

Kia Kaha te Reo Māori

We have had another rollercoaster term, with lots of these articles written during our second round of home learning. However, we are finishing on a high! We have loved being part of speech competitions and Maori Language Week; you can find articles about both of these in this issue of the Pegasus Herald.

Kia pai to hararei - have a great holiday everyone!



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THIS WEEK'S
HEADLINE NEWS

By Zack

COVID-19 has been in the world for some time now; for more than half the year the world has been in lockdown. New Zealand has set a great example: we went into one of the world's strictest lockdowns even though we only had 100 cases. Across other countries, cases rocketed skywards. Cases are now slowing down in some countries, and in others they are experiencing a "second wave" of the virus. NZ has nearly got rid of the virus for a second time round. Here is a sneak peek of the Covid-19 data from around the world. These are the cases as of the 3rd Mahuru (September):

New Zealand cases

Updated 3 Sep at 9:14 am local

Confirmed

1,757

+19

Deaths

22

Recovered

1,255

+8

Global cases

Updated 3 Sep at 9:14 am local

Confirmed

25,835,301

+500,962

Deaths

858,661

+10,577

Recovered

17,122,192

+452,218

And here are the most recent statistics (as of 17th Mahuru):

New Zealand cases

Updated 17 Sep at 8:44 am local

Confirmed

1,802

+4

Deaths

25

+1

Recovered

1,347

+4

Global cases

Updated 17 Sep at 8:44 am local

Confirmed

29,656,504

+270,041

Deaths

936,905

+6,316

Recovered

20,146,388

+202,935

We are doing well in NZ; only five hundred and two people currently have the virus. Most of those cases are from New Zealanders that have come home from overseas. So let's keep doing what are we doing! Kia kaha! Kia mau!

The world is sadly far behind New Zealand. There are still 9,510,116 people in the world that still have COVID-19, and 936,905 of those people are sadly dead.



**Mahia te hopi.
Horoi ō ringa.**

Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds). Then dry.



**Whakamātihetihe te
ihu ki te tuke.**

Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.



**Mēnā ka paru ō
ringa, kaua e pā te
kānohi.**

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.





SPORTS NEWS



Tākaro kawepūrongo

By Patrick and Luke

As we write this article Auckland is in lockdown, along with most of the world. New Zealanders haven't been able to play much sport, but there has been some sport happening across the world.

After Barcelona's recent 8-2 loss, Messi might be leaving the club. One of the reasons he might leave is because Barcelona didn't win a trophy at all this season. Manchester City are the club that seem the most interested in the 33 year old but it won't be cheap as the estimated price for Messi is around \$210 MILLION!



The Crusaders have pretty much secured the super rugby title by beating the Chiefs. The Crusaders have been outstanding this season and only lost 1 game so far. If the Blues win all of their games coming up the Crusaders lose some, the Blues might have a chance of winning.



Finally, Manchester United star Paul Pogba has been left out of the French national squad after being tested positive for Covid-19. Paul has been replaced by 17 year old Edurado Camavinga for upcoming Nations League qualifiers against Sweden and Croatia.

If you have ideas for the next sports news, message us at l.gibbons@ponsp.school.nz



Teacher of the Week

By Lea, Natalie and Ariel

Ms Brew



Why did you decide to come to Ponsonby Primary School?

I had heard great things about this school, lots of happy teachers, lovely kids and year 6 is my desired level.

What is your favourite subject to teach in school?

It is a very close tie between math and writing. As I always say to my kids, “Math is everywhere but so too is literacy.”

Do you enjoy teaching in Ponsonby Primary School?

I love teaching at Ponsonby Primary School. Firstly I have a cool bunch of year 6 kids I work with everyday and the staff have been very helpful and friendly towards me.

What would you like to achieve at Ponsonby Primary School?

I would like to ensure that my kids are happy and educated.

What would you like the children to achieve at Ponsonby Primary School?

I would like them to be prepared emotionally and academically for their transition into intermediate.

Kia ora Ms Brew!



By Dane, Hunter and Tommy

This is Cosmo. He is 5 and we adopted him from someone when he was just 8 weeks old. He has been a part of our family for 5 years. He is so fluffy and loves to get patted. Cosmo loves to lick himself and play. He sleeps on my bed or the couch during the day. He's quite lazy but will go outside when the weather is nice. When Cosmo was young he loved to play with other cats, but now he loves to sleep and eat food.



This is Yassi. We adopted her from the SPCA when she was just a kitten. She has been a part of Dane's family for 12 years! She loves to lick and nudge everyone with her face. Her favourite foods are salmon, milk, and grass. The first day my mum brought her home, she put Yassi in her room, came back about five minutes later only to find she was not in the room. She finally found her climbing up the chimney...

