

Welcome to the new normal

By Lottie King

Dear readers,

We are finally in Level 2! But this does not mean we should go back to our old ways...we should be sticking with what we have become so good at during the last few months. Washing our hands, using hand sanitizer, being careful of what we are touching and keeping our distance from others. New Zealand has done a fantastic job, and with no new COVID-19 cases for more than 10 days, we may be moving to Level 1 next week. Watch this space!



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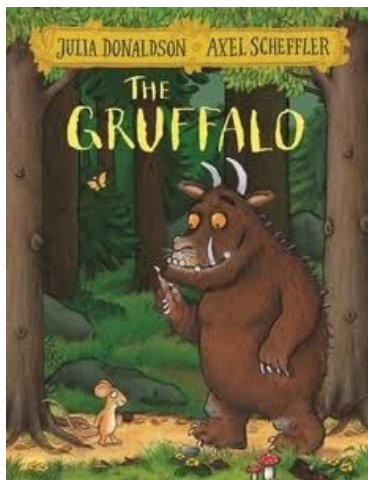
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BOOKFLIX

Welcome to Bookflix, where we show you all the recommended books for Kakariki, Puriri and Kowhai!

Kakariki

The Gruffalo



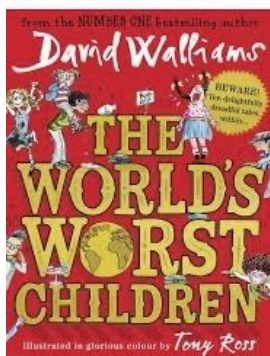
A small mouse encounters three of his main predators: a fox, an owl, and a snake. Each one attempts to trick him into being their meal, but he tells them he is going to dinner with the Gruffalo, a big, growly, sharp-toothed creature that specifically eats foxes, owls and and snakes- which instantly scares the foolish predators away. However, The Gruffalo is just a tale... or is he?

“A charming picture book that will keep readers entertained with its detailed illustrations and engaging yet simple plot.”

Written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler

Puriri

The World's Worst Children



Awesome author David Walliams brings us The World's Worst Children - a book containing ten stories of the most terrible children in history. Laugh out loud at kids like Dribbling Drew and Sofia Sofa, and feel extremely sorry for their parents!

“All children are sure to love this comedic book with amazing full-colour illustrations to accompany its many tales.”

Written by David Walliams and illustrated by Tony Ross

Kowhai

Hetty Feather

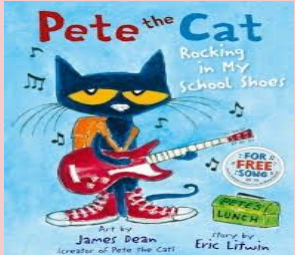
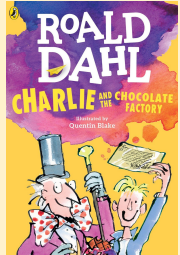
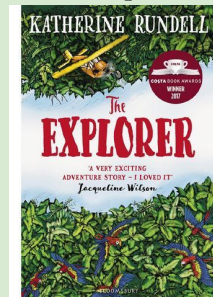


Hetty Feather was abandoned at the Foundling Hospital at just a few months old - and then quickly adopted by foster parents John and Peg. She lived a happy and adventurous life in the countryside with her other foster siblings, until she turned six, and Peg was forced to give her back to the Hospital, where her story really begins. How will she cope?

"An exciting story following the life of a foundling girl in Victorian times."

Written by Jacqueline Wilson, illustrated by Nick Sharratt

Bonus book recommendations from Charlie Heileson:

Kakariki	Puriri	Kowhai
<p>Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes</p> 	<p>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</p> 	<p>The Explorer</p> 

Transport and Technology

By Raf Dolan

With climate change we have to rethink the way we travel - less air travel means we can reduce our carbon footprint. We already have electric cars, but what about electric planes? A German company has created a 10-seater all-electric aircraft called the Scylax E10. This is a great leap forward to a more sustainable future.





SPORTS NEWS



By Erin, Piper and Bianca

Mr Naera's Lockdown Exercise Interview

Mr Naera went running in lockdown, sometimes with his family. He didn't do any cycling, but he did some rugby workouts and lifted a few weights. He saw some friends while out on his walks.



Mr Allen's Lockdown Exercise Interview

Mr Allen how did you keep healthy in lockdown?

By doing lots of riding and running and eating healthily.

How far was your furthest bike ride and run and how long did they take?

60km for the bike ride and for my run 16km. The run took about an hour and 20 mins. The bike ride took about 1 hour 50 mins.



