

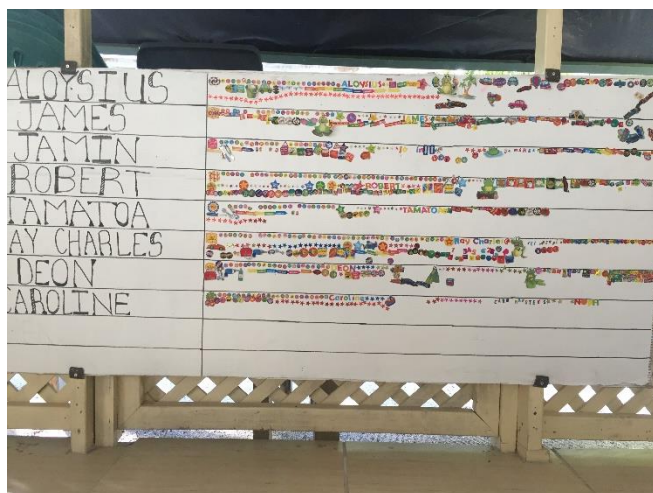
Principal's Greeting

Welcome to the third newsletter of 2022. This term was only eight weeks so the shortest term of the year. It feels like our Wacky Hair Day was only a few weeks ago! Despite the very short term most of our students rose to the challenge and did excellent work. This term there was a focus on time management and organisational skills with the result that it is rare for a student to be late to school or class. Our students' hard work and punctuality is reflected in our class reward star chart which is showing rows and rows of stickers.

Jamin left us this term and we will miss his bubbly personality. All of us at Lucky School wish him all the best and know he will do well in his new school.

We'd like to give a special welcome to Munamuna Ruarau who has joined us from Tereora College in Rarotonga. We are excited to have you join our school.

We are slowly adding to our **Palmerston Lucky School Youtube channel** thanks to our IT person Mr Will Rowe. We've added two more videos this term and hope you'll subscribe. More to come!



Star chart reward stickers

Early Childhood Education and ABC Class

Ms Maeva's expertise is in Early Childhood Education (ECE) is being put to extremely good use. Aloysius, as the eldest, is learning leadership skills and how to be a good role model for the younger ones. Ms Maeva uses play based learning strategies, whereby our small ones are learning how to interact positively with each other and learning occurs naturally through fun, creative and engaging activities. These activities include making a number caterpillar, painting their bodies full size to learn parts of the body and clay modelling to develop creativity, imagination and develop strength in preparation for learning to write.



Play based learning – parts of the body. Allan, Joeryll and Aloysius



Joeryll, Allan, Pati and Aloysius making number caterpillars

Environmental Education

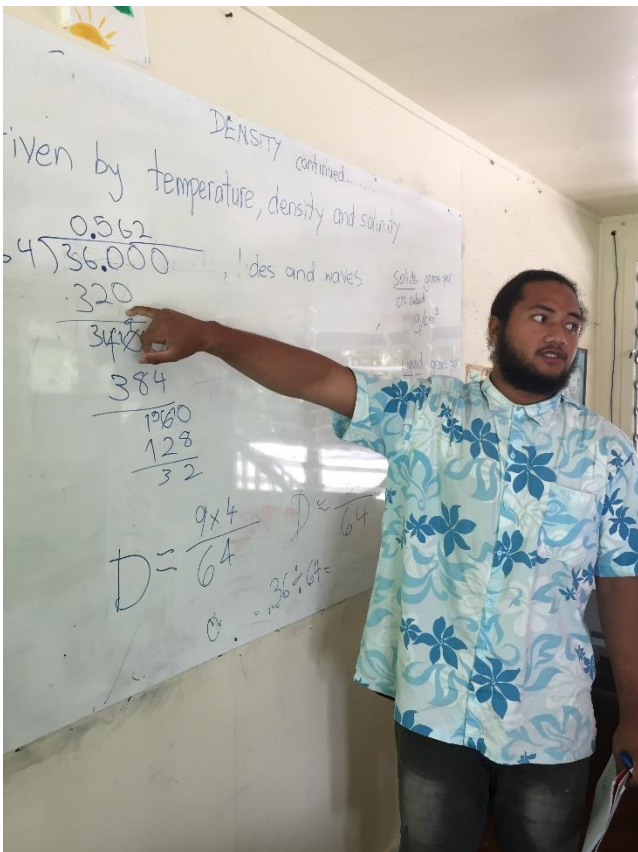
Students are continuing to learn about the ecology of coral reefs. This term the students looked at the science behind coral distribution across the globe. As currents are driven by the density of seawater students enjoyed some fun lessons making models of the atoms and molecules that go into making up seawater. They also used mathematical formulas and calculations to understand how density is related to mass and volume. This knowledge is important for understanding the longest current on the planet, referred to as “The Global Conveyor Belt”.



Making molecules in Environmental Education Class

School Gardens

Palmerston Lucky School students have been learning about the importance of food security on our island and the impact imported food has on global warming and climate change. So we are excited that our Admin workers, led by Charlie, have been very busy constructing a more substantial greenhouse for our school gardens. It will have a roof and lots of space for “food cubes”. This means our students can learn more about good gardening practices from Julianna in order to grow lots of vegetables locally with no food miles that contribute to climate change.



