

## TERM 3 - WEEK 5

# Atawhai Newsletter

## TAKE A PEEK!

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Rooms 8, 9 and 10 have had an enjoyable 4 weeks of cooking and gardening during Garden to Table. Thank you to all of our wonderful whānau who have helped out. We couldn't do it without you. Rooms 6 and 7 will begin classes in week 6, so please let the teachers know if you are able to help out.

We have been very lucky to have weekly Mandarin lessons in our Year 2-3 classes with Annie Gao. The students have enjoyed learning lots of words and phrases in Mandarin as well as learning about Chinese culture and art. Although Annie has now moved on to work with the Year 4-5's she will continue running workshops during our Play Based Learning on Monday's.

我们非常幸运能够每周一次拥有高老师来我们二年级和三年级的班级来上汉语课。学生们在高老师的汉语课上收获颇丰，他们在汉语课上学了很多汉字、词组和简单的句子，同时也学习了相关中国传统文化。虽然现在高老师转而要去教四年级、五年级、六年级的汉语，但是在我们二三年级每周一的“边学边玩”时间，高老师会过来给大家上一个小时汉语课，小朋友们可以自由选择是否参加汉语学习。

In weeks 5 and 6 each class in our team will spend a full day in the art room working on a piece of textile art. We're looking forward to seeing how these will turn out.

In Week 5 and 6 of this term we have Cycle Coach, Janet Stark coming in to work with the children in our school who frequently ride scooters. The training will have a focus on helmet and scooter safety checks, riding control and safety while out on the street. Those children who own a scooter and helmet will need to bring them into school on the day that their class is doing the training. Your child's day is below in the 'What's Coming Up'. Children who don't own a scooter will continue with the classroom programme.

We are looking forward to our trip to Ambury Farm in week 7. Thank you to all of you who have offered to help out on the day. Children will need a full morning tea and lunch (no lunch orders as we will be out all day). They will also need good walking shoes or gumboots, a raincoat and/or warm jacket and a drink bottle.

### What's Coming Up

#### Week 5

Thursday 22 August - Scooter training for Rooms 6, 7 and 8

#### Week 6

Wednesday 28 August - Scooter training for Rooms 9 and 10

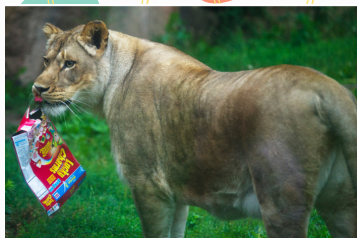
Friday 30 August 9.10am - Whole School Assembly

#### Week 7

Wednesday 4 September - Rooms 2, 9 and 10 to Ambury Farm

Thursday 5 September - Rooms 6, 7 and 8 to Ambury Farm

Friday 6 September - Quiz night run by the PTA



# STUDENT WRITING

## Lioness - Nā Taisia Pama

Once on a Sunday morning, a lioness was doing the usual thing, like just laying and relaxing. But she got hungry. So she went hunting for fresh juicy food to nibble on. While she was hunting she came up to a supermarket and she thought it would have only meat and other things like that. So she walked into the shop. When the lioness was in the shop everyone screamed and shouted "there's a lion!" The lioness roared as loud as it could, "ROAR!" Then all the citizens ran. But some called the police. The lioness was still roaming around in different aisles. While she was roaming around, she came across the cereal stall. All she did was grumble. "Grrr". while slowly walking down the cereal aisle, she got angry. Why? Because the lioness could not find the meat aisle. A couple of minutes later the police arrived and they were all prepared. They had special armour on and rifle guns. When the lioness heard the officers footsteps, 'tramp, tramp, tramp', she pounced to the next aisle and hid behind the shelf. When the other officer came, the lioness quickly pounced away. She hid behind a shelf for about twenty minutes. All she had was a cheerio cereal box left from the cereal aisle. A couple of minutes later the lioness decided to take a nap. When the police officers left the supermarket, the lioness woke up. She heard the sirens from the police cars slowly getting softer and softer. When there was no noise to be heard, the lioness pounced across every aisle to the exit. Later when she was out of the supermarket, she stuffed the cheerios into her wide mouth, with her sharp teeth and ran back to the safety of her home. Later on, she got bored, so she teared the box apart with her paws. Afterwards she took a nap.

## Learning through play



**Recently we celebrated Cook Island Language week. As well as learning some Cook Island Maori language and songs, we made a paper tivaevae.**



# Oral language projects



Here are some of our oral language presentations that we have done in class so far this term.

## Garden to table photos





## Room 6 & 7 animal enclosures

