

Principal's Greetings

The students started off this year with a bang. The momentum carried on throughout the year with most students obtaining very good results. The school would like to congratulate the students for their efforts and hard work. This year also saw a huge improvement in school attendance and each term, it has been rare for a student to be late without good reason. We are very proud of our students' efforts.

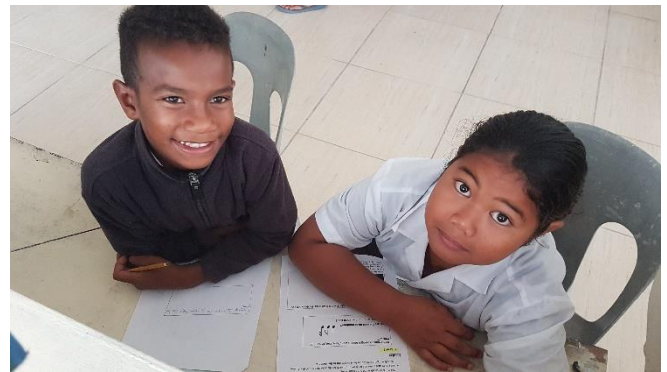
Our school has had tremendous support this year. I'd like to say thankyou to Ms Maeva for her dedication and hard work in the classroom this year. Special thanks go to the parents who support us in helping their children be successful learners. Thankyou to our EO for leading our Maori classes and the Admin staff for always being there when we need them whether that be for sharing their cultural knowledge and drumming skills through to cleaning, maintenance and just generally being there for us. The same goes for all our community members who are always willing to help out. Thanks too to the many friends who regularly send hard to get materials and resources. Here's wishing all our students, staff, family and caregivers a wonderful school holiday break.

Maths Week.

Along with many other schools throughout the Cook Islands, this term our students participated in Maths Week. The focus was on problem solving based on patterns. Each morning, students worked in groups discussing their ideas and working together to solve a set of problems. Many students used their imagination and were very creative in the way they approached their problems. It was a fun week and really brought home to our students that maths is just another way of telling stories.



Madeenia and Jamin working on a problem



Henry and James figuring out the answer



Caroline and Deon



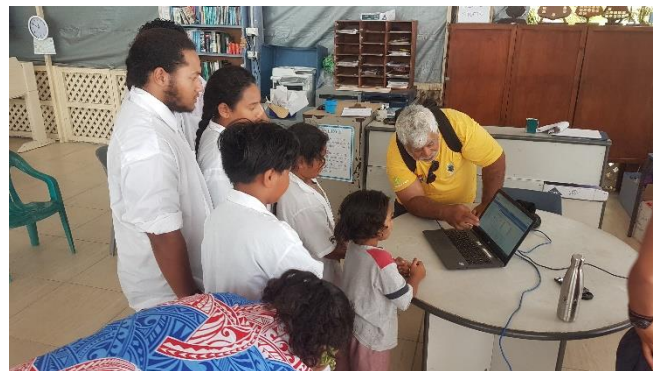
Robert lending a hand while Henry and James explain their problem to the class



James and Henry being super creative in solving their problem

Weather Station Visit

In October, Palmerston hosted Cook Islands Meteorological Services staff while they set up a weather station. Papa Arona Ngari and Romehael Rauraa came to school and talked to our students about how important a weather station here is for more accurate cyclone tracking and predictions. Our students were also shown all the various kinds of weather data in real time as received by the Dept of Meteorology.



Students learning about weather with Papa Arona Ngari

School Gardens and Hydroponics

The students' gardens have been a great success. This term students harvested bok choy and lots of cucumbers. Students also helped in setting up the hydroponics and transferring seedlings. We would like to thank the admin staff for their considerable efforts in establishing and help in maintaining each student's garden bed.



Henry, Robert, James, Ray Charles and Deon helping to set up the hydroponics garden



Madeenia placing the seedlings into cups



Caroline and Aloysius planting into the gutters



Tamatoa transferring seedlings to the cups



All hands on deck to set up the hydroponics – front row: Madeenia, James, Aloysius and Henry. Middle row: Ms Maeva, Jamin and Robert. Back row: Ray Charles, Pati, Tamatoa, Caroline, Deon and Miss Sherrin

Maori Classes

We are very grateful to EO for providing fun and engaging lessons in Cook Islands Maori. Over the year students have become more proficient in communicating in Maori and this term we are

hearing students use Maori more and more in school. All households have at least one Maori speaker and we encourage you to use it when talking with your children.

Clam Survey

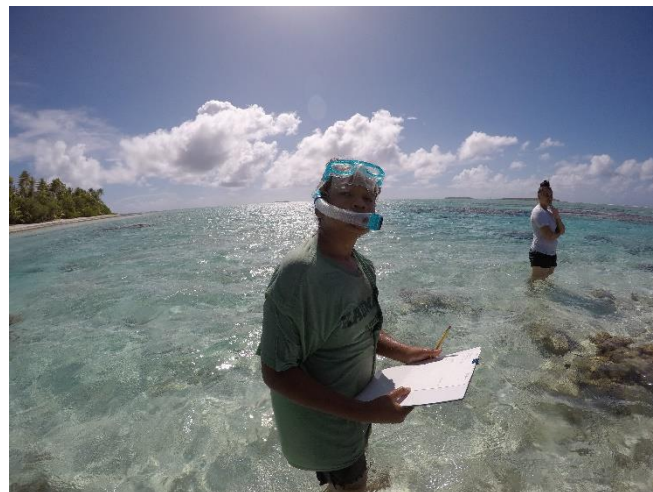
Our clam survey continued this term. Our biggest focus is always accuracy. Students have been learning standardised ways of undertaking the counts and measurements needed for an accurate snapshot of what is there. All transects commence from the beach and end at the seaward poles and every student measures the clams the same way. All of the raw data is recorded on special underwater paper. It was a beautiful warm sunny day though the tide was very low presenting challenging conditions for data recording.



