

Principal's Greeting

The end of Term 3 means we are nearly at the end of the school year. I would like to say many thanks to Mr Marconi and Mrs Nano for setting up the term while I was off island for medical reasons. We have missed Mrs Fifth and Ms Maeva this term and hope they will be back at school soon.

Special thanks to Papa Orometua for our weekly Maori and Music classes and to Community for supporting our students in their preparations for the cruise ship visit. Thankyou also to Caroline for taking the time to help our students with their maths. Thanks are also due to Mr Marconi for leading our morning Devotions and to both Mr Marconi and Mrs Nano for their help with our end of term movie night event.

Plastic Recycling Presentation

This term the crew from SY *New Nexus*, Niels, Bibi and Derek, visited our school and gave a presentation demonstrating their on board plastics recycling machine. Their yacht, with 17 solar panels, has an electric motor and is almost carbon neutral. Their visit provided a great opportunity for our students to learn more about plastics and their effects on our environment. The crew also provided all attendees with experience using VR (Virtual Reality) technology.



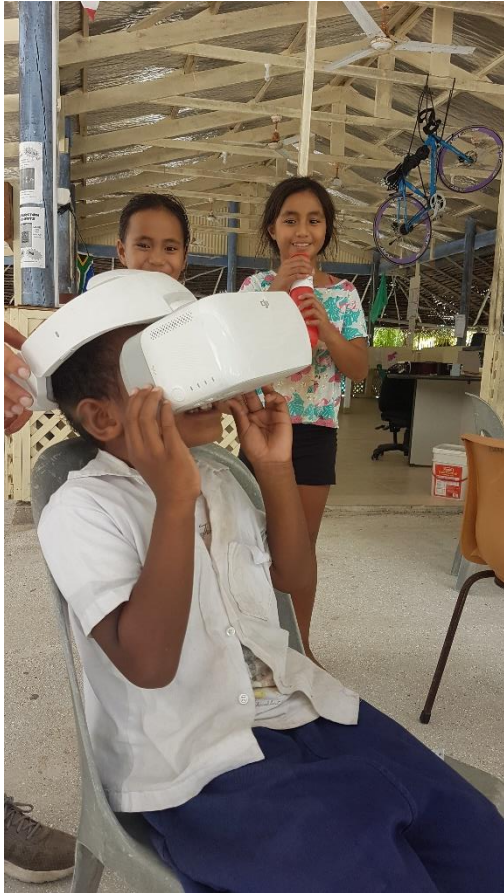
Students shredding plastic in “The Hulk”, ready for recycling



Plastics recycling presentation



Putting the shredded plastic into the solar powered mould



Virtual Reality: Henry with Madeenia and Joy waiting their turn



Tamatoa experiencing virtual reality

Friday P.E ~ Race Around the Island

This term, our Friday PE class included a run around the island. Mrs Nano taught the students how to enter their times into an Excel spreadsheet. From the data entered into the spreadsheet, students were then able to use Excel to graph their progress. Students then analysed the graphs to evaluate and explain each students' performance.



Friday afternoon: Race Around the Island

Gifts

In August, Lucky School was gifted a range of books about coral reefs by Annika and Oli, the children on SY *Sago*. With our students researching coral reefs, these books couldn't have come at a better time and are a very welcome addition to our library. Heartfelt thanks for sharing such useful resources.



