

ME2 DAY OUT!!

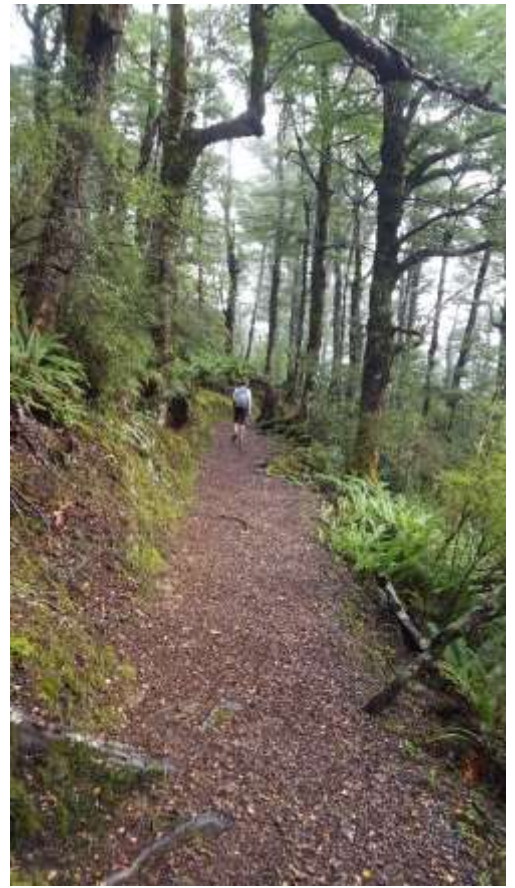


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8 June 2017 **Kia Ora** Many thanks for your support with our Mufti/Wacky hair day and sausage sizzle last Friday. Also a HUGE thank you to all our helpers on our ME² Day Out on Tuesday and to Mr McAleese and Constable Kevin Marshall for organising the day. Students were involved in tramping, conservation, biking, skate zone, golf or projects and games at school. me² provides valuable and relevant learning experiences for our tamariki with a focus on building self esteem and preparing for the challenges that the teenage years may bring. The day out is a celebration and reward for the learning that has been done and would not be possible without the support of our helpers.



Boundary Stream for ME² *By Freya Davidson*

Bump, bump, bump went the road against the tyres of the minivan, jostling us about. We hung onto our seats round the hairpin corners. Finally we arrived at our destination. Where were we you ask? Well, it

was the Tuesday 6th of June, and we were on our Me2 day out. The group I was in was going to Boundary Stream, which was just past Tutira. Boundary Stream is an area on the mainland that the Department of Conservation manages, and strives towards creating an area free from pests - animals or plants. We were lucky enough to have a D.O.C. officer, Mark, who works in the Boundary Stream Scenic Reserve, to come and share his knowledge about the area with us and take us around one of the walking tracks. Along the way, we looked at different traps, - that are used to catch pests - birds and plants. We learnt not to touch the ongaonga and that eating the pepperwood leaf can make your mouth go numb. There was

