

# Kōrero

Kia ora Talofa ع السلام Guten Tag Bonjour  
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

Kia ora koutou,

Last Saturday our kapa haka group performed at Capital E's whānau day; e kohiko ana Matariki. It was a beautiful performance, supporting a great day of craft activities, kite making and story telling.

I would like to thank you for your understanding and flexibility; picking your children up early, so our staff could attend the paid union meeting. The teachers and I are doing this because it's such an important time in education. Our country is struggling to attract and maintain quality teachers. We need to ensure we have the most professional workforce on board, working in appropriate work conditions, to guarantee the best education for our children. NZEI Te Riu Roa is working hard to make that happen.

Thanks also for all those who contributed to the Knack. The list is extensive! Some key names are listed later in this newsletter, your efforts are valued.

I know many of you were disappointed to hear tonight's hāngi is sold out. Thanks to all of you who have donated food, helped with the preparation or bought a ticket. It's heart warming to see our annual tradition carrying on successfully.

The last day of term is next Friday and I wish you all a safe and happy break.

Ngā mihi nui, Mark

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**Matariki Hāngi**

Tonight! Friday 29th June

**Last day of Term 2**

Friday 6th July

**First day of Term 3**

Monday 23rd July

**Crazy Hair Day**

Thursday 9th August

**World Food Fair**

Friday 31st August



# Room 11 - School Honey

This year, Room 11 was asked to help out Tony (our bee guy) and our school bee hives. Part (a delicious part) of helping out was taking care of the yearly honey harvest. With the amazing artistic skills of Mark Ussher, the support of Whānau Army and lots of hard work from the Room 11 students, Berhampore School Honey was bottled, labelled and sold at the Mid-Winter Knack. As part of the stall, groups of students made posters telling our customers more about our busy bees. Here's what they created.



Our poster is about the different uses of beeswax. We have lots of information about how bees and humans use beeswax. It contains pretty lights, tiny pompom bees and lots of interesting facts about how we use beeswax for candles, cooking and more.

**Dale, Clem, Summer, Cece, Ubah and Alisha**

Our poster is answers the questions what do bees eat, how do bees make honey, what bees are and talks about bees all over the world. We have a hand drawn diagram of a bee in the middle of our poster and we made bees from pompoms.

**Zeina, Taylor, Candence, Isaac, Weihua and Ambrose**



# Whānau Army Update

## Another Successful Knack!

We raised around \$3,500 at mid-winter Knack not including honey sales after Knack. A big thank you to all the parents, staff and children of Berhampore school who came out and supported our Mid-Winter Knack. What a fun day we had - the market was buzzing all day, and it wasn't just the bees on the school honey stall! There was a steady flow of people checking out the funky craft on offer, visiting our volunteer baristas, snagging goodies from the school bake stall and having a tasty lunch.

The school honey stall was extremely popular - thanks to everyone who supported the school fundraising efforts by buying honey! We've sold out! We sold ~100 jars of honey at Knack and the remaining jars have been snapped up since then.

### Thank you to;

- The senior students who supported the honey stall with fabulous posters
- Tony Eagle who - looks after our hives and helps the kids harvest the honey - brought the demonstration hive along to Knack so people could see our bees at work
- Mark Usher who designed our honey jar labels
- The Whānau Army crafters who potted up some bee friendly plants and made beeswax wraps to sell on the honey stall
- All the parents and kids who staffed the honey stall at Knack
- ...and last but not least, Michelle the Room 11 teacher who ran the honey meetings, coordinated the honey stall helpers, poster making kids AND those in charge of sticking labels on all those honey jars.

