

Newsletter

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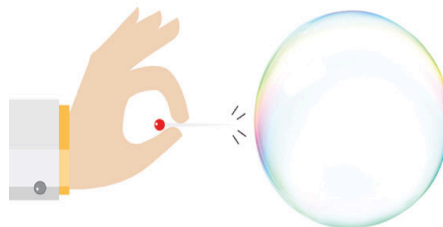


From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2020	
Term 2	
18 May	Physical start of school
29 May	Next newsletter
01 Jun	Queen's Birthday holiday
09 Jun	BOT meeting at school, 3.00pm
12 Jun	Next newsletter
02 Jul	Term 2 ends
Term 3	
20 Jul	Start of term 3
11 Aug	BOT meeting at school, 3.00pm
26 Aug	School production at hall, 7.00pm
27-28 Aug	TOD's

Watch this space



MORE INFORMATION TO COME

Our Stars



The following children worked hard on and finished their online/distance learning work during alert level 3.

Maths Stars:

Week 4 – Clark, Sarah, Alex

Week 5 – Clark, Sarah, Alex

Reading Stars:

Week 4 – Clark, Alex

Week 5 – Clark, Liam, Alex

Writing Stars:

Week 4 – Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

Week 5 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Alex

Learning Stars:

These are the children who have worked hard on their own learning during the week.

Week 4 – Clark, Alex

Week 5 – Clark, Alex

Fantastic effort and work by you all, great attitude to your learning. You really are stars.

Other News:

SO Triathlon:

Three of the children participated in this event start after camp and before the lockdown for the first time, they all enjoyed themselves and did very well, great effort.

Clark = 11th in the Year 6 Boys

Sarah = 7th in the Year 7 Girls

Alex = 11th in the Year 8 Boys

The first six in each race go through to the regional triathlon.

School open again:

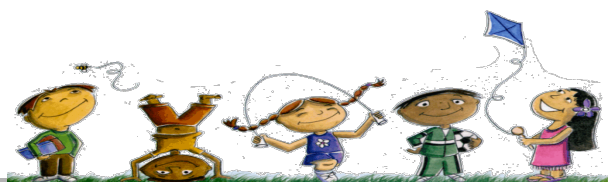
We are back at school on Monday as usual for the children, well as normal as we can be with some new health and safety checks in place. We are limiting the number of outside visitors for the first two weeks and then slowly opening up to more as time and the situation allows.

Rubbish Skip:

The skip is no longer at Papatowai, it is now at the dump site at Mcclean. It is available on Saturdays between the hours of 1.00 -3.00pm for house hold rubbish only. They have started the recycling up again.

Community Newsletter:

If there is any information or items that you wish to put in the newsletter please email this to principal@tahakopa.school.nz

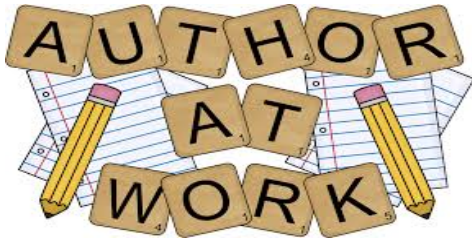


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**"Play
is the
highest
form of
research."**

Albert Einstein



Children's Writing



This is writing the children have done during alert level 3
(one days writing only)

On the Farm

I help dad on the farm moving the bales and help dad moving the cows. Mum is baking cakes and Liam and I cuddle Chum. I jump up and down on the tramp and then I snuggle up in a blanket.

Jacquelyn

Trees

Today Alex and I went to cut down seeding of exotic trees. I cut down about 25 bushes, and Alex cut down 45 trees, with the chainsaw. Alex is using the 034 to cut down the bushes with.

Alex and I were quite busy today, mum dropped us on the other side of the river, the north side. Alex felled six trees, but one fell over the fence and then on the last one, the chainsaw got stuck and Alex couldn't start the chainsaw, as it was pinched. So we drove a wedge next to the jammed chainsaw bar and freed it.

