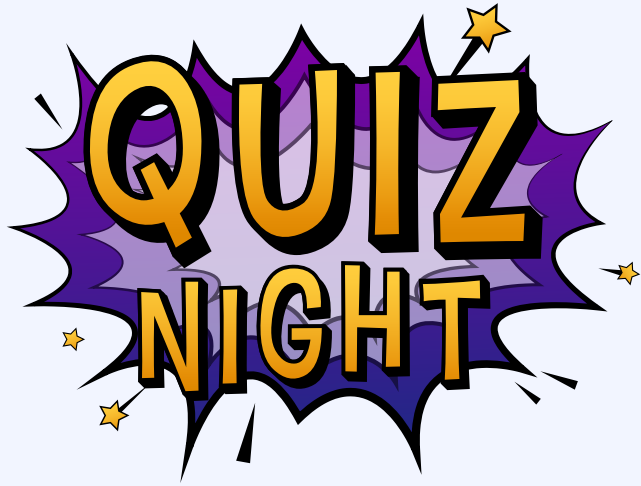
To the super sporty students who represented our school and the Lower Matura Valley area at Southland Primary Schools Athletics Competition last weekend - **Brodie, Mackenzie, Lucas, Evelyn** and **Beer**. We are so proud of each of you for **Aiming High!**



Special congratulations to **Beer** for placing **3rd** in the **60 metre dash** - amazing effort!



Well done also to **Seth** from Tōtara who competed in the **BMX NZ Championships** last Saturday! It is a fantastic achievement to participate at the national level in your sport, we are super proud of you!



We are fundraising in 2025 and starting off with a quiz!

Get your team of up to 5 members together and come along on Monday 7th April 7pm, Three Rivers Hotel.

BISTRO OPEN • RAFFLES • GREAT NIGHT OUT

TICKETS \$5 EACH - AVAILABLE FROM OUR OFFICE OR AT THE DOOR!

Book your babysitter and save the date!

Thanks so much to sponsors who have donated raffle prizes for our quiz.

We are super grateful to **SouthRoads Invercargill** and **Eunson Plumbing** for supporting our school. If you have some items to donate please contact our office - we would love your help!



Contact the team at Southroads for more than just roading on **03-211 1000** or email **admins@southroads.co.nz**

Contact **Lindsay Eunson** for all your local plumbing needs on **03-206 4588**





COME PLAY HOCKEY!

Games are every Wednesday
after School, so come have a go!



Get in touch with your school to register, or if
your school does not have a team contact
ihascchools@gmail.com

Have a go days at the turf

Wednesday 26th Mar and 2nd April 4pm




Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a **New Zealand
Traveller Declaration**
when you come back

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)

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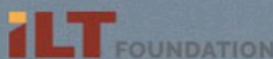


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in pebbles

Wesley John Fourie
Regina Gorge
Sarah McGaughran

Opening 5:30pm 28th March
at Art Attic Gallery
43 Tay Street Waihōpai

28th March - 26 April



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April 2025 Support Groups

Men's Grief Group

Tuesday 1st April 12.00 – 1.00pm

Women's Grief Group

Tuesday 8th April 12.00 – 1.00pm

Walk and Talk Support Group

Every Friday 9.30-10am

(please contact us for more details if you are interested)

Loss and Grief Centre

17 The Crescent, Invercargill

Ph 027 443 8788 or 214 0393

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