



Tawhai Kura: 2023



Staff – Tawhai School 2023



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The Tawhai Kura Staff



The School Board

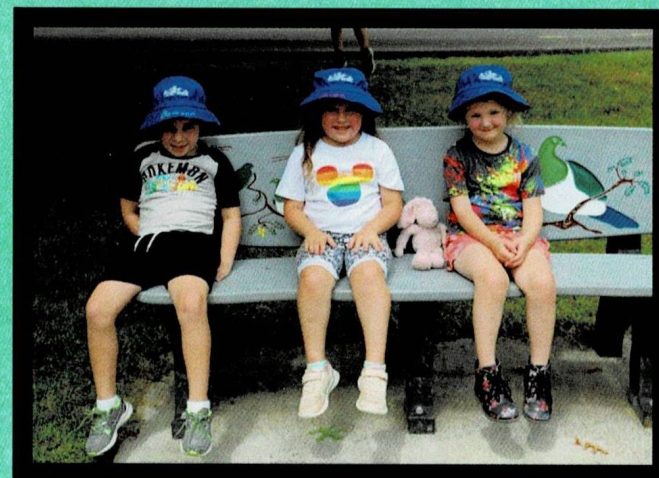
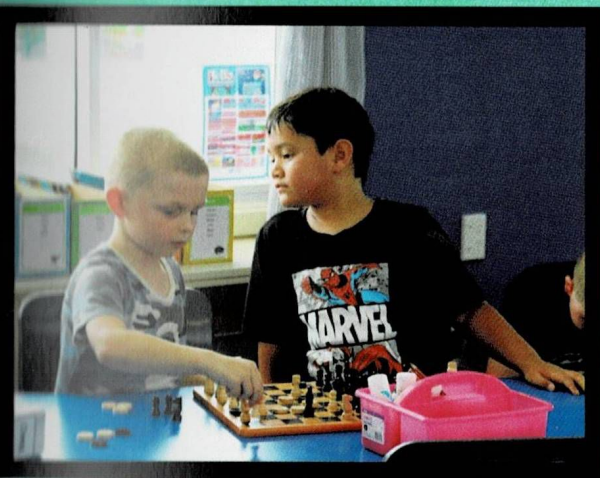




The Tawhai akonga!



The first day back.





# The Tawhai Kura whakatauki!

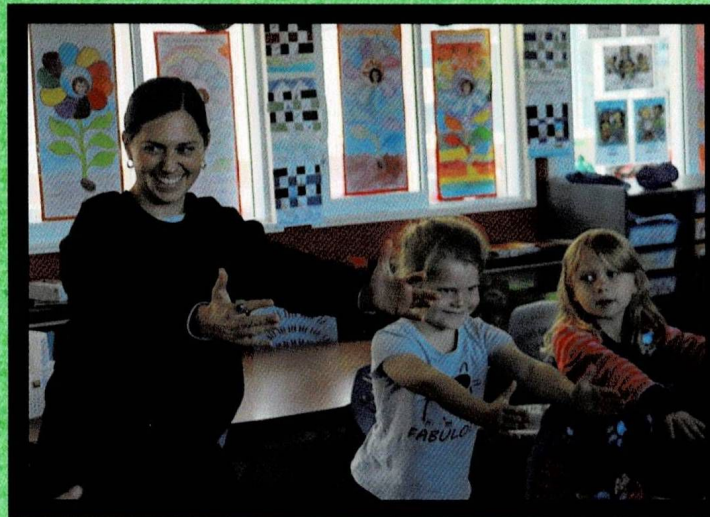
Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai.

Take special care

Nurture the seed and it will blossom.



But this is not really about plants. It is a message about ... People





The annual whanau picnic and expo  
sharing our curriculum!

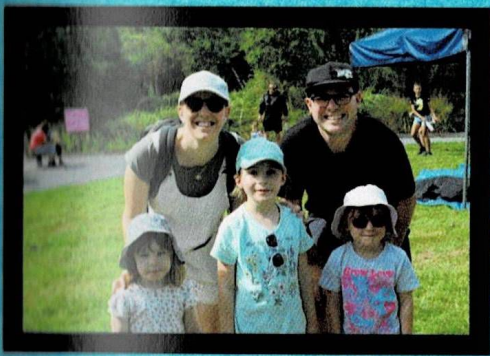
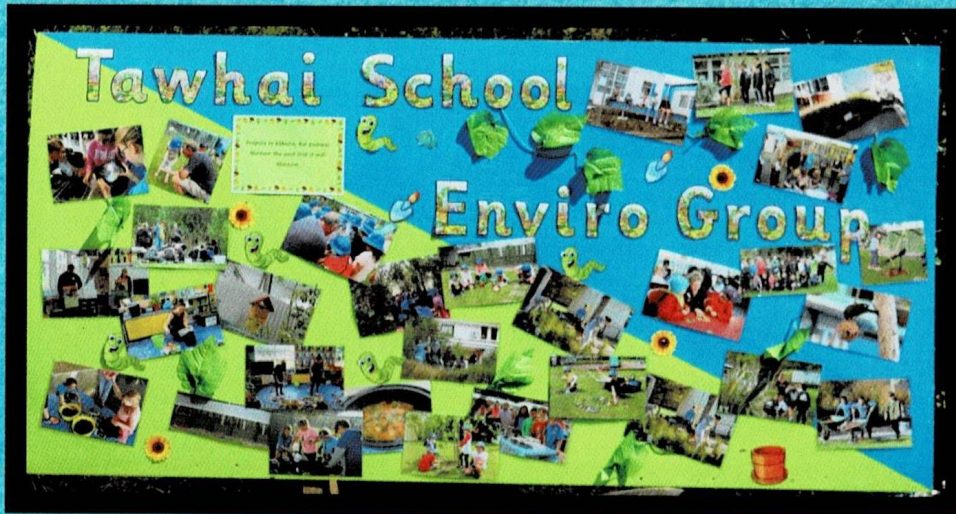
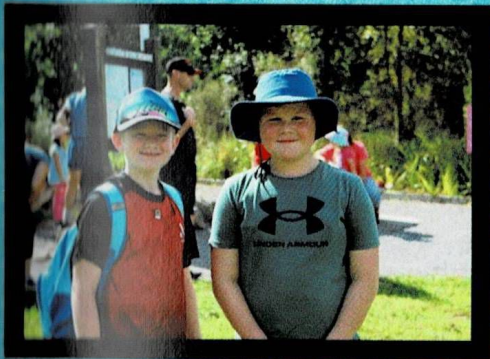




Movin' March!

