

# Newsletter

8 May 2020

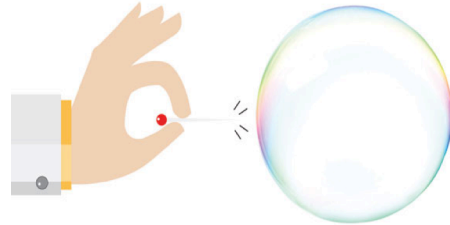


*From small seeds grow forest giants*

## Upcoming Events

2020	
Term 2	
08 May	school newsletter out
11 May	Alert level 2 announcement made
12 May	Newsletter to parents out
13 May	TOD - reading course at school
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11 May	Earliest possible start of school
01 Jun	Queen's Birthday holiday
09 Jun	BOT meeting at school, 3.00pm
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 levels 3 and 4.

### Maths Stars:

Week 2 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Sarah, Alex

Week 3 – Clark, Alex

### Reading Stars:

Week 2 – Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

Week 3 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Sarah, Alex

### Writing Stars:

Week 2 – Jacquelyn, Liam, Sarah, Alex

Week 3 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Alex

### Learning Stars:

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

Week 2 – Sarah, Alex

Week 3 – Clark, Alex

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

## Other News:

### 2020 Term dates:

- Term 1 27 January until 25 March (Easter in the holidays)
- Term 2 15 April until 3 July
- Term 3 20 July until 25 September
- Term 4 12 October until 16 December

### Sad news:

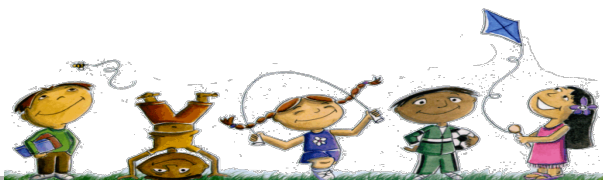
- Last Tuesday evening Mrs Lonra Smitherham passed away at Holmdene. We are all very sorry to hear this news as many people will remember the large part she played at our school and within the community of Tahakopa. All of our thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this sad time of their loss.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:principal@tahakopa.school.nz)

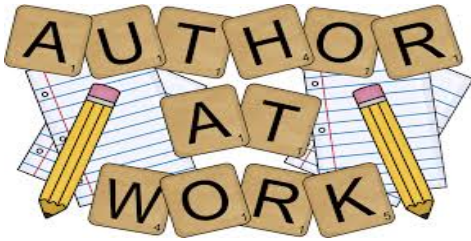


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**"Play  
is the  
highest  
form of  
research."**

*Albert Einstein*



## Children's Writing



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

### Princess

Princess sits on my feet, I move my feet up and down. She gets lots of little cuddles and she's got lots of little colours. I love them because she's nice. She is a little scratchy but she's just right for me . I was wondering where you were going to go next and then I saw you walk around the road . She comes to see me at night and she's is good to get me to sleep. She is a little cool.

Jacquelyn

### Deer Hunting

Last night me and dad went out for a deer hunt in the bush bird. We saw saw a lamb who's head was stuck on the fence. Then we went and waited in the paddock to wait for the deer to come down. The only problem was the ducks kept flying around and squawking, okay so they kept giving us away. Then we went and sat on the paddock.

We used the thermal scope to see if I could see anything up on the house paddock and then dad saw a deer in the logging site. So we tried to find it through the thermal scope and then the deer was gone, over the hill. Then we went back to our place and sat down again and then some more dear came out, two of them we are heading towards the river and one just came out of the bush. We were going for the one that just came out of the bush, we put

the red light on it and it ran into the bush and then we heard Booom because somebody else had shot it.

So then we headed back to the truck and we got a truck down the track and then when we got back to the house dad put the gun in the hot cabbings to let it dry as it was raining that night. We couldn't see much through the thermal scope.

