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Kia ora e te whānau,
 Winter has definitely arrived this week! Luckily, our classrooms are nice and warm. Students can also wear black thermals under their uniforms or black tights to help keep warm. A big thank you to KidsCan, who provide us with our very warm school jackets and black shoes.

Photos and Social Media at School Events

We love how passionate and supportive our school whānau are at school events and activities, and we appreciate having you there cheering the tamariki on. Lots of photos and videos are taken at these events to help remember and celebrate these special moments. Please do consider our other tamariki when taking and sharing photos. We have families who do not want their children featured on social media, so please be mindful of this if you upload or share photos that include tamariki other than your own.

Matariki Hāngī and Cultural Day

On Tuesday 30 June, we are holding our Matariki Hāngī and Cultural Dress-Up Day. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in something that represents a culture they feel connected to. From 11.30am, whānau are welcome to join us in a range of activities celebrating Te Ao Māori, culminating in a shared hāngī lunch at approximately 12.45pm. A note will be coming home soon asking for numbers so we can plan our kai for the hāngī. If you are able to help with preparing the kai, laying down the hāngī, or serving lunch on the day, please let the office know.

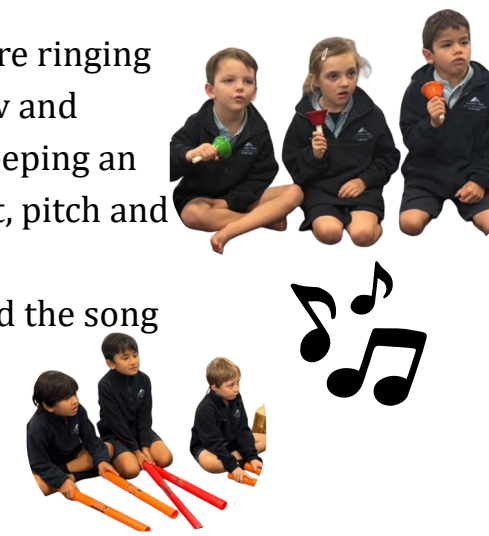
Ngā mihi,
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Wheelchair Basketball

This week, Te Tipu took part in wheelchair basketball sessions run by Parafed NZ. Students had the opportunity to experience what it is like to play sport using a wheelchair, developing both their skills and their understanding of adapted sport. It was a fun, fast-paced, and eye-opening experience that helped students see that sport is for everyone. We absolutely loved it; there was lots of smiles, laughter, and excitement throughout as we challenged ourselves, tried something new, and supported each other. Overall, it was a great reminder that with the right adaptations, sport is still possible, inclusive, and enjoyable for people of all abilities. A huge thank you to Guy and Sam for running such fantastic sessions and giving our learners this valuable experience.

Te Kākanō Make Music Together
 This week in Te Kākanō 1,2,3, the bells and boomwhackers are ringing with excitement! We've been having a blast learning to follow and create music with our friends. It's all about teamwork and keeping an eye on our notes. We've also been chatting about tempo, beat, pitch and rhythm.

If we're not paying attention, we might let the team down and the song could end up sounding a bit funny!



There's Been Drama in Te Puāwai

In Te Puāwai, our Year 7 and 8 students have been exploring drama through the use of freeze frames and sound effects. Freeze frames have allowed students to capture key moments in a scene by holding a still position, helping them to think carefully about body language, facial expressions, and how to communicate meaning without words.

To bring their scenes to life, students have also been experimenting with sound effects, using their voices and pixabay to create atmosphere and enhance the storytelling. This has encouraged creativity, teamwork, and confidence as they collaborate to build engaging and expressive performances. Through these activities, students are developing important skills in communication, interpretation, and creativity, while also having a lot of fun bringing their ideas to life. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and willingness to take risks in their learning.



COME AND WATCH MINIONS & MONSTERS
 27TH JUNE 2:00 P.M. AT DANNEVIRKE REGENT CINEMA
 COME AND WATCH TO SUPPORT DANNEVIRKE GIRL GUIDES GOING TO JAMBOREE IN 2027!
 CHILDREN \$5 EACH ADULTS \$15 EACH
 FOOD, DRINKS AND POPCORN AVAILABLE TO BUY
 DRESS UP! SPOT PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED UP! CASH ONLY

ATTENTION! DETECTIVE KIDS CAMP
 Arrive Monday, July 13 between 4-5 pm
 Depart Friday, July 17 between 2-2.30 pm
 Spots available for 8-12 year olds
 Early bird: \$190 pp. Standard: \$220 pp.
 Register before June 7th for the early bird price!
 Rego opens May 31st
 Love the outdoors? Making new friends? Solving puzzles?
 Come along to Highland Home and explore the mysteries of the Bible with speakers Sam & Andrei.
 Financial subsidies available. Email kidscamp@highlandhome.co.nz for more information.

TERM 2
 UPCOMING EVENTS WEEKS 8-11

JUNE 12	COMPETITIVE KAPA HAKA ASSEMBLY	JUNE 19	INTERHOUSE SPORTS
JUNE 19	ATTENDANCE MUFTI FOR WINNING YEAR GROUP	JUNE 26	PRIZE DRAW ASSEMBLY
JUNE 30	CULTURAL DRESS UP AND MATARIKI HANGI	JULY 3	WHOLE SCHOOL MUFTI DAY