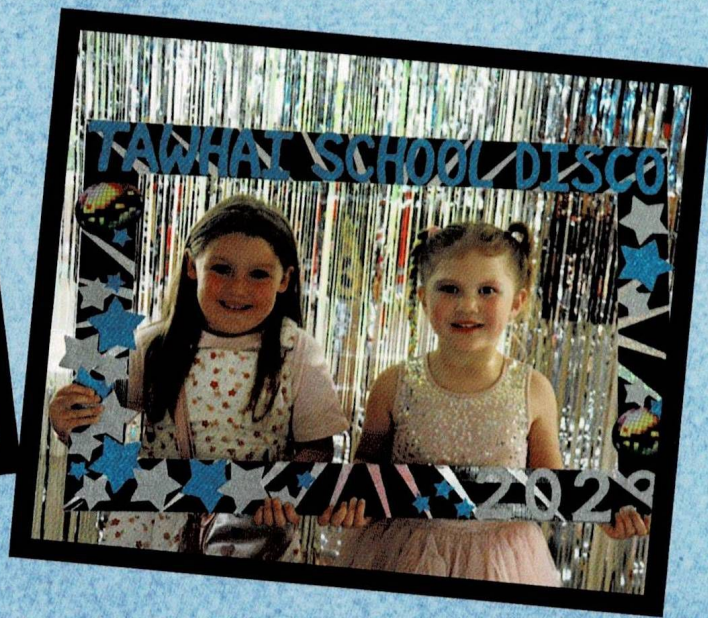






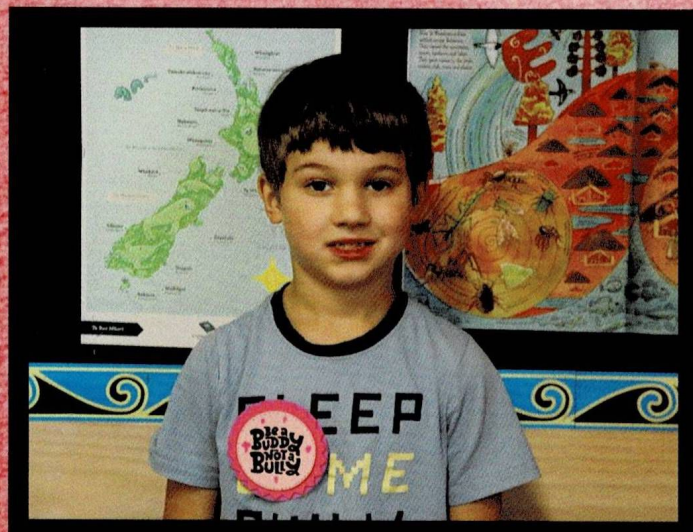
Mrs Boese manning the Tawhai Kura stall at the Horoeka Reserve Family Open Day.





A wonderful return of a favourite event, the Tawhai Kura Disco! A wonderful time had by all, thanks to Stirling work by the PTSG Committee!

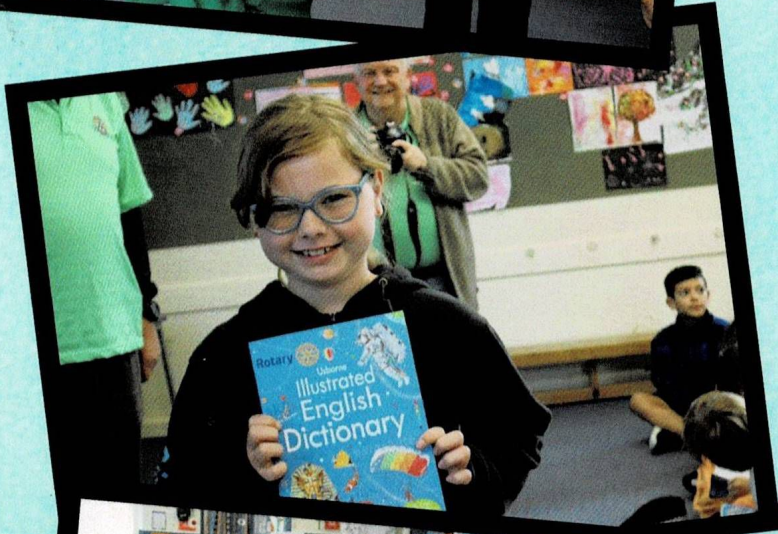
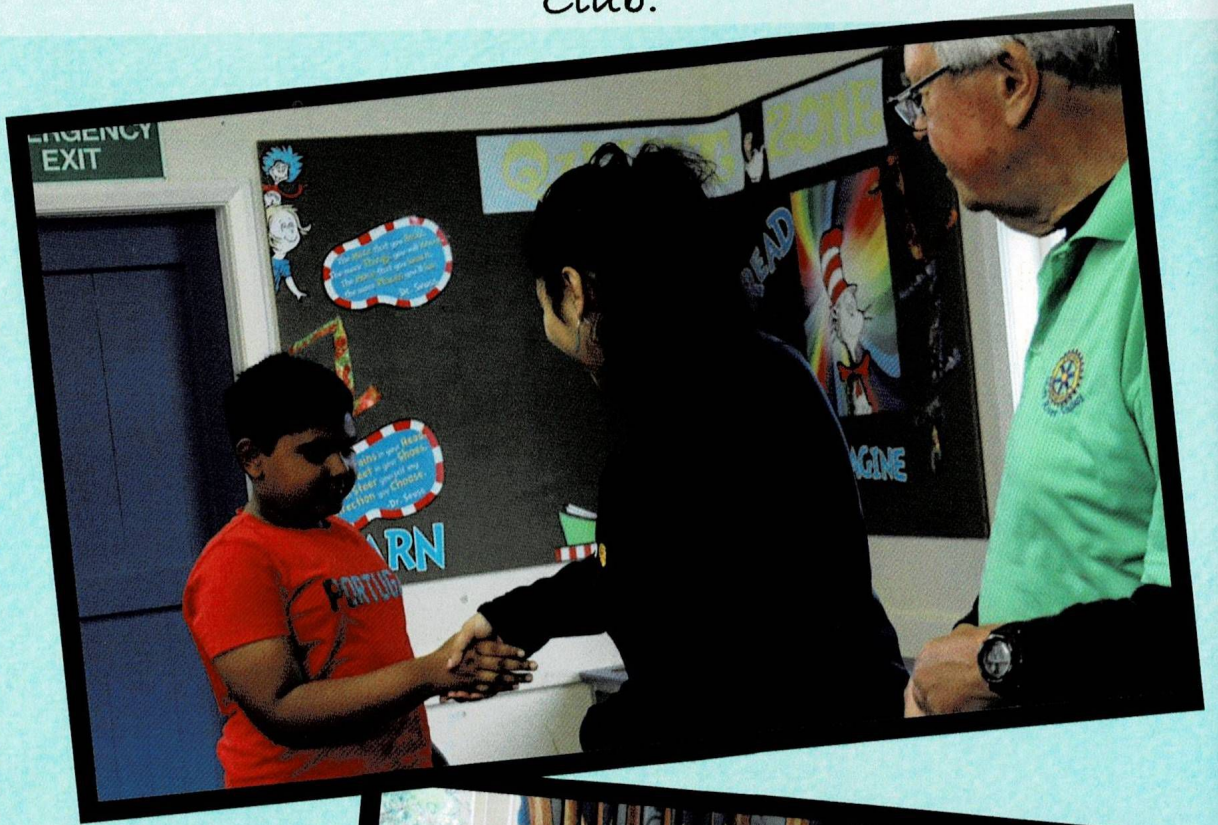




