



## **PARNELL** DISTRICT SCHOOL

### **Newsletter 18**

Kia Ora Whanau

With EOTC week coming up in week 7 (25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> of November), we need the support of our community to ensure every child receives a range of exciting and inspiring Education Outside The Classroom experiences. Thank you to all those parents who have already committed to coming on camp during the week.

We have a range of activities happening at school, we need parents to support the programme for it to go ahead. It will have many obvious links to our learning around Natures Curiosity, and exploring the learning opportunities outside the classroom and outside the school fence. This helps us achieve our vision of growing great humans who know learning happens where ever we are. Your teachers will be letting you know what is happening in EOTC week and opportunities for you to help. In the event that any event can't get the required number of adults to ensure the safety of every child, events will need to be modified or cancelled.

#### **Farewell. Mrs Williams**

Our wonderful Deputy Principal, Emma Williams has made the decision to return to her whanau in Australia. The Williams family have been a big part of Parnell School for the last four years, with Emma serving as an exceptional Deputy Principal in the junior school and student support for the last two years. I know our community will join me in thanking Emma for her commitment to the school and all she's done support our staff and students. We wish Emma, Mason, Charlotte and Amelia well as they return to their homeland to battle snakes. We have recently appointed an exceptional candidate to take over the role of Deputy Principal for 2020, and we look forward to continuing to grow from the exceptional work Emma has done.

#### **Keeping safe at school**

Thank you to those families who have ensured that children have their hat every day. It is important as we build habits around being sun safe and that children at all levels of the school have their hat on whenever they are outside. Remember, if you don't have the official PDS hat from the uniform shop, then it must be

- Navy blue
- Have a brim all the way around (no caps)
- Not have any logos or pictures on it.

Thank you for your support in keeping students safe in the sun.

*Remember, students are welcome on site between 8:30 am and 3:15pm. Any students on site before 8:30, or after 3:15 and not supervised by an adult will be sent to C4 to ensure care, and charges will apply.*

### Important dates: Term 4

1/11	Assembly Room 30
4/11	Week 4
6/11	Whole School Athletics at Glover Park
7/11	Mufti and Sausage Sizzle
8/11	Assembly Room 25
11/11	Week 5
13/11	Athletics Save Day
15/11	Assembly Room 27
18/11	Week 6
21/11	Year 0-3 Goal setting 3-6pm
22/11	Assembly Room 26
25/11	Week 7 - EOTC week
29/11	Assembly New Entrants
2/12	Week 8
4/12	Bake Sale, New entrant transition morning
5/12	Auckland City Mission Mufti day, New entrant transition morning
6/12	Assembly: Room 24
9/12	Week 9, Year 4-8 reports available
10/12	School trip to the Parnell Baths
11/12	<b>Celebration of Learning: Prizegiving. 3PM at the Cathedral</b>
13/12	Aotea Assembly, School ends 1pm