I was looking at the silver birches that I cut down, and wondering how I am going to cut the rest down but then mum turned up so we had to go back home.

Gerry

I caught a mouse
I made it a house
I fed it bread
My mouse was black
I let him go
The cats caught him
Poor guy
RIP Gerry
We will miss you.

Liam

Frost

Frigid plants cover the ground, windows covered in brutally cold ice.
Animals shudder from the piercing, wintry air.
Breaths come out in white, foggy vapor.
Tender fingers throb and ache, feels like needles pushing into your skin.
Puddles covered in thick, glacial ice, patterns cracked into every layer.
Tips of grass decorated with tiny frozen baubles.
The sun glares harshly at the icy grass, it gleams a luminous pearly colour.
Icicles hang delicately from roofs, dripping soft dewdrops.

Sarah

Today's Top Stories

Today me and Clark are hopefully going to get dropped off in the Ford paddock by mum. So we can go and cut conifer and silver birches trees down in the swamp at Middle Earth. Me and Clark one day went in there and had to get some sheep out. I found these four big conifer trees. There is a lot more silver birch and stuff there but these conifers are really big. So I have to cut them down. I will use my favorite weapon of choice 034 Stihl chainsaw and Clark will be my weede man, no wedge man you stupid computer! We won't cut these ones up for firewood because they are about 10 minutes into the bush and we can't get the motorbike in there, well we could get it in there but not might not come out of there.

When I did the other peat swamp on the home block and it is quite fun cutting silver birches down so I've decided I will do the other block today with Clark. He will bring an axe and cut some but he will probably only cut 2 or 3 and then be useless for the rest of the

day. So you might hear me cutting silver birches down in a couple of hours and hopefully you don't hear, "oh s***".

Alex

Community Shared Story: Week 4

We were wondering if the community would like to participate in a shared writing project. Each piece would run over a week, with different people adding to it as it went. We have been doing a couple of shared stories a week with the children at school and they are a lot of fun.

Miss Hampton - purple

Liam - orange

Sarah - green

Clark - blue

Alex - red

Mrs Harper - pink

Ms G - dark magenta

Angela- light blue

A mysterious parcel came through the mail. **It was pulsing and heaving as though it were alive.** Next thing you know, it begins rumbling and grumbling and...a foul rotten stench seeped out through the wrapping and into the room. **I went and ran out the door and got into my v8 Honda side by side and did a skid, spraying gravel everywhere.** Is there a monster in the box?. **Indeed there was a monster in the box. It was a hideous creature type thing. To be honest it was Godzilla.** Now for all you who don't know who Godzilla is, well you must be living under a log or a rock you know whatever you can afford. **Godzilla became a peaceful young chap and started to fix up old cars like a ford prefect or an austin a60 and a Nissan patrol oh and his fj40 land cruiser he had a simple life until his wife left him and he destroyed the world with tnt .**

But there was one very unusual thing that happened when Godzilla destroyed the world that he didn't know and that was that in the mysterious parcel that came through the mail the day before there was another very small package inside the parcel and this created a bubble that protected the country of Tahakopa.

It was the antidote that scientists had been working on, to reduce the size of such a huge, cruel monster. This antidote was made up of peanut butter, salt and syrup, with a dash of vinegar. The antidote was tested on sheep around the village, they let out an almighty big fart. Then the sheep turned into jello. Scientists may have gotten it right. Only time will tell.

I woke with a fright OH thank goodness it was only a dream. I lay in bed thinking to myself what a very silly dream that was and why did I have the taste of peanut butter in my mouth? As I looked around my bedroom there appeared to be a haze, and in the shadows of the darkened room I was sure I could make out a figure of something crouched in the corner !!!

**“Children learn
as they play. Most
importantly,
in play children
learn how to
learn.”**

O. Fred Donaldson