

Principals Column

WHAKATAUKI O TUMUAKI

Kia Ora parents, whanau and care-givers, Last week the Seniors ventured on a very active camp at Te Kauri Lodge. The first day involved a fresh water stream study, down a very steep valley and a waterproof bivouac making competition, back at camp. The second day involved strenuous boulder and rock climbing rewarded with fish and chips from the Kawhia Wharf. And Day three culminated with Canyoning down (and rock climbing up) waterfalls with Raglan Rock! An incredible and challenging experience for all, adults and students alike! Congratulations Ali for organising such an action packed and well organised Senior Camp. A huge thank you to the parents who helped run and supervise at Camp: Graham, Julie, Janine and Aaron. Without your time, energy and participation in the events, Camp would not be possible. A special thank you for those parents who made lasagna for camp dinner. It was much appreciated by all!



The Waitetuna School End of Year function is next Wednesday at 6pm. This will involve the presentation of awards at each year level. The awards include Waitetuna Way, Academic Endeavour, Academic Progress and Sports/Arts Award. The Senior Leavers will be sharing their Power Points. Senior Leaders will be presenting a small skit. The formal proceedings will be followed by a High Tea: please bring a plate of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, scones or pikelets. School begins on the Tuesday 7th February 2017. Stationary will be available to purchase at the office from the start of Term 1.

This is the last Newsletter for the year. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday!!

Gratitude Column

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

Thank you to Richard Lattaney for mowing strips for Athletics and all the extras you do at our school!



Swimming Pool

Richard is still installing hand rails in the school swimming pool. As a result the School Pool will not be open for community use over the summer holidays.

The pool will be up and running for the first week of school in February. Keys will be available once school opens in 2017.

Up Coming Events

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Wk	Date	Term 4 Events
10	9th Dec	No newsletter
	14 th Dec	Surfing Lessons
	16 th Dec	End of year Celebration 6pm LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
1	7th Feb 2017	1st Day of School 2017

Our Learning HE AKO Ō TĀTOU

READY FOR THE DAYS LEARNING.....

SENIOR ROOM FREAKIEST EXPERIENCES AT CAMP.....

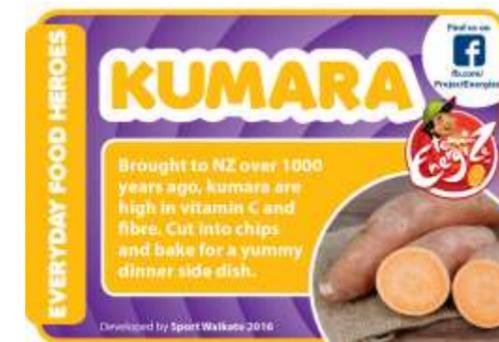
The Climb

My stomach fills with sneaky butterfly's, I clip the rope onto my tight harness. "Ready" I say to the bilayer, I start climbing like a monkey climbing onto a shoulder.

I come to a part which is more than vertical I find my hold and pull myself up the cliff face, I feel the burn in my hands. But I have hard hands from working on the farm and MX. Finally I reach the top almost slipping "woah" that was dodgy.

I look down and see Aaron and Cory, they must be getting a sore neck by now I think to myself I feel proud of myself for the first climb of the day.

By Ngakau Benseman



Burning Rocks

"Ok I'm ready, lets' go up" my fingers start burning like raging fire as I grab the sharp rocks. I climb up the deadly cliff face to my death, rocks crumble off the cliff like cookies. I go higher and higher the air gets thinner as I go up into the fluffy gray clouds, the rocks dig into my fingers, it feels like rose red blood pouring out of my hands and onto the burning rocks I look down terrified the ground is so far away, people look like little ants scampering around like it's the end of the world, I'm at the top now. No! I see myself falling woosh my fingers slip from the burning rocks but how this ends nobody knows.

By Naomi

Canyoning

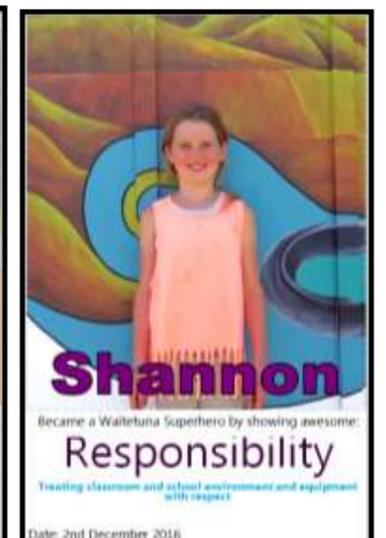
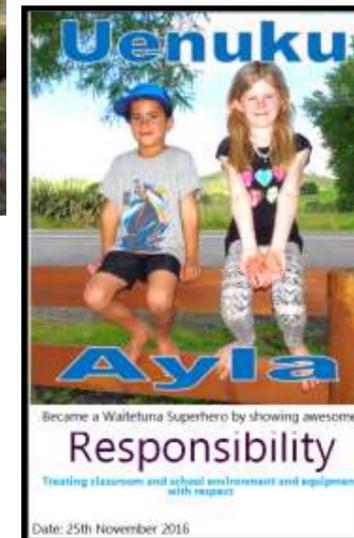
I hear thundering on my helmet, as I climb down to the first waterfall, the wind blows my hair in my face, like a wild stallion's mane while he's galloping with his herd.

I reach the edge of the waterfall, I get pushed by the rushing water, but I hang on to a large rock next to me. Shannon comes down to me and she jumps to show me its okay to jump, then she leaps in the air, then drops and disappears. I count to 3, I pounce like a kangaroo and splashed.

I start swimming to the a slimy rock over the other side, water fills my gumboots and one starts to slide off my slippery foot, "My gumboot slid off!" I shout.

We start to climb down the second waterfall without a carabiner and rope, I start slipping down a snail slime rock, it was hard to grip onto it, so I decide to jump off into the stream below, it was a bit deep but it still hurt with a barefoot.

By Cyra-Jae



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