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Kia ora e te whānau

What a great day our Book Character Dress-Up Day was! Thank you so much to the many community members who came to read to our tamariki. We love having you at our school!

Rest of the Week

Wednesday and Thursday: Choir Festival at the Hub

Thursday: Grandparents’ Day

Friday: Daffodil Day

Staffing Update

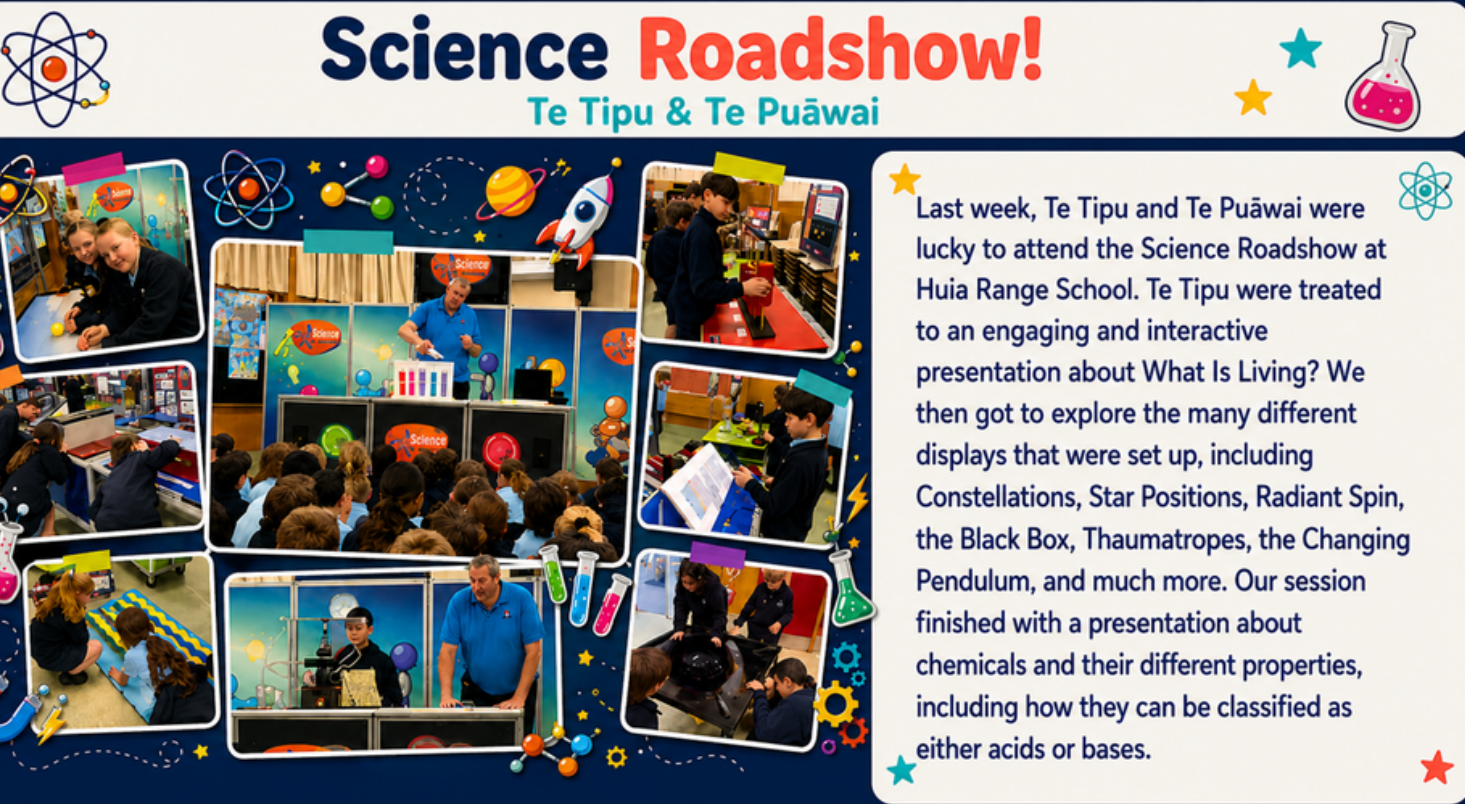
We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs McCormick at the end of this term, as she is moving to a school closer to home. Mrs McLeod has kindly agreed to increase her hours to four days a week, with Mrs Scott working on Fridays. We wish Mrs McCormick all the very best in her new role.