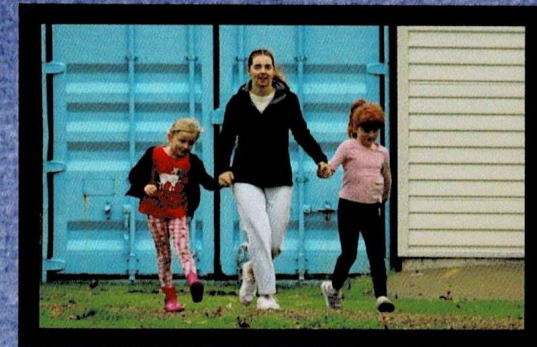
Pink Shirt Day!



A wonderful day for our Year 4 akonga when they received their dictionaries thanks to the Hutt River Valley Rotary Club.





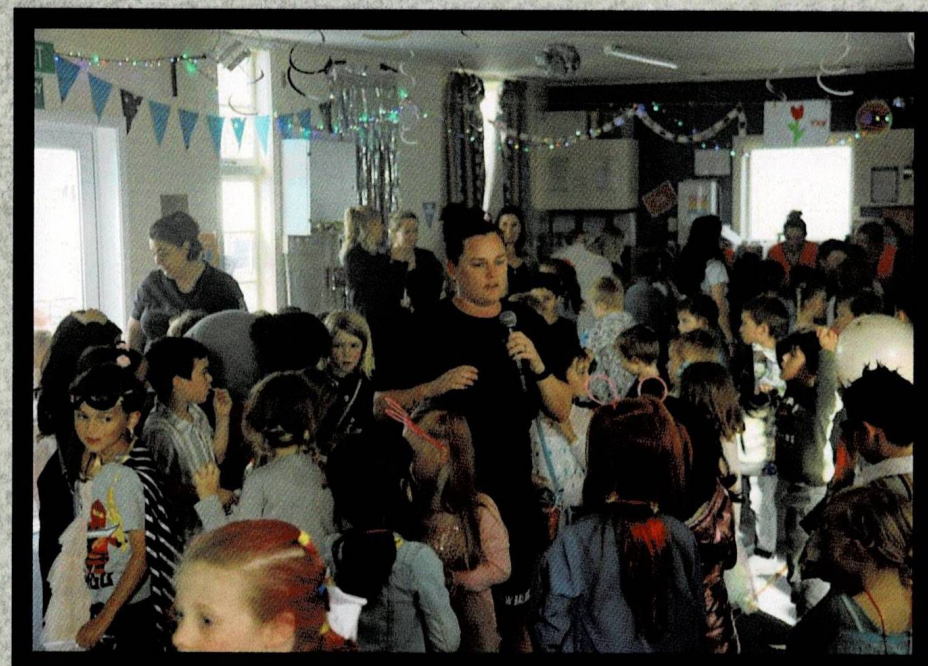


Our tamariki showed amazing resilience during the annual Tawhai Kura Cross Country despite very cold and wet conditions! Ka pai!





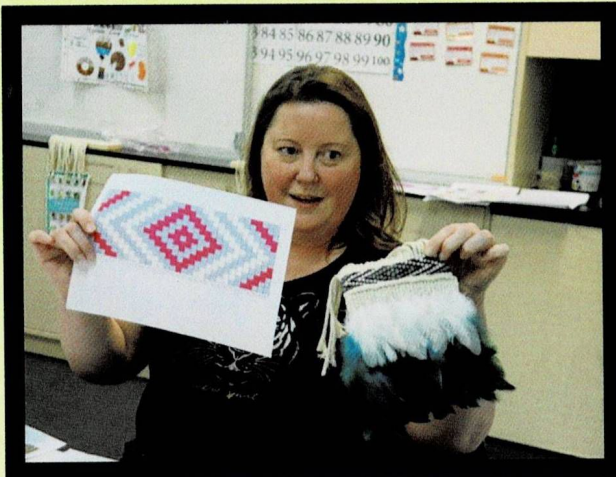
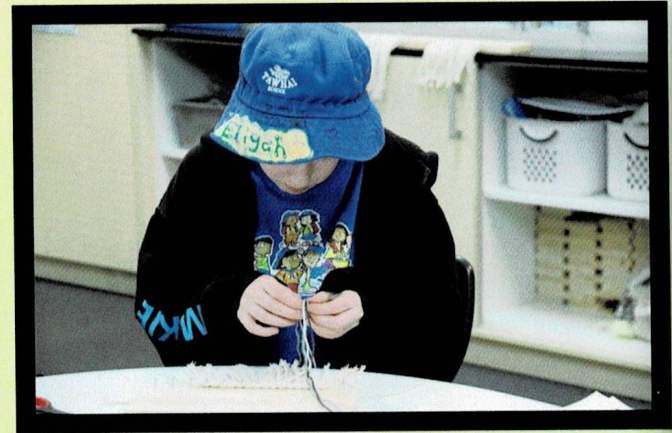




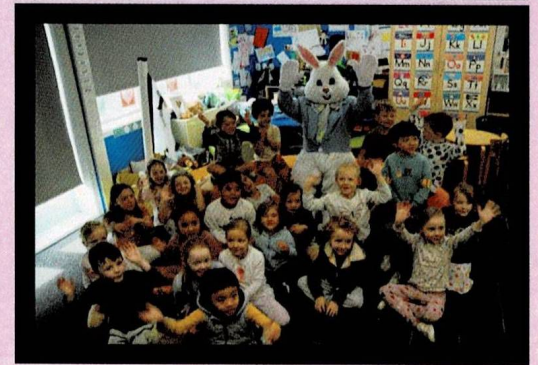
A BIG SHOUT OUT to our wonderful PTSG Committee for their hard work and effort fundraising for our Kura! We said goodbye to outgoing PTSG Chair, Amanda Williamson who has been a very hardworking member of the committee for several years!