### Thank you to our other Knack helpers:

- Justine and Becky for stallholder liaison, our parent baristas who worked the coffee machine
- Havana for supplying the coffee machine
- Mayuri for her efforts and donation with henna skills
- Sarah who supervised the fudge jar decorating table which boosted the bake stall takings, and all the kind people who lent us their waffle makers. (We are planning on repeating the waffle option at the Christmas market so we may be back in touch!)
- Our amazing Whānau Army Committee (who beaver away behind the scenes getting our Knacks ready, helping out on the day, and making generous donations towards the hot food, BBQ and coffee supplies). Your contribution to school fundraising is greatly appreciated
- All the incredible parents and staff who helped with Knack set-up, did a Knack stall slot, sizzled sausages, cooked waffles, dished up soup or came to school for pack down - you guys are awesome! We can't do it without you so we really appreciate everyone who helped on the day or donated ingredients for school stalls.

Want to volunteer next time? If you're not on the volunteer email list but you'd like to be email [whanauarmy@gmail.com](mailto:whanauarmy@gmail.com) anytime and we can add you to the email list so you get plenty of notice of help needed. Or if you're super keen to get more involved come along to our next meeting - Monday July 30th 7:15pm in the staffroom.

## Key Whānau Army Dates 2018

TERM 3	
July Meeting*	Monday 30 July 7:15pm
August Meeting*	Monday 20 August 7:15pm
World Food Fair	Friday 31 August
Spring Retro Knack	Saturday 15 September
September Meeting*	Monday 24 September 7:15pm
TERM 4	
November Meeting*	Monday 5 November 7:15pm
Kristmas Knack	Friday 24 & Saturday 25 Nov
December Meeting*	Monday 10 December 7:15pm

\*Knack meetings are in the staffroom. All welcome!



# Whānau Army Save the Date!



School Food Fair

Vintage and retro themed Spring Knack

Friday 31 August

Saturday 15 September

School holidays might be the perfect time to hunt out some likely items for the White Elephant Stall at Spring Knack or perhaps ponder a dish to make for the Food Fair. More details on both events next term.

## Kōrero Māori - Matariki

### What we've been learning at Berhampore School

We have been learning about Matariki, which signals the Māori New Year. It is linked to harvesting kai, it is a time for whānau and celebration and it begins with the rising of the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades, which feature 9 stars. We've been learning about these stars and know their names;

Matariki, Tupu-ā-nuku, Tupu-ā-rangi, Waitī, Waitā, Waipuna-ā-rangi, Ururangi, Pōhutukawa & Hiwa-i-te-rangi.

### TE IWA O MATARIKI THE NINE STARS OF MATARIKI



### At home

1. Ask your child/ren if they can teach you the Matariki song we've been singing. The list above will help!
2. Get up really early, wrap yourselves in blankets between 6-9 July and look for the stars of Matariki just above the horizon before the sun comes up. Which ones look the brightest?
3. Learn more! Watch this short video about Matariki [www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3ncuLpLC5o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3ncuLpLC5o) or get really inspired and watch a lecture by Dr Rangī Matamua outlining 20 years of his research into Matariki [www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3FQ-jyydF8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3FQ-jyydF8)



# Room 8 - A Mayoral Visit

Justin Lester & Fleur Fitzsimmons visited Room 8 earlier in the term. Room 8 shared their ideas for developing Berhampore and the local playgrounds. This has led to Room 8 exploring 3D shapes and designing playgrounds.



In May, Justin Lester went to St Francis de Salles. They managed to get into the Cook Strait News. I decided if they can do it. I can do it. I typed up a message, thinking 'will he write back?' After a couple of days, there was a text that quite surprised me! Justin wrote back! "Wow" he said. He can come. They just have to fit it into the right time. I pondered for a while, thinking 'will Fleur write back? Who knows? I don't...' But then I realised it said they. I couldn't wait. Eight weeks passed slowly ... They had come!