Measles Immunisation Update

We have joined the School and ECE Immunisation Hub, which shows us the overall percentage of immunisation coverage at our school in the event of a measles outbreak. It does not provide information about individual students - only the percentage of students who are immunised.

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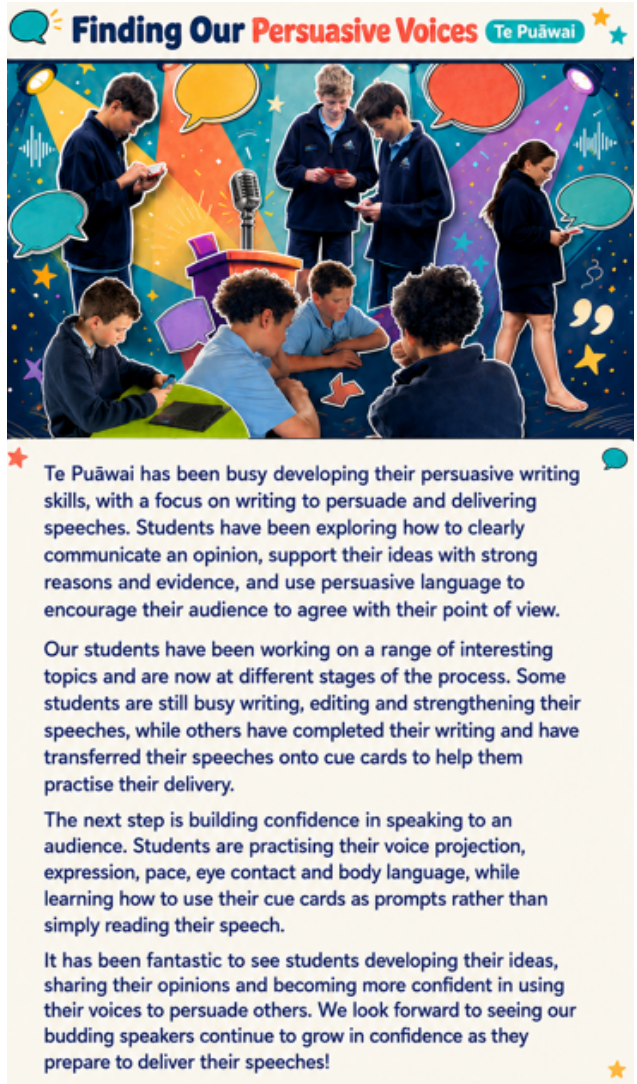
Term 3 Upcoming Events			
 24-28 AUGUST BOOK WEEK	 27 AUGUST GRANDPARENTS’ DAY	 27 AUGUST CHOIR FESTIVAL	 28 AUGUST DAFFODIL DAY
 3 SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE MUFTI WINNING GENDER	 4 SEPTEMBER POOL PARTY	 WEEK 9 MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK	 14 SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE MUFTI WINNING HOUSE
 25 SEPTEMBER FREE MUFTI DAY	 THIS TERM EPROB YEARS 3-4	 THIS TERM INTER-HOUSE SPORTS	 25 SEPTEMBER END OF TERM



Science Roadshow!

Te Tipu & Te Puāwai

Last week, Te Tipu and Te Puāwai were lucky to attend the Science Roadshow at Huia Range School. Te Tipu were treated to an engaging and interactive presentation about What Is Living? We then got to explore the many different displays that were set up, including Constellations, Star Positions, Radiant Spin, the Black Box, Thaumatrope, the Changing Pendulum, and much more. Our session finished with a presentation about chemicals and their different properties, including how they can be classified as either acids or bases.



