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24/05/2023 by Sharon Boese

Kiā ora e te whānau

Wow, the term is certainly charging ahead!

National Young Leaders' Day

On Tuesday our very excited Tu Rangatira attended the National Young Leaders' Day at the Te Rauparaha Arena in Wellington. They were fortunate enough to hear from some inspirational speakers and to have a special musical performance with Georgia Lines in the afternoon.

The speakers included:

- Brad Smeele - Former pro wakeboarder/quadruplegic/communicator
- Julia Grace - Mental wellness communicator
- Shane Rangī - New Zealand actor
- Graci Kim - Diplomat turned bestselling author

The next day the students were asked to sum up the experience in one sentence and here are some of their responses:

- I loved how exciting it was, and my favourite thing was how they got people to come and talk to us about their life and how to be a leader. (Liam)
- It was an amazing day and I have taken away a lot of knowledge from many of the speakers. (Abby)
- I feel so lucky that I got to head over to Porirua for the 2023 National Young Leaders' Day and learn all about self-leadership and resilience from awesome speakers like NZ wakeboarder Brad Smeele, who said "a winner is just a loser who kept trying". (Miles)
- I got to listen to five good speakers about leadership and the key messages I learnt are; it's not about telling people what to do, it is about being a good listener, and it's important to be yourself and to remember failing isn't failure. (Aysha)
- It was an awesome day and I learnt that you can't control what happens to you but you can control the

way you react. (Archie)

- I loved the games and the activities. (Joel)
- At the Young Leaders' event there were lots of other schools and we listened to different people speaking, and I really enjoyed it when Georgia Lines sang - it was cool! (Ben)
- The National Young Leaders' Day was an extraordinary experience, and we got to hear some inspiring life changing stories. (Lucy)
- My favourite thing about the NYLD was that every speaker had a different reason why they had a hard time in their story. (Braxton)
- The Young Leaders' event was amazing and the speakers were so inspiring - I will never forget any of it! (Ella)
- Although I wasn't there for the whole thing, I enjoyed it very much and it was like the best day of my life. (Alexa)
- It was amazing and I loved it because all of the speakers were so inspiring, especially Graci Kim. (Elijah)
- I thought the day was amazing and it inspired me to never give up on my dreams! (Joe)



Writing Professional Development

At the beginning of the week our year 3-6 teachers were involved in professional development on writing with Verity Short, from Biblio Ltd. Verity modelled three writing sessions for the teachers and she also observed teachers taking writing lessons. These sessions were followed by discussions about the teaching practise and effective strategies observed.

It was lovely to be able to visit the classrooms over the two days and see how involved the students were in the writing lessons and also how they have progressed with their writing. We certainly have some budding authors in the

making. Tino pai!



Board Visit - Wednesday!

On Wednesday we had a special visit from some of our BOT members. They were shown around the school by some of our very responsible Tu Rangatira and the teachers were later shouted to a yummy 'thank you' morning tea!

Our BOT members also got to experience not one, but two emergency drills and a visit from two fire engines! Fortunately they were both false alarms and we promptly called in the alarm specialists to investigate. It was also reassuring to see that our tamariki knew exactly what to do when the alarm sounded.



Farewell

Today we said farewell to Raewyn Young who has been working part time with our ORS students. Raewyn is looking forward to having a few sleep-ins, especially on these cold mornings! We wish her all the very best.



Tuesday 30 May - Northern/Central Zone Cross Country, pp 1 June

Monday 5 June - King's Birthday

Thursday 8 June - Safe Dog Handling Sessions (Rms 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 15)

Tuesday 13 June - Interzone Cross Country, pp 15 June

Tuesday 13 June - Safe Dog Handling Sessions (Rms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9A, 10, 11, 12)

Friday 30 June - End of Term 2

18-21 September - School photos

Many thanks for all your support with keeping unwell children home this week, it certainly helps to reduce the level of sickness in the school.

Ngā mihi nui
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