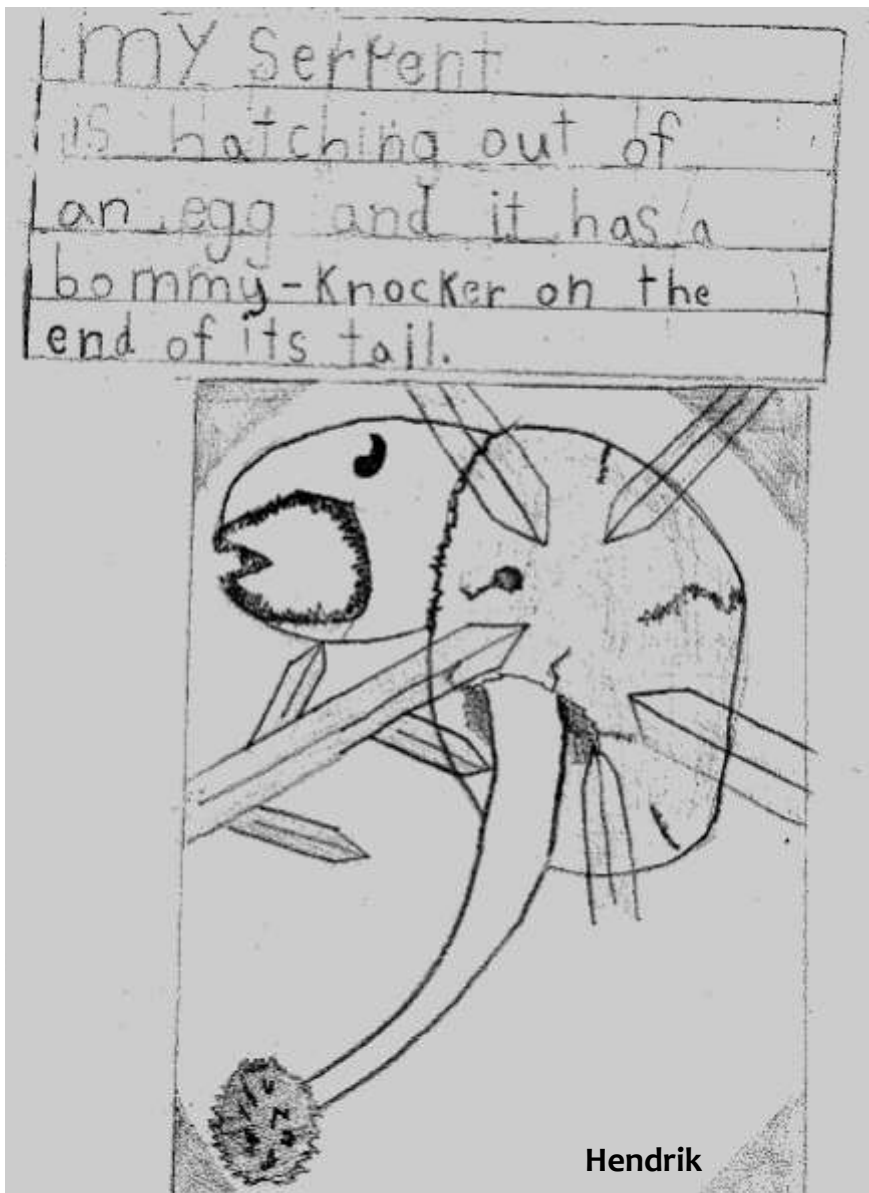
By Liv

## School Office News

### Casual Vacancy for 2 Elected Trustees

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for 2 elected parent representatives. The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to: Giovanni Tiso Chair BBOT Berhampore School 105 Britomart St

# Kowhai Syndicate



On Wednesday, 17th June, I made a police helicopter and it had an attack mode and a defence mode. And Dimitra, my teacher liked it and took a photo of it.

**Liam**

## Environmental Warriors



Jackson Garland, Leon Swift and Loyd Martin were caught volunteering their time for the good of our school. Thanks for helping to keep our school tidy and ensuring lots of our waste is recycled.

There are quite a few bags for one week!  
What can we **all** do to reduce this...?