Game Review

By Hunter and Xander



Hello, This is Game Review. Today we will be reviewing:
Forza Horizon 4

Rating: 4.4/5

Forza Horizon 4 is a popular game for PC And Xbox. We have given it a rating of 4.4/5 because the quality is brilliant but sometimes can be a little glitchy for P.C (if you have an older one). Forza Horizon was first released on 2nd October 2018. You can't play it on PS4 but can play it on a PC.

Our favourite features of the game are drifting and performing tricks like donuts! You can play with your friends and drive through different landscapes and cities in different seasons. As you complete races, you can collect XP.



Rehu Tai Festival of Oral Language

By Scarlett, Gabi and Dre



On Tuesday the 8th of September we had our Kowhai Rehu Tai Semi Finals. From the first round in class, 28 prepared speeches and 15 10x10 got through to the next round. The rap and spoken word students were put straight through to the final.

Xavier Fletcher delivered a fantastic speech which the audience loved. He got through to the Whole School Final! Here is an interview with him:

What was your speech topic?

Wisdom is overrated

Was it hard or easy writing your speech? Why?

It is very time consuming but if you put lots of time into it will turn out well.

Do you like speeches and why?

I do like speeches; I find them fun to write and perform. It's good to express your feelings!

What was the hardest thing about your speech?

There's nothing too hard about it, although learning it off by heart takes a bit of time.

Are you proud that you got into the finals?

Yes I am.

Was it scary performing your speech in front of the audience and the judges?

Not really, I find it the same as getting called up for awards.

Kia ora Xavier and waimarie for the Rehu Tai Final!

UPDATE: On Tuesday the 15th of September we had our Kowhai Finals; all the finalists did an AMAZING job! Jaimie won the prepared speech, Leon won the 10x10 Flash, India L-M won the Rap and Karishma won the Spoken Word. Here is an interview with Leon:

What was your topic?

Equality

Was it hard presenting in front of Kowhai? Why?

Yes because it's very hard to stand up in front of so many people.

What did it feel like winning?

Happy, because before this year I hadn't even got to the second round.

Was it hard to write your speech? Why?

I actually got my speech done the day before I was supposed to present it and I was really nervous.

Did you feel like you did a good job?

I feel that my performance was about 7.5/10.

What is something next time that you can work on?

Definitely my presentation skills.

Did you like your speech topic?

Yes, I felt that it was appropriate for what was going on in the world at this time.



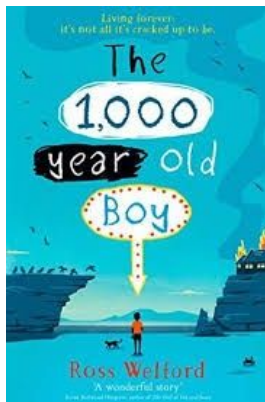
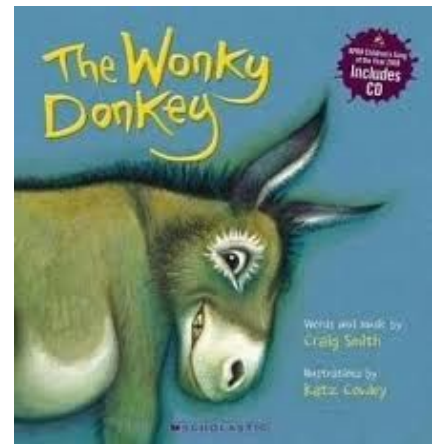
BOOKFLIX

By Mia and Charlotte

This is Bookflix, books for all ages! Kakariki, Puriri and Kowhai. Now let's get started and dive into the wondrous world of books!

Kakariki: The Wonky Donkey

Now this is one of our favourite books when we were younger and we do recommend it 100%! The Wonky Donkey is a funny book and song about a donkey with a missing eye and leg! He is a very strange donkey!

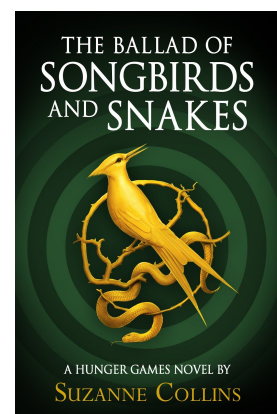


Puriri: The 1000 Year Old Boy

This one is an amazing book and it is really fun to read! This book is about a boy who has a curse of living forever but can die of natural causes. After his mum dies, living forever does not appeal anymore.

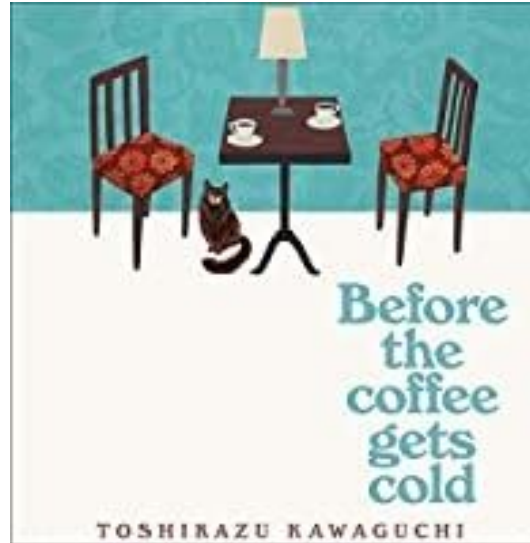
Kowhai: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

Now this is one of our favourite books. We have read the full thing yet we could read it again and again! It has twists and turns, back-stabbing and more! This book is amazing. It is about how President Snow became president and such a bad, cunning person.