School Board Chair, Jaydy Marsh did a fantastic job organising the Whatu Group with a grant from the Hutt City Creative Communities NZ



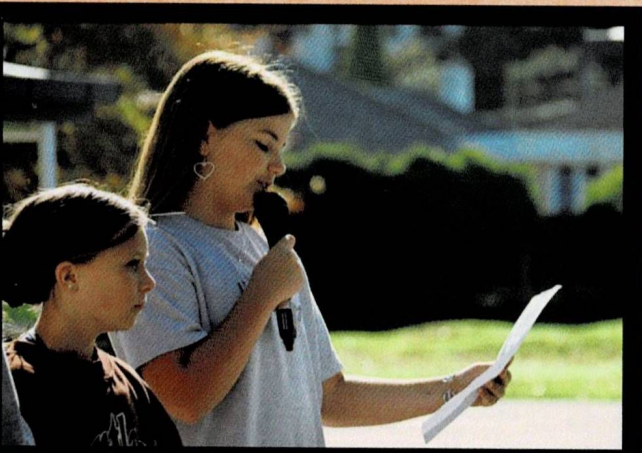




To the delight of all the tamariki and the staff, we had our annual visit from the Easter Bunny! Along with Mrs Poole he paid a visit to all the classrooms to deliver a tasty chocolate treat, give a few high-fives, pose with some of the classes, and even shared a hug with one or two lucky people!



A special ANZAC Day Assembly co presented by some of our Tu Rangatira. The poppies were beautiful crafted by all the tamariki in the Kura!







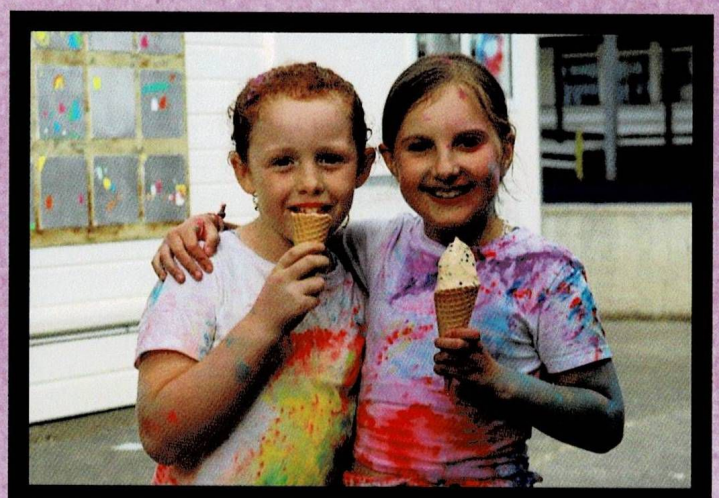
Just some of our assembly presenters! They all did such a fantastic mahi!



Everyone had the time of their life at the Colour Run! This was a camp fundraising event!











In 2019 an initiative was set up to biannually award an akonga from each class who has consistently shown the Tawhai Kura values. Here are the very worthy recipients in 2023!



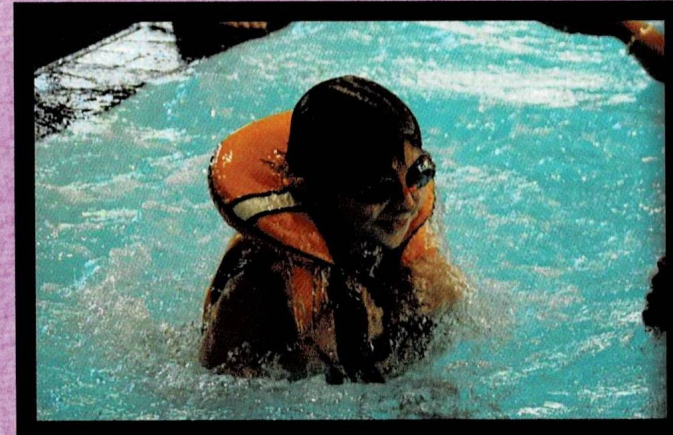


Jamie Gray who is a firefighter based at Trentham come along to the Kura to talk to our Tamariki about fire safety

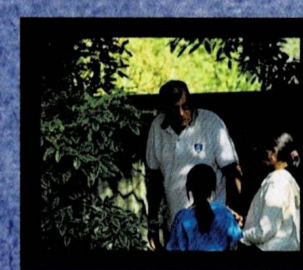
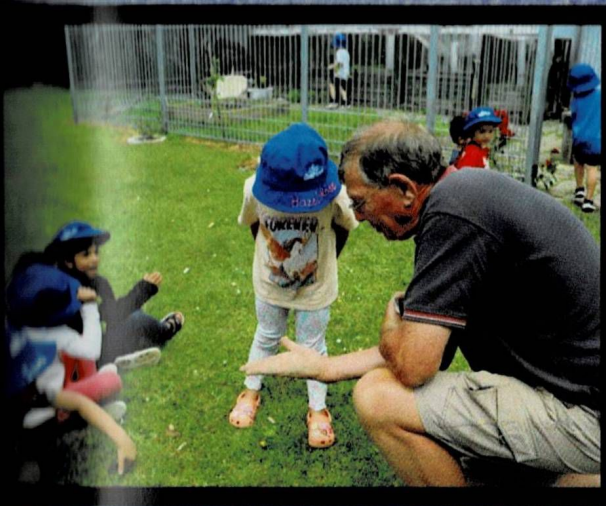




Room's 6 & 11 went down to the pool to learn about water safety!

