

Waiau School Newsletter



Term 2 . No 7
13th May 2021

Our community, our growth, our success, our future.

2021 What's Happening

Wednesday, 13th May
Board Meeting 7pm School Staffroom

Friday, 28th May
Waiau School Cross Country

Wednesday, 2nd June
Hurunui Cross Country (pp 4th June)

Friday, 18th June
Teachers Only Day

Wednesday, 23rd June
Board Meeting 7pm School Staffroom

Tuesday, 29th June
NZ Playhouse Visiting

Wednesday, 30th June
Keeping Ourselves Safe Visit

Wednesday, 9th July
Term 2 Ends

Monday, 26th July
Term 3 Begins

Thursday, 29th July
Ski trip (pp 5th Aug)

Thank you to all those who helped out on our Marae trip. It was an amazing experience for our learners, especially as almost all our students were able to share their pepeha in front of our community. The support of our parents on trips like this is just amazing. Our school has over 40% of our learners who identify as Māori. Trips and experiences like this are an important part of ensuring we are learning about our place in the world. We have visited our local marae at Takahanga for the past two years. Although this is the marae that our school is affiliated with, we are open to visiting other local marae in the future. If you have an idea, please let us know!

This term we are exploring change and contrast in our community. We are looking at what change has occurred in our little town, what were the conditions that caused this change, and then comparing and contrasting our town to other places in the world. We have kicked off this learning with a visit to our local museum, and exploring lots of old artifacts and photos.

Cross Country is back, so please ensure your child has comfortable footwear they can run in. Our big focus this year is Constant Forward Motion! It does not matter how fast you go, but you just need to keep going! Our big day is Friday the 28th of May.

In weeks 9 and 10 we will be teaching the programme Keeping Ourselves Safe. There is a parents information morning on the 22nd of June at 9am for those who want to find out more about the programme. Information about it can be read [here](#).



Cybersafety Reminder

Please read this email that was sent out to schools in our area. Having conversations with your child about how to keep safe online is very important. At school we have touched on it both in class, and with the Life Education Trust. Please ensure you know what your children are up to online, and if you need any support we can help out.

This is a reminder to all parents and caregivers to please keep your child safe online at all times. We have safety nets in place for our students during their school day online, through the Ministry of Education's Network for Learning. There has been a serious and upsetting incident online recently with a student in Canterbury on an application called 'Among Friends' which is marketed as an online game and social messaging application for children. This is NOT safe and your child could be exposed to a range of strangers all over the world. Unfortunately children are exposed and encouraged to get the application from another supposedly safe application called 'Among Us.' The application is reviewed on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtAWAdxnQt8>. Before you download an application for your child you can google App Reviews, to find out their safety rating for children.

The recommendation from Netsafe New Zealand is that social messaging sites and chat room applications and games, are definitely not safe or appropriate for children under 13 years of age. If you allow your children on devices please make sure they are in a shared area of your home where you can see them, like the lounge (not in their bedroom) and allow just the educational games and applications available. The ones we use and promote as safe are Prodigy (Mathematics), Maths Buddy, Epic Reading and Minecraft.

This is an opportunity for all of us to review the safety of the internet for our children, at home and remind us how vigilant we need to be. For advice at any point, please contact me - principal@waiau.school.nz or call Netsafe 0508 638 723.

Teachers Only Day

Friday, 18th June - School Closed. Please add this date to your calendar!

Cross Country

Friday the 28th of May. The children would love your support or feel free to join in on the run!

School Policies - School Docs

As part of our continued improvement at Waiau School we encourage you to read and comment on our school policies. This term we are asking parents to review our home learning policy. Please follow the links to make comments. If you are reading this, send an email to Mr S and your child will go in the draw to win a milkshake on Friday!

There is one school policy up for review this term;

[Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement](#)

The Board of Trustees would like you to read it through.

- Visit the school website <http://www.waiau.school.nz/Web/120/>
- Enter the user name: waiau and password: together
- Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- Select the reviewer type "Parent"
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.
- If you don't have internet access, Liv can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form