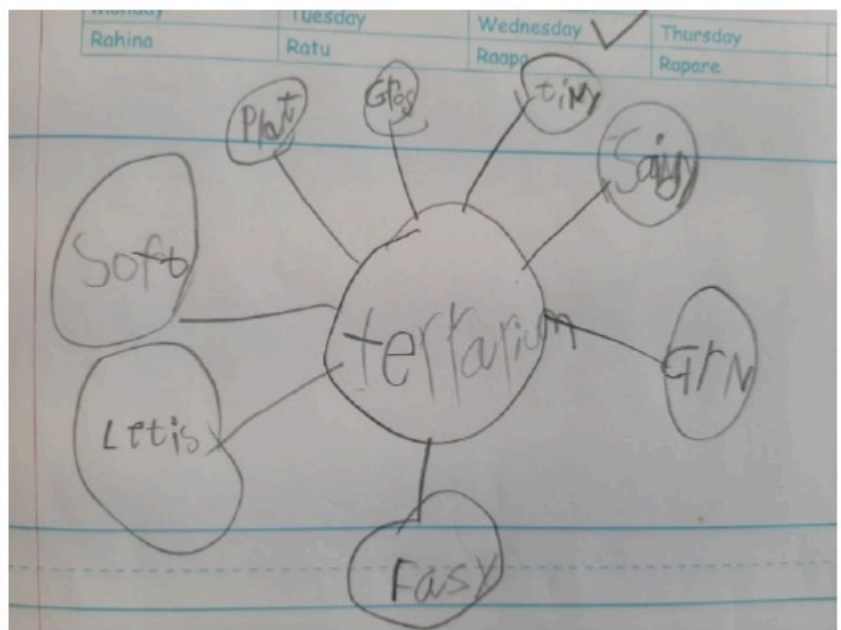
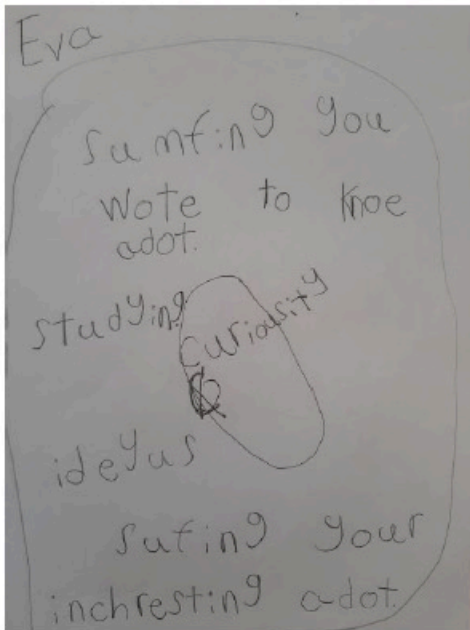
## Room 8

In Year 1 we launched our inquiry into 'Nature's Curiosities' with a fantastic morning of hands on provocations, invitations and experiences. It was a truly magnificent way to set the students curiosities in motion. Everything from a bearded dragon, dinosaur fossil dig, interesting plants to explore, Chester the dog visiting, Blue the bird for observational drawings, shells and sand, and curiosities in jars... it was engaging for one and all.

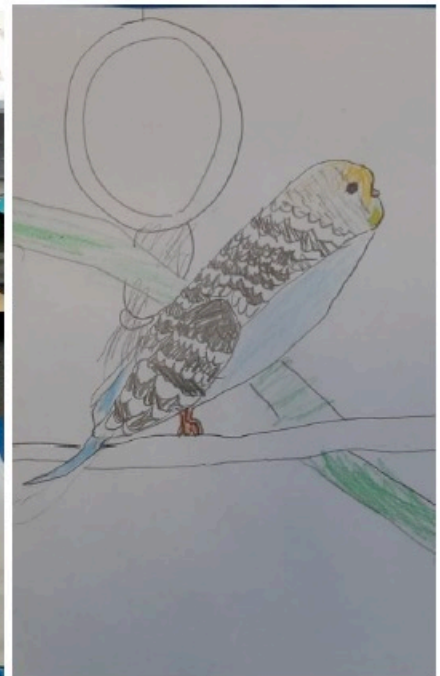
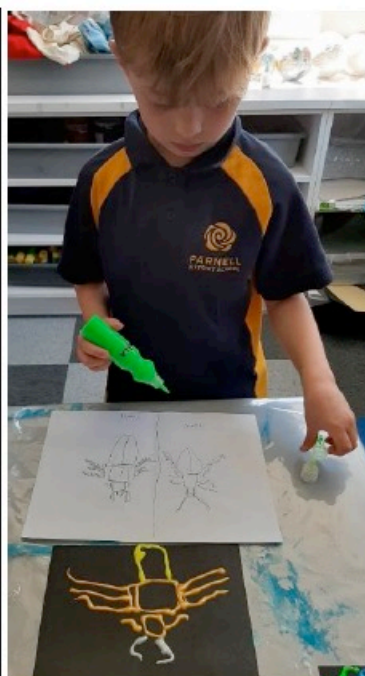
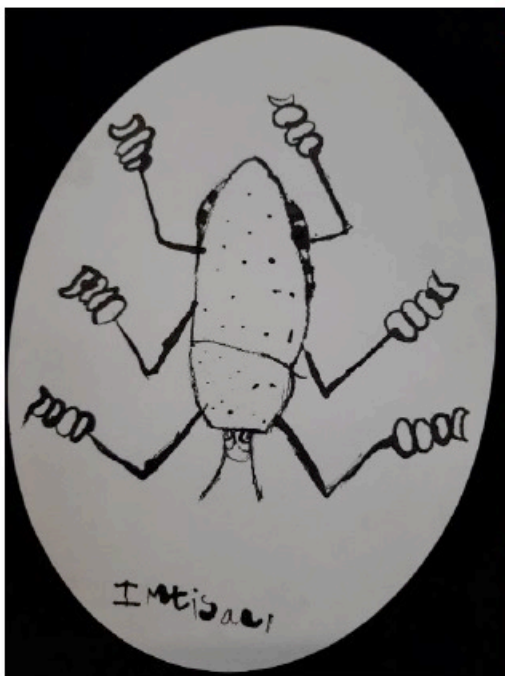