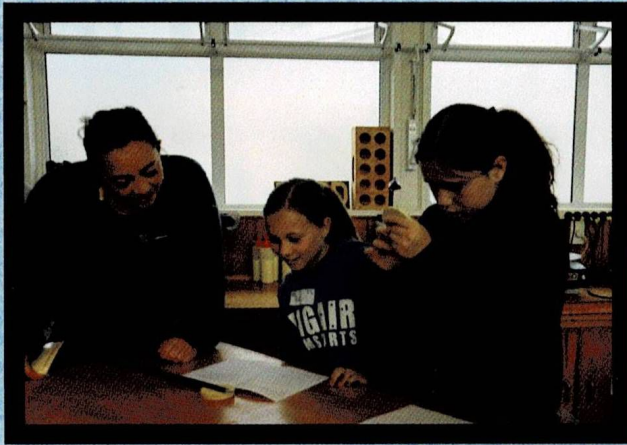






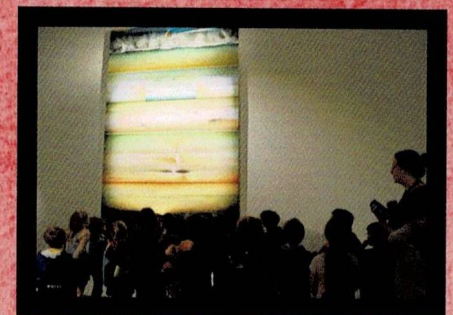
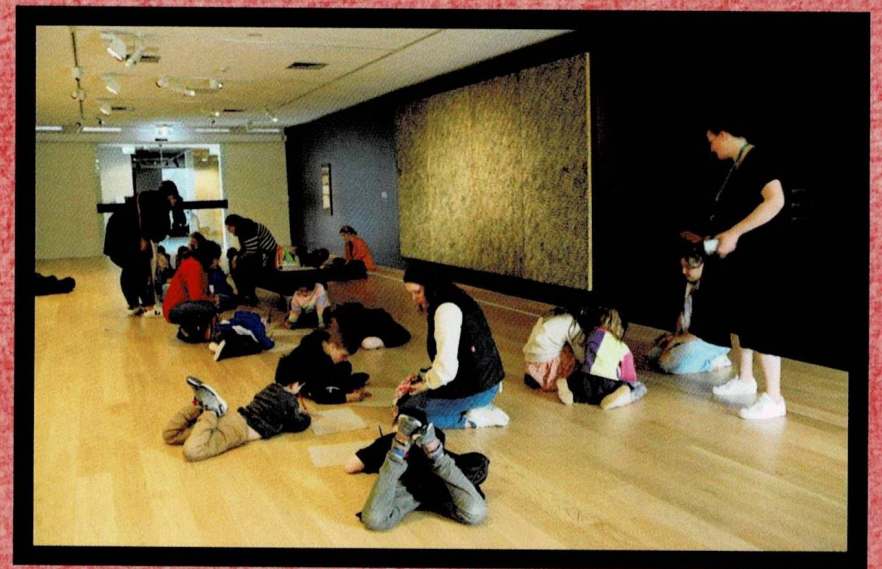
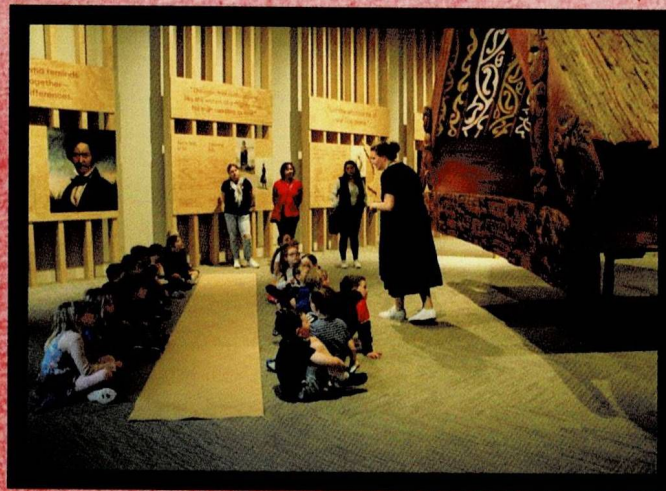
Farmer Paul Armitage & his wife Sally have been such an asset to the Kura this year! They have been lovingly tending the gardens especially during the Summer break! The produce from the veggie garden has been so abundant! It's wonderful to find so many tamariki choosing to come and work in the garden during playtime! They are also learning so much from Paul & Sally!





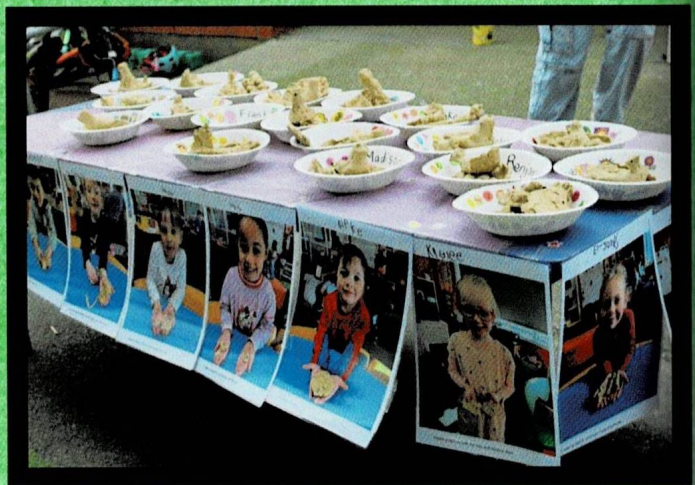
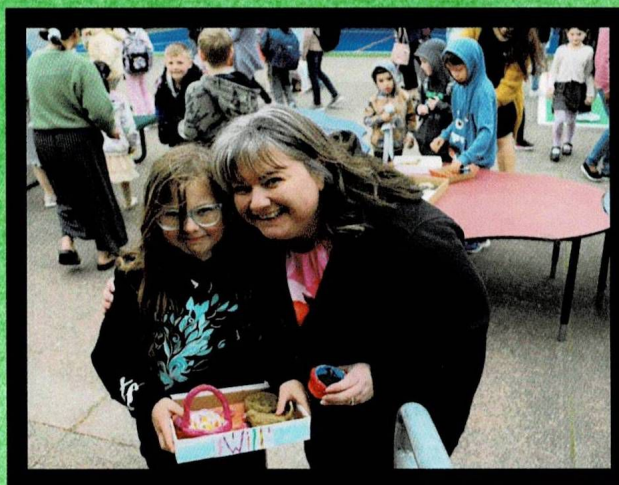
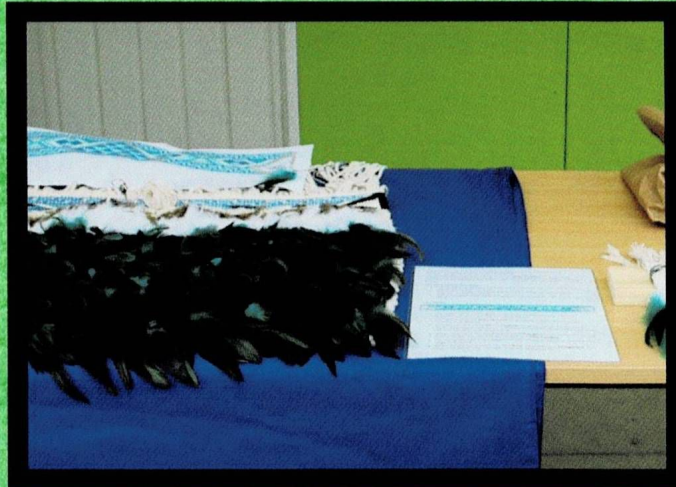
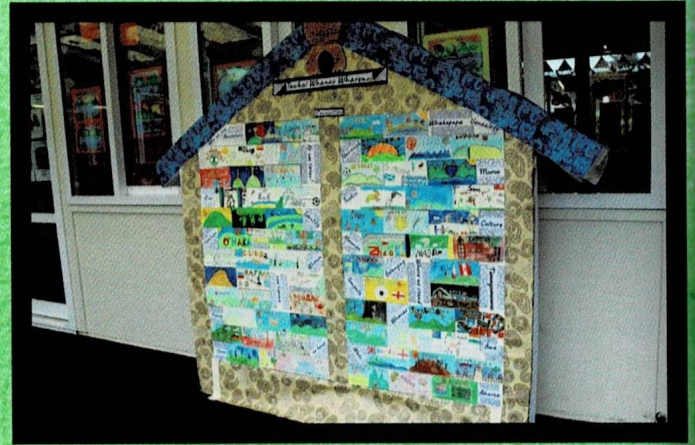
Our Year 6 konga visited Avalon Intermediates for the day and got to either spend some time at a sewing machine, doing some woodworking, or making yummy toasties! It was lovely to catch up with some ex-Tawhai akonga who were so excited to see their friends and the kaiako!





