

# THE LUCKY TIMES

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## Principal's Greeting

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021. This term, students were involved in some interesting activities and we again welcome community into our school.

We would like to welcome Nurse Dean to our school and thank him for teaching a weekly class on "Personal Health and Wellbeing." Nurse Dean has also been giving students important lifesaving skills as a part of our Swimming and Water Safety lessons. Thanks are also due to Deon who continues to lead our students in our music related activities. Madeenia and Tamatoa are similarly taking on leadership roles in this area. Special thanks are also in order to Mr Neale for continuing to teach Maori along with Nurse Dean and to Will for his IT skills. A special thankyou to the families for their efforts in supporting not just the students but the teachers as well. We are very grateful for your support.

## AGM

Our School Committee AGM was held on 1 April, 2021. Charlie was re-elected as Chairman, Will Rowe as Secretary and Ms Maeva as Treasurer. Our elected Committee Members are again, Mrs Fiftieth Rowe, Papa Orometua and E.O. Mr Neale. Your involvement in our school is very much appreciated.

## Literacy Class

This term students have been working on a film project to produce a five minute documentary on our clam survey. This project is the culmination of the teaching and learning undertaken in Literacy Class for the past two years. This term the focus was on revisiting past learning, introducing storytelling and visual literacy and applying this knowledge and skill set to producing a short film. Students have recorded interviews with class members and community and recorded themselves playing their ukulele to be used as a soundtrack in their film. Thankyou to all who gave interviews.



*Students working on their storyboards for the film project*



*James, Henry and Madeenia planning out their film for editing*

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## Maori Lessons

Students are progressing well in their abilities to communicate in Maori, led by Mr Neale together with Nurse Dean. Thanks to Ms Maeva's efforts students are now using Maori regularly to say grace and other school prayers. Special thanks to Ms Maeva for providing our students with opportunities to practice their Maori communication skills in their everyday learning.



Fun activities in Maori class with Mr Neale



Maori class under the trees

## Swimming and Water Safety

Our students have learned how to manage in water rescues. This term's Friday afternoon Swimming and Water Safety lessons focused on teaching students how to deal with a rescue once they are on the beach. Under the expert guidance of Nurse Dean students have learned how to follow the "DRS ABC" action plan including CPR. These are very valuable skills and we would like to commend our students for taking on the learning and thank Nurse Dean for his expert teaching.

Very special thanks also to Bob and Tupou for the surprise "pop-up" lunches they provided for everyone after our swimming classes. They were delicious and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Students learning DRS ABC and CPR



Special "pop-up" lunch at Bob and Tupou's place.

## Environmental Education

In order to take footage for the students' film project we undertook the clam survey earlier in the term than usual. Thankyou to Will and Julianna for their camera work.

For several terms students have been participating in environmental education learning on Wednesday mornings. Students have learned the importance of mangroves and shore vegetation, causes and effects of climate change, ocean eco systems, lagoon health, coral bleaching and the physics of weather and seabreezes. Students have also undertaken short units of work on the importance of food security and petrol miles, the environmental and social impacts of mobile phone technology and the making of a T-shirt. This learning has taught students the importance of being able to think critically and problem solve in order to make good choices on issues that will affect their everyday lives.

## Personal Health and Wellbeing

Nurse Dean is an outreach trainer with the Cook Islands Family Welfare Association. In this role Dean has been able to deliver teaching and learning to our students focused on many issues that affect

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all young people. The topics covered include values, human rights, self-esteem, communication and interpersonal relationships. Students engaged with the learning through games and many fun activities that got them thinking and sharing their ideas.



*Personal Health and Wellbeing class on the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights*



*Fun activities in Health class*

## Te Kura

This year, Caroline is enrolled with Te Kura, a New Zealand distance education provider. In a partnership offered through the Cook Islands Ministry of Education, Palmerston Lucky School and Te Kura, Caroline is undertaking online courses to achieve her NCEA (National Certificate in Educational Achievement) Level 1, the equivalent of Year 11. In order to get a feel for online learning, Caroline successfully completed a one-month online course through Southampton University in England. Caroline is currently studying Mathematics, English and Biology. These are first steps in gaining university entrance qualifications and is a learning pathway we hope all our students will engage with as they become eligible.



*Caroline with her Certificate of Achievement from Southampton University*

## TERM 2 DATES

11 May, 2021 **to** 23rd July, 2021