Solar Panels

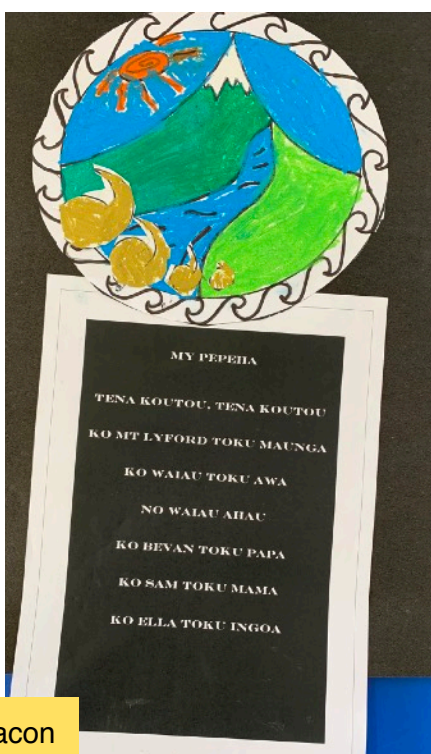
Please have a look up at our school library roof as you go past next. We were lucky to secure a government sustainability grant to replace the old domestic solar panel system with a state of the art new solar panel and battery system. With the right conditions this system will produce 14.52kW of power for our school! To ensure we receive the most benefit out of the panels we have upgraded the power cabling from the solar panels to both the hall and the main part of the school. This will ensure that we get the most out of the panels over their lifespan.

When the system is all signed off we will ask Sunergy to come and explain how the system works and the benefits to our community. There might even be some food from our garden!

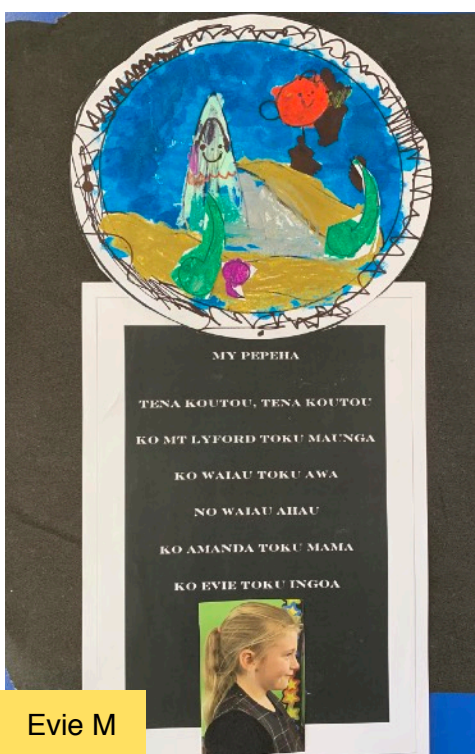


Room 1

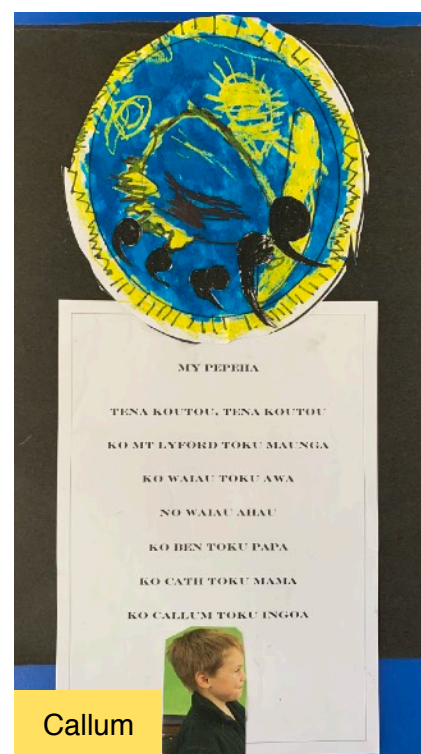
In our writing this week we have been sharing our experiences from the marae trip. The children showed us their confidence at the marae by sharing their pepeha they created.



