



From the Acting Principals...

Dear All

What a great two weeks it has been! We were thrilled that the 'big move' went so well, and at the huge parent turn-out. We are still savouring Holly Blakely's win and the scooping of nine awards at last week's NIWA Science Fair, as featured in Saturday's Dominion Post. Other students shone in the ICAS Assessments. All the Year 3/4 students did themselves proud at Artsplash, as did those who played tackle rugby and soccer against other schools. Last, but not least, more of our very new entrants enjoyed a good first week at school. We all also celebrated Sue Luxford's birthday-60 years young this week!!

Welcome

A big welcome to Isabella Hills, Ciaran McKenna and Lucy Stewart, who started school in Room 7. Their big buddies are Anna Riddle, Callum Norrie and Zoe Simmons.

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following children, who were awarded Principal Certificates at our last hui.

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| 1 | 7 & 8 | Darsey Hogan: making a great effort with his speech - writing with a strong personal voice and presenting it confidently. | 10 | 3 & 4 | Nissa Dunn: being a star on stage at Artsplash. Being confident and singing beautifully. |
| 2 | 7 & 8 | Billie Hammett: positive approach to schoolwork and for always leading by example. | 11 | 3 & 4 | George Sladden: displaying an enthusiastic approach to Artsplash. You shone with confidence. |
| 3 | 7 & 8 | Annabelle Hammond: an excellent attitude towards curriculum areas. You are a mature, positive and valuable class member. | 12 | 3 & 4 | Paris Lokotui: being dedicated, responsible, motivated, positive, polite and more! |
| 4 | 2 | Brooke Poutawera: settling so well into Room 4 and for working hard to choose interesting descriptive language in poetry writing. | 13 | 3 & 4 | Cate Leong: asking clear questions to clarify exactly what to do next. |
| 5 | 2 | Isabella Hay: working hard to achieve her mid-year goal. Trying new things and speaking confidently. | 14 | 5 & 6 | Bronywn Hallett: a controlled and powerful poetry performance and for displaying the same attributes during class. |
| 6 | 1 | Athea Reynolds: working hard to improve her handwriting | 15 | 5 & 6 | Callum Norrie: being a responsible, helpful and hardworking student. |
| 7 | 0 | Hannah Stevens: Having a positive, enthusiastic, can do attitude. | 16 | 5 & 6 | Isabella Moon: being a bright ray of sunshine. Maika Walsh: for being so helpful and responsible. |
| 8 | 1 | Maggie Shapland: reading her books with expression and accuracy. | 17 | 5 & 6 | Katrina Somerville: being an all- round super person in the class. |
| 9 | 1 | Oscar Cranshaw: always listening carefully to others. | | | |

Artsplash

The Year 3/4 team sung their hearts out at Artsplash, together with hundreds of students from other Wellington schools as far away as Paraparaumu. The massed choir was "music to our ears," with inspiring renditions of a wide repertoire of songs, some with complex melodies and/or lyrics. Our children did exactly what they had practised so hard to do, and the result was stunning.

NIWA Science Awards at Victoria University

Holly Blakely won the Royal Society of New Zealand, Wellington Branch Prize for best overall exhibit. Holly's win, and the accomplishments of our other students, is even more notable, considering that they competed against Year 7 to 10 students. So it is well-deserved smiles all-round in the Year 7/8 team.

The official results were:

Class 1 Year 7

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| Holly Blakely | RSNZ, Wgtn Branch Best Exhibit Multitasking - Can Men or Women do it? | |
| | First Class 1 | |
| Joseph Ivory | Highly Commended | The More they Cheer; the Faster they Run |
| Crosby Millar | Royal Aeronautical Society | The Quest for the Best Paper Plane |
| Fraser Hallett | Royal Aeronautical Society | I Believe I Can Fly |

Class 2 Year 8

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| Ben Rowan | 4 th Class 2 | Land; Water or Air |
| Kellie Humphries | Highly Commended | Silicone vs Metal |
| Alice Linton | Highly Commended | Snorkels Clean? |
| | Wgtn Medical Research | |

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded High/Distinction in Writing:

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| Olivia Erskine | Year 4 | Room 10 | High Distinction |
| Stella Robinson | Year 4 | Room 10 | Distinction |
| Nissa Dunn | Year 4 | Room 10 | Distinction |
| Taara Dias | Year 4 | Room 12 | Distinction |
| Gus Coates | Year 4 | Room 12 | Distinction |
| Stacey Leong | Year 6 | Room 16 | Distinction |
| Risa Takahashi | Year 8 | Room 3 | Distinction |

Road/Footpath Safety

Please reinforce the following reminders with your children. All students have been reminded to:

- wheel their bikes and scooters, or carry their "wheels," such as ripboards, to and from school, on the footpath along the street outside the school
- consider the safety of other footpath users
- take particular care where walkways intersect, or lead out onto roads.

Regards

Marion Hair and Susan Kliffen

From the PTA...

Thank you to Isobel and helpers for organising the end of month lunch last Friday. The lunches are certainly a hit with the children.