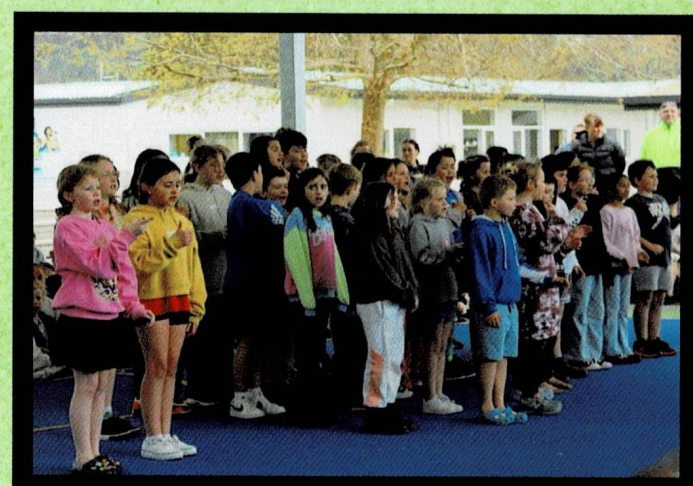
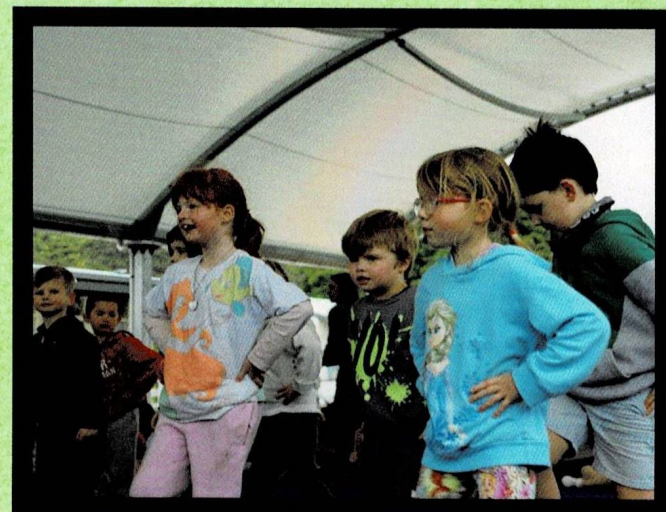
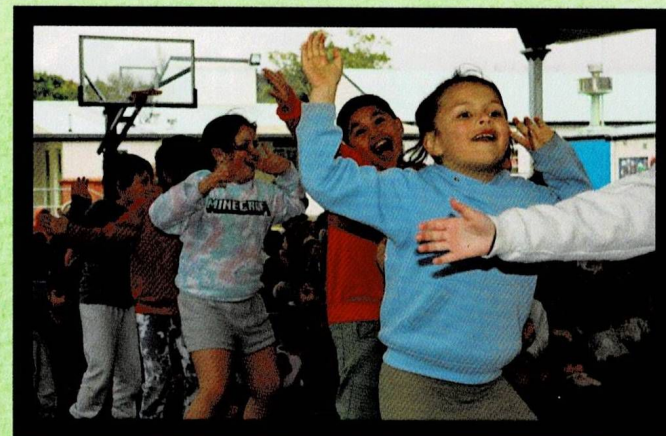
Rooms 6 and 11 visited the Dowse in September. The children created some of their own artworks using our own local whenua (sand, charcoal, salt on top of oil pastel). They also looked at all the other artworks displayed in the gallery





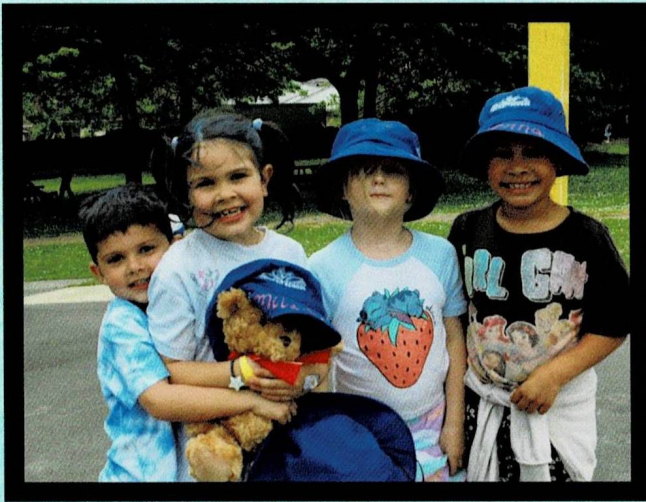


Art Appreciation Day - the Displays and the performances!





On November 14th it was World Diabetes Day so everyone dressed in Blue to show their support as we have tamariki with the condition.