Did you miss going to any gyms?

No, but I missed swimming because I really love swimming.

Have you been eating any diets or particular foods and drinks?

Chocolate! Lots of chocolate - it was delicious. (YUM!)

Have you had fun doing your exercises?

Love it. It's really good to keep fit and good to keep yourself calm and not stressed.

Do you think lockdown helped you get more healthy and fit or do you think it had a bad impact?

Good impact on health missed at work missed friends.

A huge shout out for Mr Allen and Mr Naera for letting us interview them!



Teacher of the Week

By Hunter Andersen



Ms Moll

During remote learning I had the pleasure of interviewing Ms Moll who teaches in Year 6 and runs the school newspaper during Thursday Programme.

Have you ever had a pet?

I used to have lots when I was younger - rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, dogs!

Did you always want to be a Year 6 teacher?

I've taught in lots of year groups but Year 6 is definitely one of my favourites.

Have you ever worked at a different school?

Yes! In the UK I worked in schools in London and Cambridge, and when I first moved to New Zealand I taught in lots of schools around Auckland because I was a relief teacher for a couple of months.

If you had to choose one other job which would it be?

I'd like to see what it's like to be an author or a pro sportsperson. I think their lives must be very interesting and different to the life of a teacher!

Which would you prefer, a dog or a cat?

A dog

What did you want to be when you were my age?

I wanted to be a vet for a long time, then a ballet dancer, then a doctor. I couldn't make my mind up!

If you had to live in any other part of New Zealand where would it be?

That's a good question! I've visited so many cool places here already. Maybe Queenstown...I love the mountains.

Artist Of The Week: Mr G

By Issie Mein

For many, Covid 19 lockdown has been an opportunity to get creative juices flowing, and NZ artist Graham Hoete (better known as Mr G) is no exception. He is famous for his incredibly detailed murals- both in NZ and around the globe, and though lockdown means he is unable to meet people face-to-face, he has been giving virtual drawing tutorials for many budding young artists. If you're interested in learning some arty tips and tricks to improve your drawing skills, or if you just want to have some fun, you can find Mr G's classes on his Facebook page- <https://m.facebook.com/DOGATHON100/>

Here are some amazing murals that he has created over the years- who knew someone could create things so beautiful with just a few cans of spray paint?



Here Mr G has created a portrait of three influential New Zealanders- can you guess who they are?



This is another stunning work of art, this time featuring three dogs instead of three humans.



This amazing mural, although humongous, is extremely detailed- you can see that every little human is standing in a bit of a different position, and they are all different heights.

Fashion

By Mia Crothers



This denim Jacket is from **Cotton On**. It's the perfect dark denim. It is unhemmed so you can make it fray for a cool look. It would look great over a dress or a pair of jeans for a teamed double denim look.



This pair of denim jeans is from **Seed Heritage**. These jeans are cropped so I would pair them with a pair of high top shoes. This light blue is so pretty. I totally want these.



This cool dress is from **Country Road**. I love the khaki colour, it would definitely go with a denim jacket. For me this is totally a must have dress. This dress goes really well with white and grey and denim.

Accessories



These adidas shoes are from **Hype DC**. They would totally go with the khaki green dress, and all the denim. This colour is Dusty Pink and is so cool.

This leopard phone case is from **Superette**. This phone case is so cool I love the fact that it is leopard print. This phone case would really complete an outfit.



Finally, this black leather bag is from **Deadly Ponies**. It's a great cross-body bag, perfect for everyday use or for going out on a special occasion.

Recipe of the Week

By Ben Young

Ingredients

3 eggs
2 cups Soft Brown Sugar
1 cup Olive Oil Pure
3 cups grated carrots
2 1/4 cups Standard Grade Flour
1/2 cup Original Milk (warmed)
1 tsp salt
2 tsp cinnamon
2 tsp Baking Soda
1/2 cup walnuts (optional but recommended)

Ingredients for Cream Cheese Icing

50g butter - softened
1/2 cup cream cheese
2 cups Icing Sugar
1 tsp vanilla
2-3 Tbsp Olive Oil Pure to mix



Method for Cake

Preheat the oven to 160°C.

Line a 23cm cake tin with baking paper and grease the sides and bottom.

Beat eggs and Chelsea Soft Brown Sugar together. Add oil then all other ingredients - mix well. Pour into the cake tin.

Bake for 45 - 55 minutes, until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Stand in the tin for 20 mins then turn out and cool on a cake rack. Spread with cream cheese icing when cold.

