

Week 3 updates

26/10/2020 by Karen Poole

Kiā ora e te whānau

On Thursday I delivered my final Springboard Trust presentation alongside the other principals in my cohort. This has been by far the most challenging professional development I have been involved in but it has also been hugely rewarding. I am really looking forward to sharing our plan on a page with the Tawhai School community - your voice has helped to inform this through your ongoing responses to the questions asked during Mutukaroa conversations and the consultation sessions we had last year. We are planning to launch our local curriculum and share this strategic direction with you at the very start of 2021.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Christine Smith one of our amazing parents. Christine was able to capture ideas and create the visual images for our plan on a page which tells our special Tawhai School story. Thanks also to Rosa who provided the beautiful pictures of our visiting bird life.

Just a sneaky preview below.....



During our Teacher Only Day on Friday the teachers unpacked aspects of our local curriculum, furthered their understanding of deep learning practices and explored a PB4L matrix to support the development of our school values.

It was an extremely worthwhile day and I would like to acknowledge the teachers for continuing their own professional learning journey with such passion and enthusiasm. Our

teacher aides also spent time furthering their knowledge and have outlined some clear next steps for their future learning too.

Last Wednesday evening we had our final Reading Together workshop. Dave Whiteman and Janette Page facilitated these session with a group of amazing parents who now have a variety of ways they can support their child's reading at home. Thanks Dave and Janette for giving up your evenings, Rosa for supervising child care and of course our parents who came along.

All of these events reflect the commitment our Tawhai School community have as life long learners.



A big thank you to all our parent and whānau who supported our recent athletics day. Our children tried so hard and did so well, there were lots of very proud moments.

2021 term dates

Term 1 Thursday 4 February - Friday 16 April

Term 2 Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July

Term 3 Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

Term 4 Monday 18 October - Thursday 16 December

A wee reminder from Pinehaven School.....



Ngā mihi nui
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