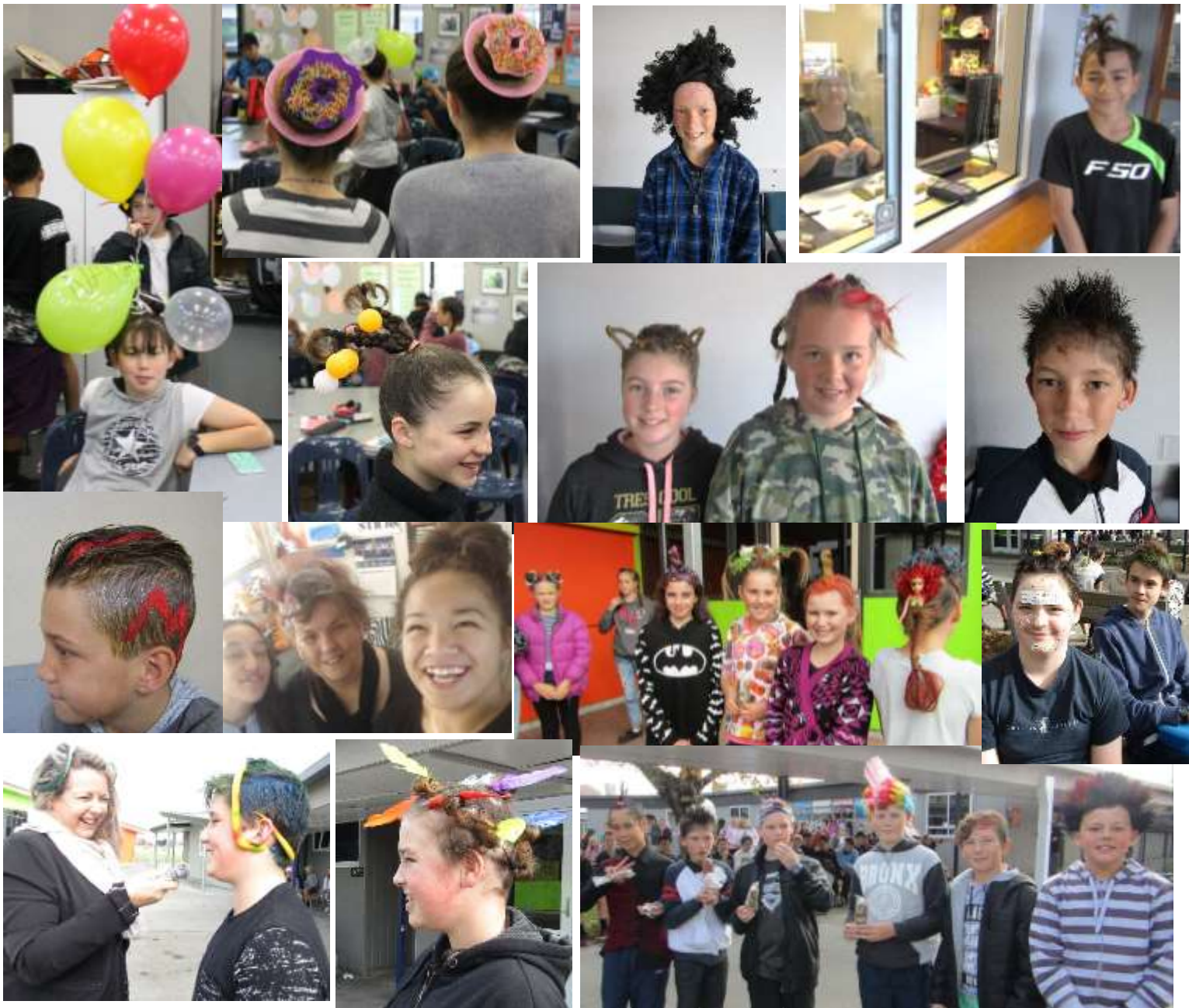


even a plant called 'widowmaker'! I wonder how it got its name?

For lunch, we went down to the Opouahi Pan Pac Kiwi Crèche. While we were there we learnt about kiwi living in their natural habitat from the people who help them in the crèche. They shared their knowledge of kiwi and what they did as a profession. We even got to stroke the kiwi! Yes! Its feathers were quite coarse on top, but they looked incredibly soft from a distance. In the crèche, they raise the Kiwis until they are a good size and weight to fight off any predators. They have tiny trackers on the juvenile Kiwi, so they can find them to weigh them to see if they can be taken out of the crèche.

We were really lucky to get an awesome day out like this, and everyone enjoyed it very much. I would like to say a big thank you to Senior Marshall, Che Lind, Mrs Howard and D.O.C. Officer Mark.

PICKING YOUR CHILD UP EARLY??? Sometimes you may need to pick your child up during the day for an appointment or they may be finishing earlier. Please sign your child out in the office and send a note with your child to avoid any confusion!



WACKY HAIR DAY PHOTOS!!!!

Absences: Please remember it is the parents' responsibility to contact the school if your child is away. Please do not wait for Vicki to contact you!! Going through all the unexplained absences is extremely time consuming and needs to be done urgently each morning so we know that your child is not missing! Text 027 341 5373 or ph 844 9332 to leave a message. Thank you for your co-operation.



KAHURANGI NZ MAORI DANCE THEATRE COMPANY! Last Friday in Rongokako, we had some amazing teachers come to see us. They were introduced as Tu, Lucky, Kiri and Jordyn and were part of the Kahurangi NZ Maori Dance Theatre!