Finding Our Persuasive Voices

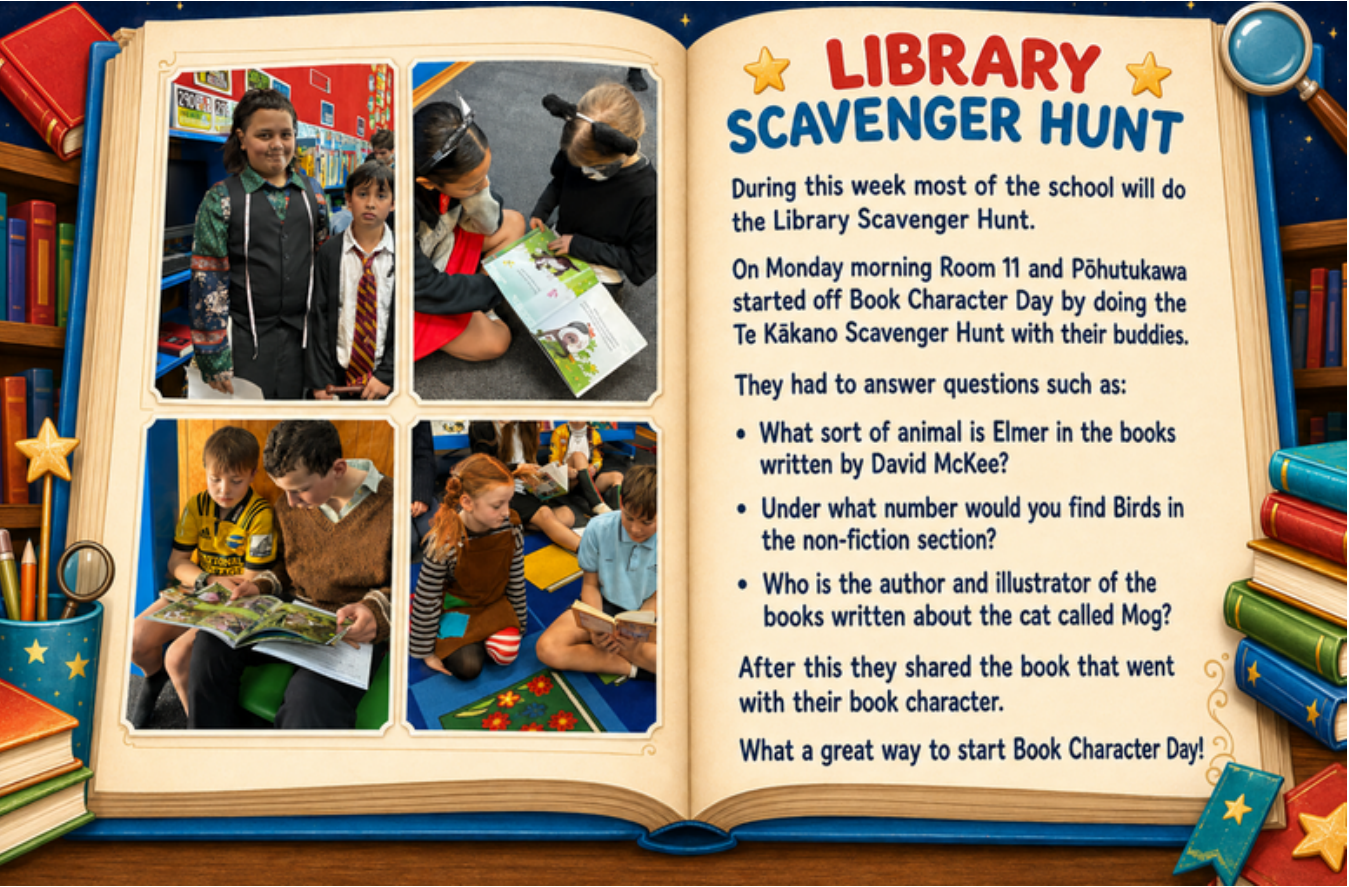
Te Puāwai

Te Puāwai has been busy developing their persuasive writing skills, with a focus on writing to persuade and delivering speeches. Students have been exploring how to clearly communicate an opinion, support their ideas with strong reasons and evidence, and use persuasive language to encourage their audience to agree with their point of view.

Our students have been working on a range of interesting topics and are now at different stages of the process. Some students are still busy writing, editing and strengthening their speeches, while others have completed their writing and have transferred their speeches onto cue cards to help them practise their delivery.

The next step is building confidence in speaking to an audience. Students are practising their voice projection, expression, pace, eye contact and body language, while learning how to use their cue cards as prompts rather than simply reading their speech.

It has been fantastic to see students developing their ideas, sharing their opinions and becoming more confident in using their voices to persuade others. We look forward to seeing our budding speakers continue to grow in confidence as they prepare to deliver their speeches!



LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT

During this week most of the school will do the Library Scavenger Hunt.

On Monday morning Room 11 and Pōhutukawa started off Book Character Day by doing the Te Kākano Scavenger Hunt with their buddies.

They had to answer questions such as:

- What sort of animal is Elmer in the books written by David McKee?
- Under what number would you find Birds in the non-fiction section?
- Who is the author and illustrator of the books written about the cat called Mog?

After this they shared the book that went with their book character.

What a great way to start Book Character Day!