Henry accepting books from Annike and Oli, SY Sago

Visiting Students

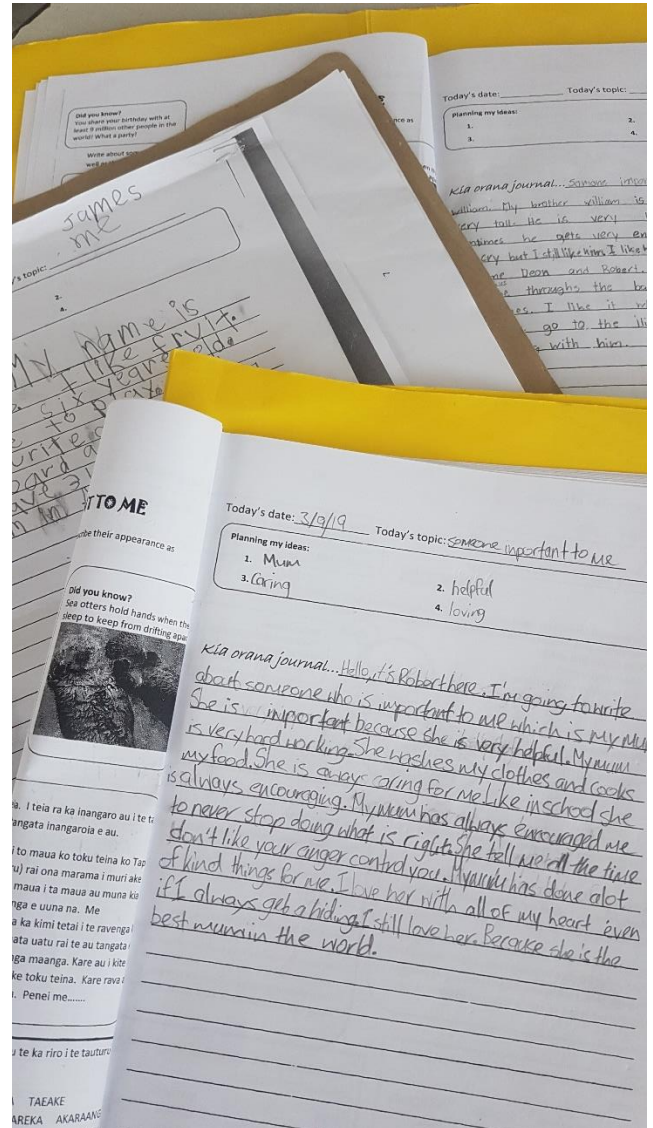
It is a well-known fact that learning is a social activity so we were thrilled to have Jack, Lucy, Noah and Isla from S.Y. *Khiimori* bring along their schoolwork and work alongside our students for a day. Their mum shared how impressed she was at how well behaved and focused Palmerston Lucky School students were. As part of her schoolwork Isla will make a video presentation about her day at PLS. We also had David from SY *Hokey Pokey* join us for a day. These interactions are a great way for our students to experience a little of the world beyond our island.

ABCs

Henry and James have made fantastic progress in their reading and writing so are no longer in the ABC classroom. This term they have moved to the Multi-Purpose to join the other students who act as role models. In this way, James and Henry learn classroom procedures and expected behaviours so they can be successful in their schoolwork.

Writing Journals

This term, students spent half an hour, once a week, practicing writing skills in the form of a writing journal. Each week, students were given a topic and a list of helpful words to guide them if needed. There is also a section for students to plan their writing. The focus is on clear communication with students expected to carry out their own editing and proofreading. Henry and James are practicing their new-found reading skills by also joining in the journal writing.



Journal writing - Robert, James and Ray Charles' work

Movie Night

For our end of term event students ate sausage sandwiches and fish bites while watching the movie *Moana*, an animated film about a young girl who becomes a master navigator in order to save her island from an ecological disaster. We are very grateful to Mrs Nano and Mr Marconi who organised the sausage sandwiches and to Mehau for bringing along a large plate of fish bites.

Whole School Internet Research Project on Coral Reefs

This term our twice weekly Literacy Class focused on providing our students with research skills. This unit of work will continue into next term with each student required to demonstrate their learning by creating a Powerpoint and giving a presentation to the class.

Citizen Science Clam Monitoring and Survey Project

Students again this term undertook the clam monitoring and survey. Whilst we are still streamlining our methodology, preliminary data are revealing that average clam sizes are larger.

Attendance and Being Punctual

Research has shown that regular and punctual attendance at school is one of the top factors that ensures a student is successful in their learning. If your child is absent or comes late they miss out on structured learning. This means there will be huge gaps in your child's learning – and it is almost impossible to catch them up resulting in poor outcomes, disengagement and often behavioural problems. Please support your child's education by ensuring that students arrive at school on time and attend every day.

Term 4

Term 4 runs for 8 weeks (38 days) from Tuesday, 22nd October to Friday, 13th December



Briefing before going into the field



Clam survey team