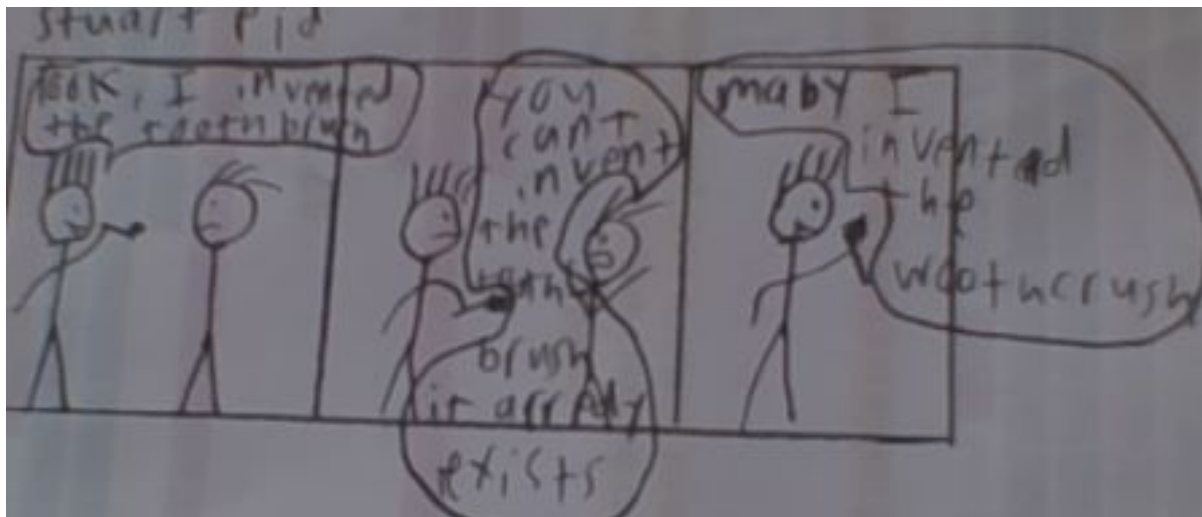
Method for Cream Cheese Icing

Beat butter and cream cheese together. Add Icing Sugar, vanilla and sufficient milk to make a light fluffy icing consistency. Spread over cake and decorate with chopped nuts if desired.

Do you have an idea for a recipe? Email me at b.young@ponsp.school.nz

Cartoons

By Edward and Harry



Film Review

by Ben Young

Onward

2020 Disney Pixar Animation

Hey guys! This week's film recommendation is Onward, a new Disney Pixar film. We recommend this film for everyone. It is about a journey to spend a day with Ian and Barely's father who passed away many years ago.



They need to find a gem to make a spell that will make this dream come true. Do they find it? How do they? You'll have to watch the movie yourself to find out how and if they did it! Click here to watch the [Onward - Movie Trailer](#)

"This road movie set in a world of elves has its moments, but by Pixar standards, it doesn't quite cast a spell."

The NY Times

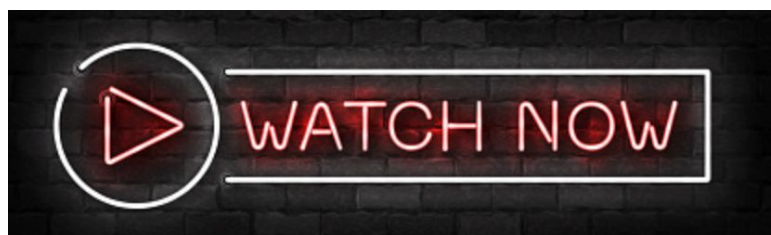
"By Pixar's own high standards, Onward is a bit of a disappointment."

Plugged In

Despite all these negative reviews, we love this movie so give it a chance!

If you recommend a new movie you think is suitable, email Ben at

b.young@ponsp.school.nz!



MUSIC AND THEATRE

By Izzy, Ariella, Alliot, Sofia and Francesca

Welcome folks! If you are interested in music then you've come to the right place! In this article we will be interviewing different Ponsonby Primary Rock Band Students and some of the amazing music teachers that help them.

India Coulter-Lewis

India is an independent and well-known Year 6 student who has a very special role on a Thursday. She is in the PPS Rock Band with Mr Humphries!

“What do you do in the rock band?” **“I have a singing role”**

“What's your favourite part about rock band?” **“Performing”**

“What is your favourite song that you have sung?” **“Black Sheep by Gin Wigmore”**

“What song are you learning at the moment?” **“Seven Nation Army, Remember the Name and We Will Rock You”**

“How long have you been in rock band?” **“All this year”**

Song of the week: You Need to Calm Down by Taylor Swift

[Watch the Youtube Video here](#)