Adults/Teachers

We thought we would add this as it is usually only the kids getting the recommendations. The book we suggest is **Before The Coffee Gets Cold**. In a small back alley in Tokyo, there is a café which has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. But this coffee shop offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time. But the journey into the past does not come without risks: customers must sit in a particular seat, they cannot leave the café, and finally, they must return to the present before the coffee gets cold...it is quite moving, and a good book having read some myself.



Want to see your suggestion? Message Charlotte at c.wylie@ponsp.school.nz

THE CUBICLE

By Luca

The Rubiks cube of the week is...

The MS magnetic from QiYi

This a great cube for anyone: starters, pros and of course for competitions.

This cube has all the usual colours on it you'd expect: white, green, red, blue, yellow, and orange, but also you can get the cube in all in black except for one face being white – or the complete cube in black (obviously that's not hard to solve!) It has great magnets that help it turn smoothly, not too hard, not too soft – making it really easy to handle.



By THE CUBICLE Crew

Student of the week

By Dre, Gabi and Scarlett



This week, Student of the Week is..... **Nico Burton!** He is in Miss Folster's class. Miss Folster said Nico is very talented at doing home learning. He is confident on his device and very independent. He also says "Thank you Miss Folster" after EVERY SINGLE live video call! This is a little interview with him:

How was home learning for you and why?

It was pretty good and nice to do home learning on devices.

Who did you stay with during lockdown?

Mum and dad and my cousin.

What did you enjoy doing during lockdown?

Walking and cycling.

What's your favourite sport?

Basketball

Do you have any pets?

Fish

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Movie star

Why do you like school?

I just like learning new things

Przewalski's Horse



By Marriella Van Houts and Sophie Openshaw

Przewalski's horse is a very endangered wild horse species on the planet. These critically endangered horses are truly the last wild horse breed. This extraordinary breed originates from Mongolia and you can no longer see them in the wild, for they are extinct there. The last herd was spotted in 1967, a long time ago and reluctantly building numbers. These horses are native to the steppes in Asia.

This breed is very muscley and stubby. They are quite small, you could call them a pony. Przewalski's horse breed is quite similar to the fjord horses you see today. The horse only has one color for the breed, a buckskin like coat.

The Przewalski's Horse's Lifestyle is in Mongolia. In the wild, Przewalski's horses live in small, permanent family herds consisting of one adult stallion, one to three mares, and their common offspring.



~Recipe Of The Week~

By Sophie Openshaw, Hazel Fox and Violet Goodwin

~Nutella Brownies~

This is an easy nutella brownie recipe.

You need;

- 1 ¼ cup nutella
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup flour
- Icing sugar/frozen berries(these are optional)
 - Baking paper
 - Baking tray
 - Large mixing bowl



1. Preheat the oven to 150° fahrenheit
2. Spread the baking paper over the baking tray.
3. Mix all the ingredients in the mixing bowl for five minutes.
4. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking tray and bake for 25-30 minutes.
5. Let cool.
6. Top with frozen berries of your choice on top of the nutella brownies.
7. Sprinkle with icing sugar.
8. Slice into equal pieces and enjoy!



Māori Quiz

By Dane and Tommy

Can you guess what all of the following words are in Māori?

Question #1

What Is “Good” in Māori?

- A: Ra
- B: Pai
- C: Kia ora

Question #2

What is “Welcome” In Māori?

- A: Kia ora Koutou
- B: Tena Koe
- C: Nau Mai

Question #3

What is ‘Visitors’ in Māori?

- A: Moa
- B: Tekoteko
- C: Manuhiri



Answers:
1.B
2.C
3.C

By Cyrus Yin, Leon Krzeczkowski and Jacques Rupe

Animal of the week

By Julia

The Kangaroo Rat



The kangaroo rat is almost perfectly adapted to life in the desert. They can survive without ever drinking any water, getting needed moisture from their seed diet. They have excellent hearing and can even detect the silent sound of an owl approaching.

One behaviour that makes kangaroo rats so unique is that they never drink water. They are able to extract all the water they need from the seeds and grasses that they eat. Their urine is extremely concentrated and they produce very dry faeces.

The California kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys californicus*) is a species of rodent in the family Heteromyidae. However, populations are declining, having not fully recovered after the drought in California from 2013-2015 destroyed their habitat (the grasslands) and changed it into desert.

