

Principal's Greeting

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2021. Just like term 1, this term, students were involved in some interesting activities and we again welcome community into our school. Special thanks to Nurse Dean, E.O., and for their help with the video project, to Mr Will, Julianna and Ms Maeva. We are also very grateful to Nadia Manarangi-George, a Media Studies teacher in Rarotonga for her resources and guidance in getting the film project started. Our newsletter is quite short this term due to many first term projects continuing into second term and the arrival of the vaccination team.

Literacy Class

This term students have continued to work on their film projects to produce a five minute documentary on our clam survey. After making a storyboard, students were able to plan out the story they wanted to tell. Students videoed interviews with community and recorded themselves playing ukuleles to use as their soundtrack. Students used Windows Video Editor program on the school computers. After joining the videos together they added a title, a voiceover, music and credits. We look forward to showcasing our videos to the community before uploading them to Youtube.



Film project - adding final touches

Maori Lessons

Students are continuing their Maori studies. The teaching and learning has included fun activities such as songs and games. Students are using a phonics chart to help them construct Maori words on their own using the rules of grammar.



Fun activities in Maori class with Mr Neale



Students editing to produce a short documentary

Personal Health and Wellbeing

In his role as an outreach trainer with the Cook Islands Family Welfare Association, on Wednesday fourth period, Nurse Dean has been teaching students about personal health and wellbeing. Topics have included personal space, good communication, dealing with emotions, brain changes associated with puberty, stress, resilience and other issues affecting mental health.



Students with Nurse Dean for Health and Wellbeing class.

How Government Works

This term we introduced some new teaching on Wednesday mornings. As a democratic country it is important that students have the knowledge to participate in governmental decision making. Nurse Dean has considerable experience in this area and covered topics such as Cook Islands political history, types of governments around the world, the role of government in the Cook Islands, what opposition parties do, the Constitution, the formation of political parties, peaceful protest, the making of laws and how to vote. We are very grateful to Nurse Dean for sharing his in depth knowledge that will stand our students in good stead well into the future.



Learning about how Government works

Splicing and Knots

This term students have been learning how to splice three strand rope and how to tie a bowline and a cod end knot. We started off with a simple eye splice which some of the students have mastered. Some students can also now splice two pieces of rope together. Congratulations to our standout splicers, Deon and James.



Splicing three strand rope



Eye splicing



Clam Survey

Due to the vaccination schedule during the last few days of the term, the clam survey will be carried out on the first Friday of Term 3.

TERM 3 DATES

Tuesday, 10th August to Friday, 1st October