After we were familiar with their faces we were split up into three groups and in each group we learnt an extraordinary new skill that Maori used in the old days when they didn't have technology (poor things) and the modern amenities that we have today.

In the first lesson my group went to we were taught some awesome hand games. One of the games consisted of learning four easy poses and then with a partner we would each have a turn to do one of the poses. It would go on until we both did the same pose and then the first person to say 'tu tamara' would be the winner (It is kind of like snap but without the cards). This game is really great for the mind and when the group perform, Lucky and the crew use



games like this to get themselves energised.

The next group that we went to is something that some of us still use in everyday life for entertainment; and that is games with string. We learnt three string games that were all new to me, fun! Doing this skill was entertaining and it made us think.



Finally, my group moved on to probably my favourite activity, Knucklebones! In this activity

we learnt four of the game moves and had time to practice them. Each move got harder and harder until we reached the 4th one which was by far the toughest. Mrs Howard came in to challenge us and she wasted us! At the end to thank them our class performed the haka and gave them some gifts that I hope they enjoy in the future.

This was a really great opportunity for all of us in Rongokako and I am really thankful for the time that we got to spend with this group of amazing artists and I hope that they can come again sometime soon.

Elle Uttley, Rongokako



MEETING OF THE MINDS AT THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM OF NZ

"Thump, Thump, Thump." My shoes clattered as we entered and strode up the stairs. Last week I went to Meeting of the Minds with 9 other students both Year 7 and 8.

We were split into these groups and had

to conduct certain tests for salinity, PH levels, and temperature on the water around the Aquarium and we even got to go above the big ocean tank also known to the staff as the Oceanarium where we found out that when water goes in it is much cleaner when it goes out of the Aquarium and that in the oceanarium there is 1 million litres of water that is filtered straight from the ocean. It is then filtered from the ocean into a box that will stop any rubbish

from going into the tank. We watched the penguins, stingray and sharks get fed. We went to the

meeting room to close out our day. The day was a complete success and was thoroughly enjoyable. We would like to thank Mrs Thorogood for taking us on this amazing trip. *By Katie Moorcock*

WINTER ILLS AND CHILLS: With Winter officially here and the inevitable colds and flu that have started to do the rounds, here are some basic steps that should be taken;



- **Stay at home** and away from others **if you are sick**
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- Put used tissues into a rubbish bin
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth – germs spread that way
- Be careful to wash hands often with soap and dry them thoroughly – hand hygiene is critical: even when you start to feel better there is still a risk of infecting others, so keep to the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying
- Keep surfaces clean – desks, tables, benches, counters, phones etc

The most important one for us is the need to **keep sick children home**. OR, if the office staff contact you to collect your child if they are sick or injured please arrange to do so as soon as you can. We realise it is very hard when you are working but unfortunately Schools are a rapid transfer area for bugs and we are totally unequipped or staffed to deal with sick or injured students at school. Thank you for your support.



MATHS MIND MOVER: The local Go-Kart company makes number plates with 3 digits followed by 1 letter. *How many different number plates can the company produce?*

*Remember to include your name, room number **and working out** on your entry form and place in the competition box before 8.40am on Monday morning. Good luck.*

MYTH & LEGEND: **Edible Fashion Awards.** Enter now, entries close Friday 30th June more than \$10,000 in cash prizes Friday 7th & Saturday 8th July. Entry pack at ediblefashionawards.co.nz

UNIFORM: A reminder that long sleeve thermals are not to be worn under our polo shirts or blouses. A short sleeve thermal or singlet that cannot be seen is fine. Students have the option of wearing our sweatshirts, polar fleeces and/or school jacket to keep warm. Girls can wear black stockings but please no white sports socks that sit on the heel!! Ankle socks or under the knee are our uniform. Many thanks for your co-operation.



Regards,
Joanne Smith
PRINCIPAL

Coming events.....	
14 June	Mathletics Evening 5.30pm
28 June	Reports emailed/sent home Inter Intermediate Netball
3 rd & 4 th July	Parent/Teacher conferences (student led)
7 July	Last day of Term Two
24 July	First day Term Three