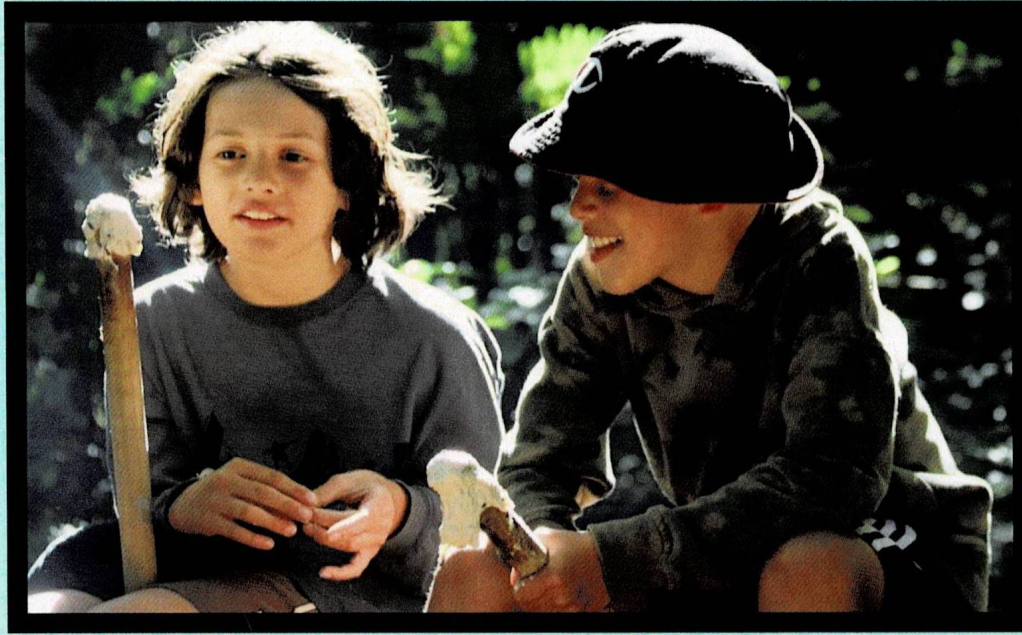




Scooter safety Day with some instructors from the Hutt City Council



Our Year 5 & 6 akonga had such a blast at Kaitoke during their 3 day camp in Term 4







Our wonderful Tu Rangatira for 2023 and their supporters! They thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with Nic Shute. They especially loved the books that she brought along to read to them!



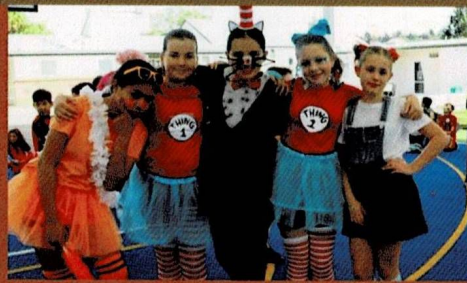




In November our new website went live! This beautifully designed website was generously gifted website to the Kura by ex-Tawhai Parent Alan Koeninger who had was also responsible for designing our old website. It is a wonderful asset to our School!



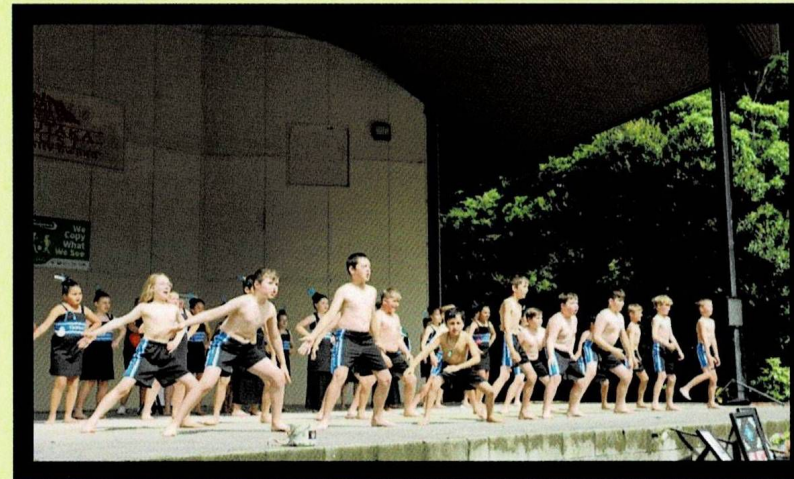




The Stars certainly shone for Tawhai Star Day! An overwhelming amount of tamariki and just about all our kaiako put in a huge effort to come to the kura dressed as a star, whether it be a sporting one, a movie or rock star, a comic or a book character! Thank you to the PB4L team for organising this amazing day!

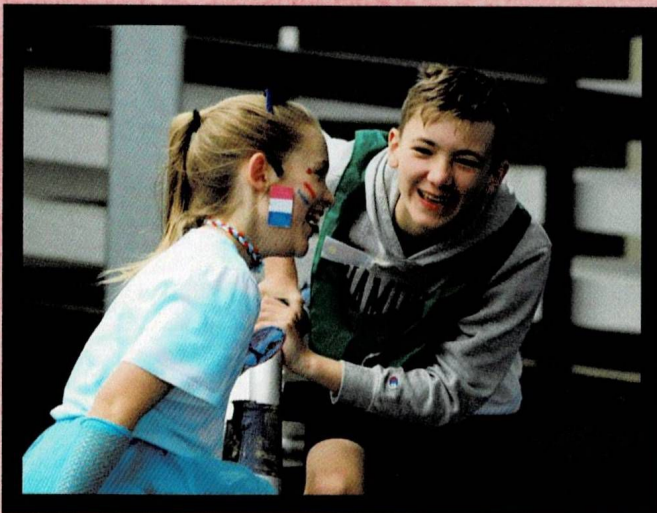


This was the second year that our Kura had taken part in the Upper Hutt Cultural Festival! Our Kapa Haka Group did themselves, their whanau, and their kura proud with their heart stirring performance! Heidi wore the kakahu taonga for the powhiri and Lucy wore it during their performance!





A wonderful 3 days of action, fun, and skills as 3 of the hubs battled it out for the prestigious Tawhai Cup!



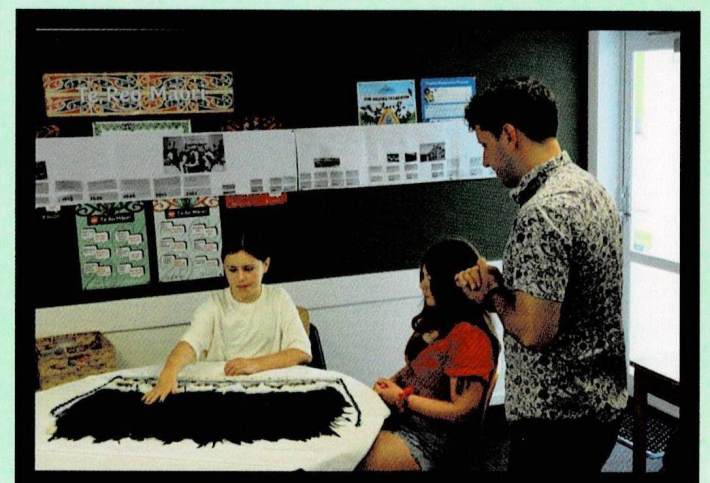
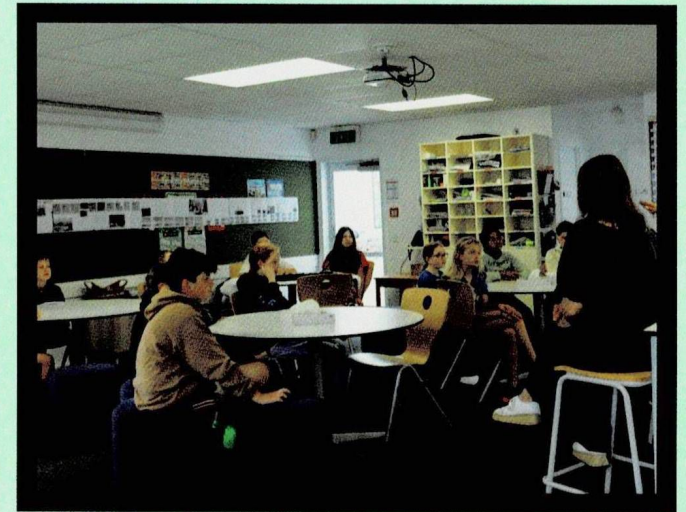