Measuring technique



Tamatoa, Ray Charles, Robert and James



Robert recording data and Julianna



James and Madeenia using the 1 metre measuring control stick

Swimming and Water Safety

Term 4 saw Lucky School students back in the water for swimming and water safety lessons. We drill the students in rescue techniques so that if their skills are needed, their responses will be automatic. This term students are learning to dive.



Goggled up and ready to go! Front – Pati, Aloysius, Henry, James, Tamotoa, Robert and Jamin. Back – Ray Charles, Madeenia, Caroline, Deon and Ms Maeva

Ukelele Class

We are very grateful to Papa Orometua Ina Moetaua for teaching our students as beginners while he was here. Thanks to Ms Maeva for coordinating and supervising ukulele class and to Deon for taking over from Papa Ina.

School Donation

We would like to say a very special thankyou to Dick Marsters, Corey Fisher, Tane Wichman, J.R. Windy and John James Marsters (JJ) for donating their Rarotonga 1st prize Fishing Competition winnings to our school. It was unexpected and we are extremely grateful. We are indeed “Lucky” School knowing we have such tremendous support for our students.



Dick Marsters with the trophy



JJ and Corey with their winnings



The winning fish

End of Year Prize Giving

Congratulations to all our students – there was much to celebrate. This year we are so excited that every student was awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a Certificate of Recognition or a Trophy. These awards are testament to students' attendance, effort and hard work throughout the year.

It was extremely difficult this year to decide who should receive Josh and Mel's bike as there were several students who met the criteria of over 50 PACEs, best behaviour and best attendance. However, there can only be one winner and that winner was Robert. In the end Robert's consistent use of the learning and study skills taught and his tremendous diligence and perseverance in undertaking his PACE work was the deciding factor. Congratulations to Robert – your effort and hard work paid off.

Like the bike, it was difficult to decide this year's recipient for the Principal's Award as many students were deserving of the trophy. After much deliberation the trophy was awarded to Caroline for her positive attitude to learning and always doing her work to the best of her ability.

Congratulations also to Julianna who this year successfully completed the Preliminary Programme through University of the South Pacific. To acknowledge her efforts Palmerston Lucky School awarded Julianna a Certificate of Completion

Students worked very hard to prepare a concert showcasing their ukulele skills and abilities to the community in their first public performance. Students worked in pairs or small groups, choosing the songs they wanted to perform as well as practicing together as an ensemble.

In terms 3 and 4 Literacy class, students undertook a unit of work on advertising. The focus was on learning the persuasive techniques advertisers use to sell products. Students worked in groups to design an advertisement which was then used as the basis for an assessment task whereby each student presented an advertising "pitch". Our end of term event was a great opportunity for students to

showcase their learning to the community. Madeenia also presented her Social Studies PACE work research project on the Spanish flag.

Thankyou to Mehau for being our photographer on the day. Many thanks for all who attended and presented the trophies and certificates.

TROPHIES

Most PACEs Senior	Caroline	(51)
Most PACEs Intermediate	Jamin	(62)
Most PACEs Junior	Henry	(85)

Highest Avg Senior	Deon	(84.3%)
Highest Avg Intermediate	Robert	(89.6%)
Highest Avg Junior	Henry	(95.1%)

Principal's Award	Caroline
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CERTIFICATES

Most 100s	1 st	Henry (27)
	2 nd	James (21)
	3 rd	Madeenia (14)

Best Attendance	1 st	James (0 days)
	2 nd	Robert (1 day)
	3 rd	Tamatoa (3 days)
		Henry (3 days)
		Madeenia (3 days)

Most Improved Learner	Robert
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Literacy Class Award	Ray Charles
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Leadership	Deon
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Most Improved Swimmer	Henry
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USP Preliminary Program	Julianna
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JOSH AND MEL BIKE AWARD

Robert

Visit to the Motu

As a reward for our students' efforts and hard work this year, Admin arranged for a picnic day at Tom's

Islet. Students swam, ate, and played games – a fantastic start to the holidays and well deserved.



Families, community and students



Students with their Trophies and Certificates



Will presenting Josh and Mel bike to Robert



Madeenia's presentation on the Spanish flag



James' advertising pitch



Tamatoa's advertising pitch



Ray Charles' advertising pitch



Jamin's advertising pitch



Games on Tom's Islet – Madeenia, Allan, Mrs. Fiftieth, Pati, Tamatoa and Jamin



Ukelele concert



At the motu

**To all those who support
our school,
here's wishing everyone a
very happy holidays and
may you all have a
wonderful 2021**

Term 1, 2021

Tuesday, 26th Jan – Friday, 23rd April

(13 weeks)