

# Kōrero

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你好 Namaste Halo Ciao Kamusta

BERHAMPORE SCHOOL – TE WHĀNAU O TE RITO O TE HARAKEKE SINCE 1915 – EVER ONWARDS

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Community,

Please read on to our Staff News page. We have some great cause for celebration and some news that makes us woefully sad, yet proud.

I was privileged to attend the NZEI Annual Conference in Rotorua in October. There were attendees from New Zealand, West Virginia and Australia. Members discussed a range of topics relevant to education from pay equity to visioning the future of education to climate change. Sam Huggard one of our wonderful parents, chaired a panel discussion with heads of unions.

Our end of year ceremony is coming up Tuesday 11 December, 6pm at the SWIS hall. Please mark the date in your diary and come celebrate the year with us all.

We're hoping to see many of you supporting the last Knack of 2018 tomorrow, remember there's a kids zone so come and see what some of the classes have been working hard on.

Ngā mihi nui, Mark



Sam Huggard



## Is your Year 6 child enrolled at SWIS?

Please visit their [website](#) for a 2019 enrolment pack or visit their school office and let them know your child is coming

## 2019 Term Dates

**Term 1** Wed 30 Jan – Fri 12 April  
**Term 3** Mon 22 July – Fri 27 Sept

**Term 2** Mon 29 April – Fri 5 July  
**Term 4** Mon 14 October – Fri 13 Dec

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**Kristmas Knack**  
Fri 23 & Sat 24 November

**Working Bee**  
Sunday 9 December

**End of Year Ceremony**  
Tuesday 11 December

**Last Day of Term**  
Friday 13 December

# Whānau Army Update

Yes, it's Kristmas Knack time!! Tonight 6-8 pm and tomorrow 9.30-2pm.

[knack.market@gmail.com](mailto:knack.market@gmail.com)



Come and join us this weekend for some fantastic Christmas shopping opportunities at our final whole school fundraiser for 2018.

For Friday night we'll have craft stalls and Mexican food plus the coffee cart will be open for anyone wanting hot beverages. On Saturday we'll have more craft, German style waffles, sausage sizzle, coffee, cakes, plants and Kidzone family fun!

See the Knack market Facebook page for details [facebook.com/knackcraftmarket](https://facebook.com/knackcraftmarket) There are some incredible local makers joining us so you can do some Christmas shopping and support the school and local NZ handmade at the same time.

A huge thank you to all of you who are volunteering, cooking, donating, baking, growing plants, crafting, helping with a Kidszone project, or child minding at home so the volunteers can do their thing. We know it is a busy time of year so we really appreciate your contribution, it makes this a fun and successful school fundraiser. Remember if you're coming down to Knack, don't forget to check out the school bake, food, craft and plant stalls - along with Kidszone all proceeds from these stalls go direct to the fundraising effort and our kids.

We also run a volunteer email list for people who are keen to help when they can. If you'd like to go on that email list email us [whanauarmy@gmail.com](mailto:whanauarmy@gmail.com) to let us know you're interested for next year.



## OUR NEXT MEETING:

**MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 7:15PM IN THE STAFFROOM**

This is mostly a pre-planning session for 2019. The perfect meeting to come to if you want to be more actively involved in the fundraising efforts or have been thinking about joining the committee.

So don't be shy - add it to the diary and come along.

# Board of Trustees Update

At its November meeting, the Board heard from our accountant Ben Duflou from Accounting For Schools, who is a specialist in the complex area of school finances. Ben shared his in-depth knowledge as the school prepares its budget for 2019 and we expect to invite him back next year to help brief new Trustees after the mid-year elections.

OUR NEXT MEETING:

**MONDAY 3 DECEMBER**  
**7PM IN THE STAFFROOM**  
**ALL WELCOME**

## Staff News

Congratulations to our hardworking teachers, who have been up late at nights studying and further developing their skills.

Desiree Young has successfully completed a Diploma in Montessori teaching

Luaan Hawkes now joins Dimitra Pantazis as an ACE (Advanced Classroom Expertise) Teacher

Parveen Ramela has completed her Teaching Aide Certificate.



It is with a heavy heart and all the best wishes that we farewell three outstanding staff members this year.

Susan Meek retires after more than 20 years of teaching under her extremely skilled belt. There's a whole generation of kids whose learning and literacy wouldn't be what it was without Susan's dedication in Reading Recovery, and in the classroom.

Justine Henderson moves on from the LSCO role at our school to continue that brilliant work and take on the DP role at Newtown School. They are lucky to have her!

There are 6 years of students at our school who had the absolute privilege of being taught by Jeannette Gubb. Jeannette is taking some time from classroom teaching and being Assistant Principal for herself. She will reassess how she wants to continue her career in education in the future.

“You are always a student, never a master.  
You have to keep moving forward.”