For their 'Tawhai Cup' the Horoeka Hub had a fun session of 4 rotational activities involving some dribbling and goal scoring skills, flying an aeroplane, running under a colourful parachute, going through a few obstacles, and diving onto a high jump mat! The tamariki had such a great time!

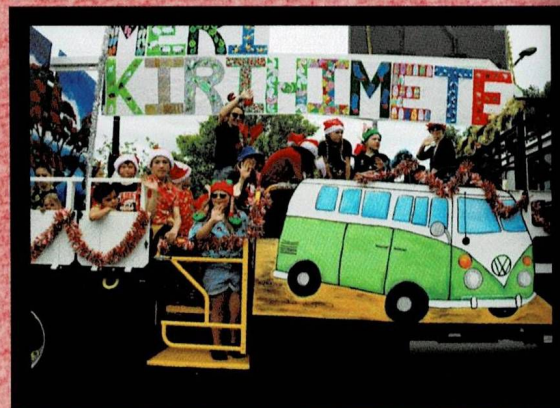




The Tu Rangatira cordially welcomed Mayor Campbell Barry who came to talk to them about some of what his role entails.







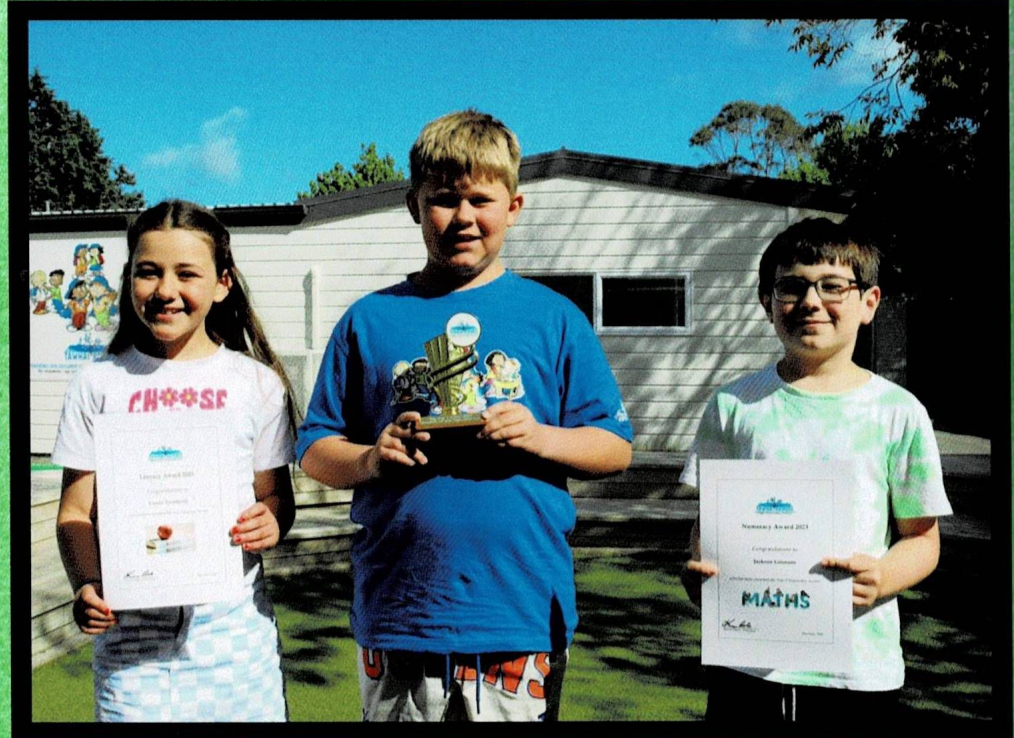
The Tawhai Kura float looked absolutely gorgeous for the annual Stokes Valley Christmas Parade, thanks to some exquisite artwork from Mrs Dorgan! We also had a large band of merry helpers who put it all together so beautifully! Bruce the Moose came along for the ride! As always thanks to Anna Sissons & Julia Dorgan for organising this!



Our Year 6's enjoyed an evening of kai, kanikani, and katikati at the Leavers' Dinner & Prize giving down at the RSA!







The Year 4 & 5 awards & values Assembly at the end of the year!



A perfect way to end a great year at the Kura - A Christmas dress-up day!

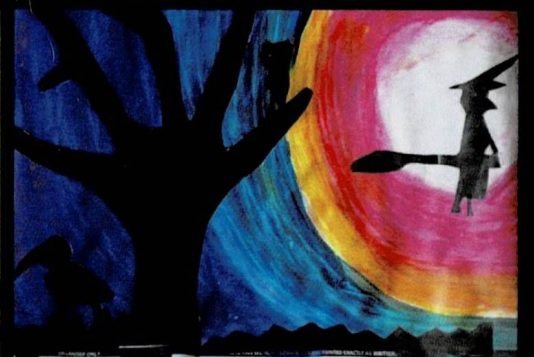
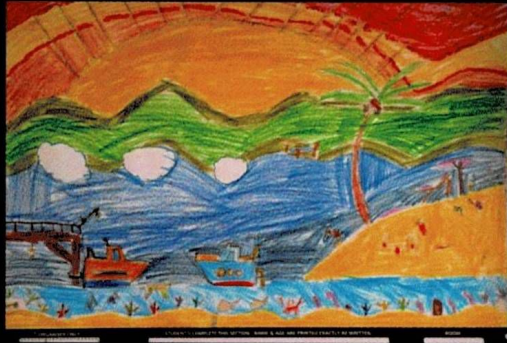






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