Deon explaining the maths to find density



Charlie and the new shade house for Food Cubes

World Literacy Day

Cook Islands celebrates Literacy Week every year. This year our students dressed up as their favourite book character. In the morning students told the rest of the class about the book and their character. Our literacy day was a great opportunity to stress the importance of being able to read and write and give a thought to those children around the world who are not given the opportunity to go to school to learn to read and write. We had The Scarecrow from *The Wizard of Oz*, Alice from *Alice in Wonderland*, Jim McLeod from *The Red Poppy*, Sheherazade from *1001 Arabian Nights*, the Beast from *Beauty and the Beast*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, Robin Hood, Harry Potter, Snow White, Buzzy Bee, *The Cat in the Hat* and one of the puppies from *The 101 Dalmations*. You can watch the video on our Palmerston Lucky School Youtube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/f3DkZalUkTY>

With thanks to Mehau for filming and Caroline for the editing.



Buzzy Bee, Joeryll

International Red Cross Day

International Red Cross Day was held on Friday, September 9th, and was an opportunity to learn and reflect on the excellent work that they do worldwide. Everyone dressed in red to commemorate this day. Jamin studied the beginnings of the Red Cross in his PACE work and shared what he knew with the class in an excellent presentation.



Julianna, Miss Sherrin, Tamatoa, James, Caroline, Deon, Robert, Jamin, Ms Maeva, Allan, Aloysius



Aloysius, Pati and Allan



Caroline, Deon, Miss Sherrin, James, Jamin, Tamatoa, Robert, Ms Maeva, Pati and Aloysius

Clean Up Day

They say many hands make light work. That was certainly the case for our school clean up day. We are very grateful for all who came and helped out, unasked. We were joined by Admin staff, Charlie, John, Julianna, Mrs Rowe and Memory. William and our nurse, Liko also came to lend a hand. Huge thanks for the food and drink we all ate after the work and some great games of volleyball. There's no doubt our work day was a fun day.



A big thankyou to all who came.

Maori Class

Thank you to Mr. Neale, Memory and Ms Maeva for furthering our students' abilities in Maori. This term students sat a Maori exam to demonstrate their learning. It was an excellent opportunity for students to learn about exam techniques and experience authentic exam conditions. We encourage Maori speaking in the home as an important way of supporting your child in this important subject.



Maori speaking L-R: Ms Maeva, Robert, Tamatoa, James, Jamin, Memory

Culture Class – Genealogy

All of our students have completed their family trees, pedigree chart and family group sheets. The last task was for students to interview family members to write a true story about one of their ancestors. These were typed up and put into each student's folder. It is hoped that more stories will be added to the folders so the people and their stories are not forgotten.

Te Kura

Deon and Caroline are continuing their Te Kura studies. As they work towards achieving their NZEA Level 1, Caroline and Deon are learning how to take responsibility for their learning and gaining time management and organisational skills. Of great importance is that Deon and Caroline are learning how to be lifelong learners by gaining skills in learning how to learn. To date Deon has obtained 18 credits with Caroline not far behind with 17 credits.

Chambers Family Gifts

Splendid gifts were recently given to our students from a generous family in Rarotonga. Mr Will was purchasing some items and when he mentioned that the goods were bound for Palmerston, some donations were offered, including clothing, shoes and toys for the children, as well as books and puzzles for the school library. What a surprise when the cargo boat finally arrived and we discovered just how much had been donated! The students and staff gathered together on Tuesday 27th September to accept the goodies and photograph the occasion. We wish to humbly and whole-heartedly thank Mr Eddie Chambers of Rarotonga and his family for these wonderful blessings, which will benefit our children now and well into the future. Meitaki korereka Eddie.



Many thanks from our students, Robert, Muna, Deon, Tamatoa, Caroline and Joeryll, Ray Charles

and Pati, Aloysius, Mr Will, James, and Ms Maeva and Allan

Friday PE with Deon

One of Deon's Te Kura subjects is "Physical Education". His leadership and coaching in our Friday sports class last year was enjoyed by all so Deon continued his volleyball coaching into third term. There is no doubt that under Deon's coaching, all students have improved their volleyball skills immensely.



Friday sports

Clam Survey

Students undertook last term's catch up survey at the beginning of this term. Due to the tide times being late in the afternoon, the students will carry out their Term 3 clam survey at the beginning of Term 4.

Literacy Class

Students are learning how to write a scientific report based on clam surveys carried out from July 2020 to August 2022. This term students spent a lot of time organising and collating the data in order to make graphs that will be included in their reports. They were surprised at how complicated and time consuming it is to process the raw data. It also really brought home to students the need for good data management - careful recording, legible handwriting and recording the same kind of data the same way for every clam survey. Teamwork was certainly the order of the day when analysing the raw data for their graphs.



Teams worked on the raw data separately



As a check for accuracy, both teams needed to work together to ensure their data matched.

End of Term Event

There is no doubt our students worked hard this term. In recognition of this Community and families joined the staff and students for a picnic BBQ at North Islet. We can't thank you enough to everyone who came and contributed food, their time and their boats to ensure a very special day for our students.



Heading to North Islet



Deon accompanying the students' singing on the trip across the lagoon



Mr Neale caught a fish on the way out – here with Tamatoa and Charlie



Caroline and Pati



Ray Charles



Tamatoa with his two trumpet fish



Our BBQ chefs, William and Ray Charles



James with one of several big crabs caught on the day



Simon cleaning fish



Robert with his catch of mullet



Mrs Rowe



Nurse Liko and Aloysius



Muna



John with Allan



Joeryll, Allan and Aloysius with Memory



Preparing fresh fish for lunch



Miss Sherrin and Allan



Memory and Joeryll



Eddie with John – preparing lunch



Heading back to Palmerston after a great day on North Islet