Conrad Hall





# Room 4: Monsters

Over the past term and a bit, Room 4 has been making monsters from clay. We started by drafting up ideas before producing a sketch of what we wanted them to look like. We then created our monsters from clay. After they had dried we got to paint them and add details like antennae and eyes. We are very proud at how amazingly they have turned out!



## Interzone Athletics

Well done to the following students who were so successful at the Southern Zone Athletics competition that they have got through to the Interzone Athletics;

Alice Johnstone - Long sprints, high jump, quoits

Mimi Paget - Long sprints

Heidi Smale - Long sprints

Isaac Wells - Long sprints

Amos Pollock - Long sprints

Genevieve Hutson - High jump

Jackson Garland - High jump

Turner Hornig - High jump

Kulcha Masters - Vortex



# Room 7: Diwali & Dinosaurs

Diwali is a special time for Regina's culture. Diwali is like Christmas there are lots of food and few presents. People go to their friends and families house and share food



with them. There are five days of Diwali and each of the days is celebrated differently. Regina does not celebrate the final day because she doesn't have a brother and that day is the day where brothers and sisters spend time to do fun things.

This year at Diwali I gave Regina a present and Happy Diwali card because Diwali is very important to her. She really wanted to open it at school but I told her that she needed to open it at home with her family.

**From: Loren**

In Room 7 we did comparing and contrasting of Diwali and Eid and this is what we came up with.

In Diwali people in India celebrate Diwali their special day with their friends and families. They make many sweets and share them. People who celebrate Diwali wear many new clothes.

For Eid, people fast during Ramadan for the whole day and only eat at sunset. Ramadan lasts for about month or sometimes more. During Eid people make lots of food and share with their friends and families. People also buy new clothes. **Elah**

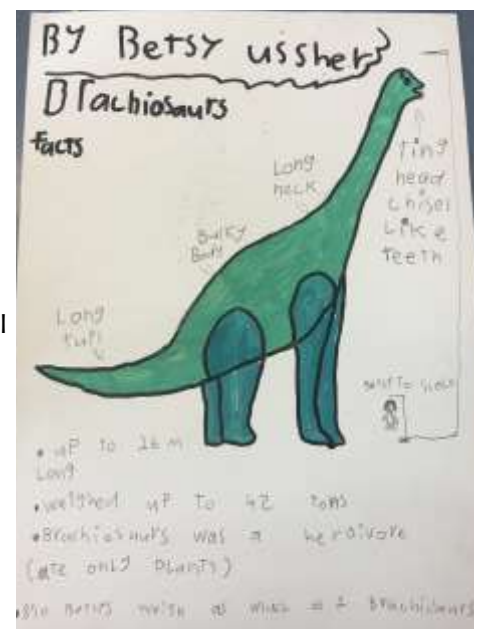


Last week in Room 7 our topic was dinosaurs! Me and friends made a poster of facts about Dinosaurs. I enjoyed this more because I could read more about dinosaurs and write less. We also used salt dough to make our own dinosaurs and then we painted them.

**Billy**

Last week we did a project on dinosaurs in small teams. One team made posters, one team made puppets to do a show, one team made a booklet and I was in a team that made flash cards. Then we used salt dough to make our own dinosaurs.

**Whaitiri**



# Room 10: Writing

## Mango slice

Hi my name is mango slice and I am preparing for a long journey! Look its my hand plane. Just so you know I am heading for mouth country. I am on board now and taking off. I've landed now and my luggage is being checked and sliding away down the throat escalator. Now I'm now in the digestive pool. Suddenly there is a gurgling sound and me and raspberry I was talking to were sucked away and



down a big tube. I just branched off down a smaller tube. A jolt slowed us down then zing we shot down and landed with a bunch of other foods. A few minutes later... squelch we popped out a hole. Soon after we hit the water bits of paper landed with us. Then flush we shot away.

**Henry Ciolek**

## the Adventure in the throat

Medecine  
story

It was happy new years and I was relaxing on my table when all of a sudden, a giant grabbed me and I nearly drowned cause they drank water. you might have been wondering what I am?! I am medecine. I woke up and I realized I was pill taken, I was falling down the throat and then I stopped, I was stuck in the throat forever but at least I have a new house and I lived happily ever after.

**Genevieve Hutson**





# Piwakawaka: Te Ao Māori

Piwakawaka have been enjoying Te Ao Māori. We are lucky because Jessie is one of our teachers, so we get lots of Te Reo Māori in our classroom. Lately, we have been learning how to say how we feel.

Kei te pēhea koe? Means 'How are you?'

Pēhea is the question word. Koe = you.

To answer, you take out the question word and put your answer in. You also change koe to 'ahau - me'. Easy.

**Q: Kei te pēhea koe?**

**A: Kei te \_\_\_\_\_ ahau.**

**Kei te pai ahau.**

And look at how well the Piwakawaka kids pictures fit their feelings!

Ngenge - tired

Harikoa - Happy

Whakatoī - Cheeky

Pōuri - Sad

