



Notes from Mr Sands:

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa, Warm greetings to you all.

Today we had our School Councillor Applicants give a one minute speech about 'why they would be a Great School Councillor'. We all were impressed with the quality of thought that showed through their kōrero (Speech). The school children voted and the results will be shared on Friday.

On Tuesday we had Murray Martin spend the day with us teaching golf skills to all our children. Some children showed a lot of promise in the sport. I was not one of them. Murray said that the school had a lovely warm feel to it and spectacular views.

Miss Tett has been working tirelessly on the school website. We are aware of the rural broadband issues with a limited data cap for a lot of families and because of this we do not load a lot of information photos on one page as it uses a lot of data. Miss Tett is looking at an alternative website called Google Sites as the school has moved into the Google Platform. The School Description, Charter, Strategic Plan, Annual Goals, and Annual Report are there for you to view. We are looking at putting some of the School policies and procedures online as well. Miss Tett has also put a photo gallery on the website (please be aware that there are not a lot of photos due to rural broadband).

As part of the school's self review we are looking at reviewing several parts of the curriculum: Digital Technology in the school, Report Format and the way we report to whānau, Te Reo Progressions, and the way we assess writing. We will also be looking at the Mathematics curriculum next term. This year teachers have a reviewed set of Teaching Standards. They are appraised against these standards each year. We have started the appraisal process and each teacher will do an inquiry into their practice. Teachers use a group of children to measure the impact of new teaching as part of the inquiry. If your child is selected to be part of that group the teacher will let you know.

P.S. It's Miss Tetts Birthday today. Some of her children guessed her age and they ranged from 22-28 years of age. Happy Birthday Miss Tett.

Aku mihi rā ...
Nā Mr Sands



**"Education
is learning what you
didn't even know you
didn't know"**

WHAT'S ON

Friday 23rd March	Panitahi Assembly
Friday 30th March	Good Friday Easter
Monday 2nd April	Easter
Tuesday 3rd April	Easter
Friday 6th April	Kahui Assembly
Monday 9th April	Athletics Day
Tuesday 10th April	Postponement Day for Athletics
Friday 13th	End of Term one



**Marco Du Plooy
Tegan McNab**

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Turnbull Cup

Congratulations to the children that participated in the Turnbull Cup. Special mention to the following students who made it into the finals: Corey Kinera, Bailee Robertson, Pania Henderson, Nathan DuPlooy and Hayden Kinera. We are very proud that Team 1: Hayden, Bailee, Nathan and Pania placed 2nd in the Small Schools Relay.



News from the Classrooms

Kāhui:

Kia ora everyone! This week Kāhui class will be following our fairy tale theme by looking at Little Red Riding Hood. This will be helping us to further develop our retelling skills and help us look closely at setting and characters. Kāhui class has been loving Maths Club. Maths Club is a new way to present hands-on maths to children, where we all learn off each other, explain our thinking and most importantly show our thinking. All of this is framed around Mathematical workshops which are needs based. We do, explore, discuss and make connections! We have been seeing some fantastic progress and growing confidence in our students and so this week we will begin a Literacy Club involving handwriting, writing, phonics and reading. Here students will have small needs-based workshops as well as independent (ako) literacy time with the support of their learning buddies. We can't wait to see this learning develop! Lastly, a big thank you to the parents who have brought in cardboard and equipment for our creative area. We are all stocked up and will let you know when we are in need of anything else. Have a lovely week!

Caitlyn Moratti and Julie Anderson

Panitahi:

Kia ora everyone!

Panitahi has started our new science unit on classification of animals and we are very excited to get started! We are studying books on different animal species in our reading groups and we are learning how to write information reports on these animals for writing. We are currently learning new strategies for addition and subtraction in maths and we are exploring self portraits for visual arts. The virtue focus this week is 'orderliness' and we are working on keeping our classroom, our desks and our books tidy! In Te Reo we are practicing greetings and introducing ourselves and we are also learning some songs using sign language. This week we are hosting assembly and we look forward to showing you some of the work we are doing in class. Have a great week!

Wendy McKenna

Kaitake:

Yesterday Kaitake Class students enjoyed being out in the sunshine having a short lesson on the basic skills of golf with Murray from Taranaki Golf. There looked to be a few promising young golfers with Larz taking out the prize for the best hitter (over the rugby goal post).

The children are also looking forward to the student School Councillors being announced - the children enjoy having a student voice and having a say in what's happening around the school.

For writing, the children are beginning Information Reports on mammals - they are able to choose their own animal to research and then record and present their information to the rest of the class.

Wendy McGregor

Paritutu:

Congratulations seniors, week 7 I hear was fantastic, thank you for stepping up in my absences and being responsible learners, great role models and helpful classmates. Congratulations to all swimmers who took part in the Turnbull Cup swimming competition especially Team 1 who placed second! Thank you Sara for helping them on the night. Last week we welcomed Mrs Heine back into Paritutu Room with Religious Instruction as a parent helper, we love having you back, thank you. This week we have the chance to learn / practice golf skills at school, I look forward to seeing how everyone takes up the challenge. Year 8 (and maybe Year 7) girls have the chance to visit St. Mary's Open Day on Wednesday 21 March 10-2pm. It is a fantastic chance to view a great option close to home. Paritutu Room students and I would like to say a massive thank you to Brian Hardgrave, managing director of Central Windows and Doors for assisting us with our Technology plant terrariums. Brian has kindly donated glass for every student to use (and a few extra just in case). Thank you Gareth Jury for helping us make this project happen. Students have been asked to bring a few items to school for Technology on Thursday, thank you in advance for helping them, please let me know asap if you need help finding some of them. We look forward to another fantastic week.

Students of the Week: Erica, Regan, Richard, Charlotte, Hayden, Victoria, Meela, Marshall, Bailee, Caleb for outstanding Math results! **Colleen Tett**

Technology - plant terrariums

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Paritutu Room Fundraising

Please save all **Aluminium Cans** send them along to school, we will even save you the trouble of squashing them. If you show Miss Tett the cans before putting them in the CAN CAGE you go in the draw to win a can of your own!

Sausage Sizzle Friday Students have the chance to buy a delicious treat, sausages in bread \$2, Juicies \$1, chippies \$0.50. Please take money and written orders to the office before 9am on Friday. **Cadbury Chocolates** Students are selling a variety of flavours ranging in price from \$1 to \$2.50, please support this great fundraiser and enjoy a delicious treat. Please ensure all chocolate money is at school on or before Thursday 22 March, thank you. **Easter**

Raffle Students are selling tickets in our amazing Easter raffle, \$5 per ticket for a basket of delicious goodies big enough for the entire family. Congratulations to Lisette Benkert winner of our first Easter Raffle with ticket number 43. One raffle left, be in quick!



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