Clark

## Orange

I like orange, I have an orange car but will not go far cos it's a toy.  
I have an orange dog and I sit with him on a log and he's called Chum.  
I have a ukulele its orange too.  
I have an orange dog literally, an orange dog, his name is Orange Dog, he is orange all over with yellow donuts and he is a toy too.  
I use an orange iPad, it helps me with things to do.  
But most of all, I love my orange cat, Caromellow.

Liam

## Mr Fox

My cat Mr Fox is the laziest cat in the world. All he does is sleep, drink and eat. He does absolutely nothing else. But that is why I love him. He is a tabby. He is so cute. He also is my alarm clock because every morning he waits at the lounge door until someone lets him through. Then he comes straight away into my room and "meows". So he is practically saying "I'm here, I'm here". When he wants in from outside he is either waiting at the window or pops up at the front door.

One morning he caught a mouse by the table. And then he let it go and meowed because he said "oops I caught a mouse. That's my sister's job not mine". Then like always he went to my room. Also when I am in bed he snuggles up to me. Here is a picture of him: (sorry it is too big to email).

Sarah

## Sally and Toothless

Sally and Toothless are our two cats, Toothless is black and Sally is tabby. We got them from the Gore SPCA in August 2019. They are now both big fat and useless, they spend most of the time sleeping on my bed, or in front of the fire.

The other day there was a mouse in my gumboot, which I had been walking around in all day and it was still alive when we got back, so I showed it to Sally, she just looked at it, as it climbed on her back and sat there then she just went back to sleep.

If being useless is a syndrome of coronavirus they have definitely got coronavirus Sally slept in my room all day yesterday and did nothing but sleep. Our cats are the meaning of useless although they are very cuddly and silly.

Toothless hides under the fireplace. Sometimes when you pick Sally up and she just falls asleep in your arms which can be very annoying. She likes to get up and have a nurse on Mum's lap when Mum has got one mouthful of coffee left and is about to get up and do something.

Alex

## Shared Story: Thursday 30 April

Read what has already been written and add the next part. Wait for others then to write and then add your next part. Make sure you write in your colour so everyone knows who is writing.

Miss Hampton - purple

Liam - orange

Jacquelyn -green

Sarah - green

Clark - blue

Alex - red

Mrs Harper - pink

It was a dark, cold night. The wind was blowing as the small but strong mighty mice called Heesie, crept around the old woolshed on Ponga's farm in the Southern Alps. When Heesie was creeping a weasel was bored then the weasel saw Heesie and thought he might be better in his tummy. Heesie heard the weasel coming up behind him and quickly started to run as fast as his little legs could carry him, trying to make it to the wool press that was sitting in the back corner of the old woolshed. Heesie made it he made it wo ho but to his surprise the weasel plugged it in and squashed it over as if there was wool in it but there was not so the pallet went bang and Heesie went squeak. Luckily for Heesie he was able to flatten himself so much that the wool press only just touched him when it went bang but it did give him a fright, which is why he squeaked, this made the weasel think he had flattened poor Heesie to death but oh no this was not the case! Hessie slowly dragged himself out from under the wool press, he was huffing and puffing and he was feeling rather deflated, as he peaked to see if the ugly old wessel was still there. Ohhhh thank goodness Hessie thought to himself there was no sign of him and he quickly scurried across the wooden floor to the small hole on the other side. In his hole he has a rocking chair a Radio and a little kitchen. Hessie was caramel and lazy like caramelo.

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

O. Fred Donaldson

## Other:

### Apple cake [Miss Hamptons]

90 grms butter  
1 cup sugar  
3 beaten eggs  
3 cups diced apples  
1 cup flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon nutmeg (you can increase the spice, I triple it)  
1 teaspoon vanilla essence  
½ cup sultanas or walnuts  
1 teaspoon baking soda



Cream butter and sugar add egg one at a time and mix well.  
Stir in apples, sultanas, nuts and vanilla essence.  
Add other dry ingredients  
Bake in square dish or tin at 180 degrees for 40-50 mins  
Serve with cream for pudding or can be iced with chocolate or cream chesse icing.