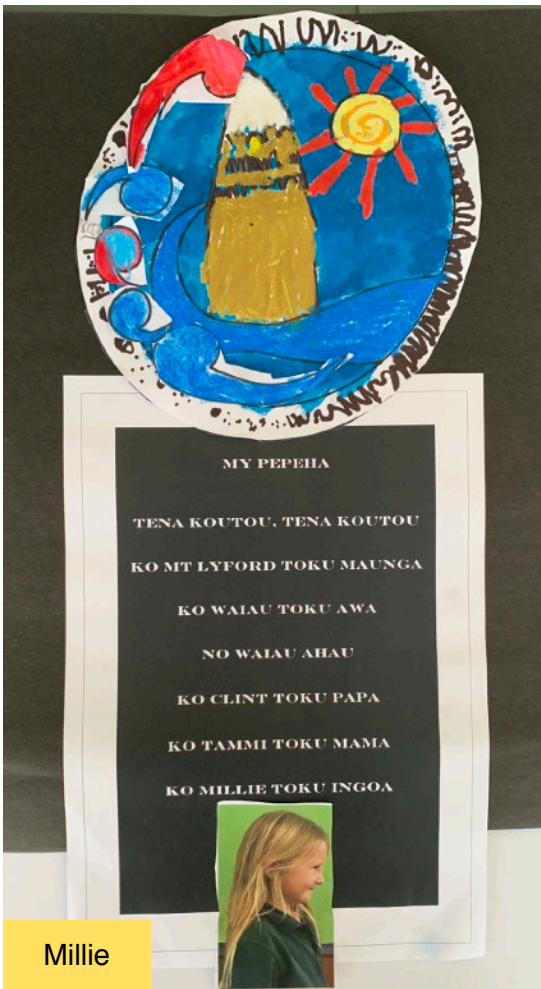
Deacon



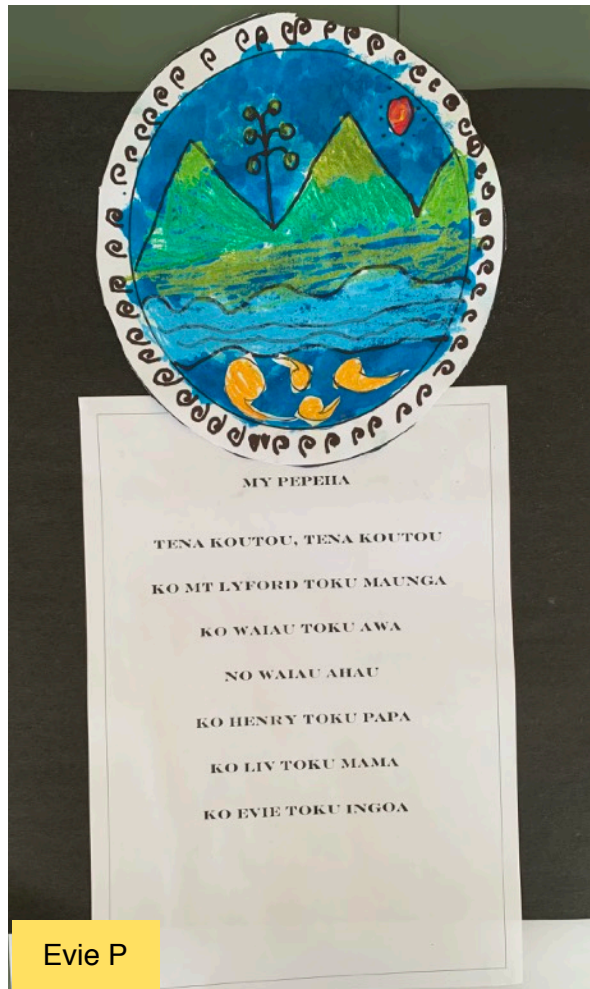
Evie M



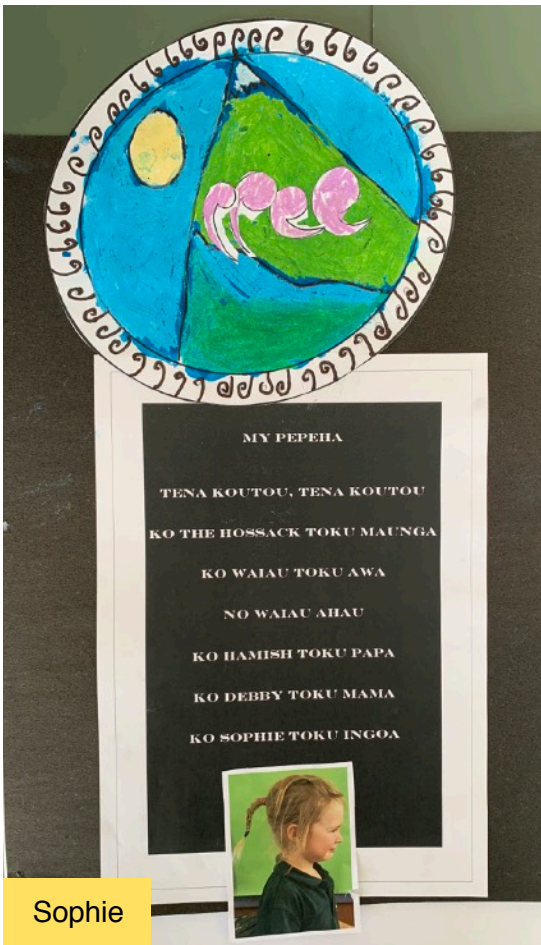
Callum



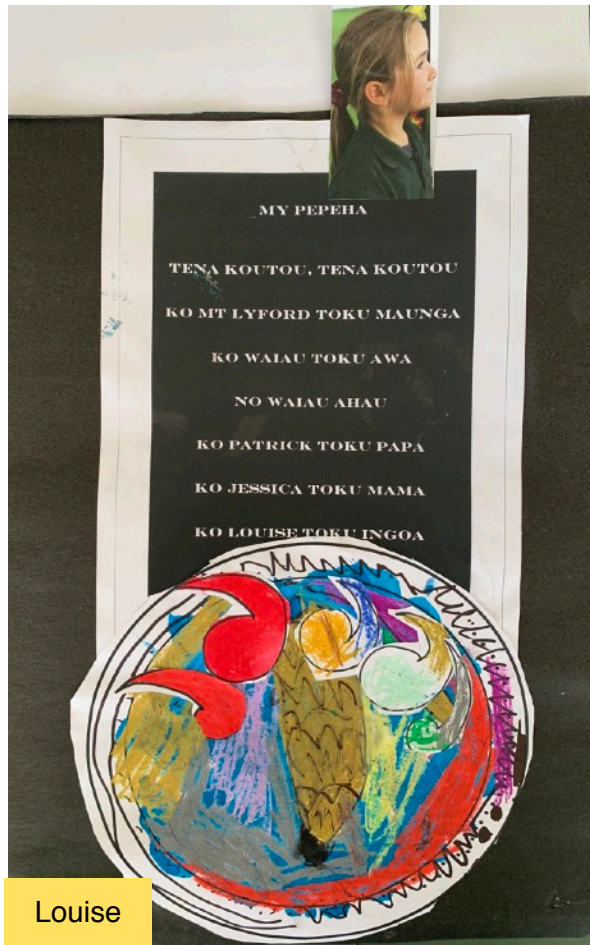
Millie



Evie P



Sophie



Louise



We went to the Takahanga Marae and we made pois.
Harper



We went to the Takahanga Marae and we did a performance. We took off our T-shirts and Te and me did beat-boxing. Charlie took his T-shirt off.
George



We went to the Takahanga Marae and we read our pepeha.
Clara

Rahina	Ratu	Raapa	Repere	Ramere
--------	------	-------	--------	--------

beat - boxing

- We went to the Takahanga Marae and did the talent quest. + did beat-boxing

We went to the Takahanga Marae and ...

flax flowers talent quest



pepeha



poi



dance



beach



Takahanga Marae.

beach



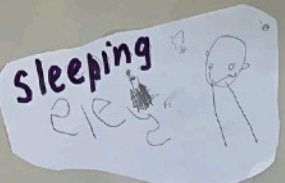
pois



performance



sleeping





Our newly strengthened scooter jumps



Lunchtime Netball!



FREE PARENTING HELPLINE

aggression • jealousy • sibling rivalry
social difficulties • lying • parenting alone
separation anxiety • early puberty

... and anything else you're struggling with



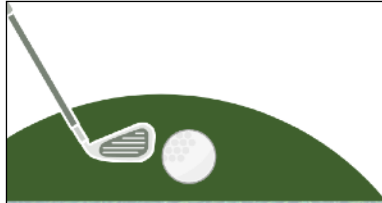
PARENTING STRATEGIES
SUPPORT & REASSURANCE
EXPERT ADVICE

NO ISSUE IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL

HELPLINE | COUNSELLING | WORKSHOPS

0800 568 856

www.parenthelp.org.nz



Finding the Fair Way

Make a submission on the day

Drop-in sessions about the... Long Term Plan

Mayor and/or Councillors in attendance

Fri 14 May 2021
at 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Cheviot Library & Service Centre

Fri 14 May 2021
at 4pm - 5pm
Fossil Point Cafe, Greta Valley

Sat 15 May 2021
at 10am - 12 noon
Amberley Farmers Market

Tues 18 May 2021
at 2pm - 3pm
Waikari Hall

Tues 18 May 2021
at 3.30pm - 4.30pm
The Hogget, Hawarden

Wed 19 May 2021
at 10.30am - 11.30am
Waipara Hall

Wed 19 May 2021
at 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Amberley Library

Mon 24 May 2021
at 11am - 12.30pm & 5pm - 6pm
Hanmer Springs Library & Service Centre

Mon 31 May 2021
at 10.30am - 11.30am
Pukeko Junction Cafe, Leithfield

Mon 31 May 2021
at 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Waiau Hall Supper Room

Mon 31 May 2021
at 4pm - 5pm
Rotherham Hotel



info@hurunui.govt.nz
www.hurunui.govt.nz
P: 03 314 8816

KAIWARA ANGUS

"BRINGING THE BEEF SINCE 71"



PROVEN HILL COUNTRY GENETICS
PH GEORGE JOHNS, 0221983599, CULVERDEN

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

BULL WALK THURSDAY 27 MAY
BULL SALE THURSDAY 17 JUNE