The whole school has been learning about Thinking Maps as a way to organise and extend our thinking. The Year 1 students are no exception and in Room 8 we have introduced the Circle Map and the Bubble Map. These help us to prepare for our writing by brainstorming descriptive vocabulary and to investigate our understandings in relation to the inquiry, as we create and clarify our own definitions.



This inquiry also provides several opportunities to extend our artistic skills. We hope you enjoy these examples of the art going on in Room 8 this term.



We are excited to see where our inquiry takes us next and also preparing ourselves as we head towards the last weeks of the school year. It's a busy, fun and beautiful time of the year.



# Room 11

TERM 4, 2019

Room 11 have been enjoying our new inquiry topic 'Natures curiosities' through looking at the colours and patterns on a Zebra.


WE EVEN GOT SOME PET PLANTS!



We have also been researching a self chosen animal to write our own newspaper articles!

**Wacky Worms**

**Cool Worms**




An earth worm can go only so long. A well fed adult will depend on what kind of worm it is, how many segments it has, how old it is and how good it learns! A worm has five hearts and their wee is good for the garden to. Worms can survive being cut in half! Worms can breathe through their skin! Worms have no lungs. Worms can feel pain! There are many types of worms and they are very similar. The ground worms and segmented worms are made up of ring-like segments called annuli. These segments are covered in setae or small bristles.

by Ivy Matthews  
through their skin! through the transfer of oxygen absorbed by their skin! Earthworms' bodies are made up of ring-like segments called annuli. These segments are covered in setae or small bristles.

**Awesome Giraffes**

Giraffes have long necks and long legs and brown spots.



Giraffes live in Savannas throughout Africa. They like semi-arid open woodlands that have scattered trees and bushes making the savannas perfect for these animals.

by Shermaine Hulambake  
I choose giraffes because they are the tallest animal and they are orange and orange is my favorite.

## PTA NEWS



Let's get SPOOKY! Halloween Sausage Sizzle from 5pm, this Thursday!  
For all the hungry goblins, witches and critters on St Stephen's Ave this Halloween, we'll be serving up sausages from 5-7pm.

\$2 a sausage, come see us on the St Stephen's Ave side of the school. Spread the word to all your spooky,



Save the Date! 2020 Twilight Fete - 28 March 2020

Yes, it's the most exciting event of the social calendar, our not to be missed **Twilight Fete!** Mark your diaries now: **3-7pm, 28 March 2020.**

Watch out for more info and we'll be on the hunt for helpers too. If you're keen to be part of the Twilight Fete team email [parnellschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:parnellschoolpta@gmail.com)



[Eco Wrap Fundraiser now on!](#)

Reminder that our Eco-Wrap fundraiser is on until Friday 15 November. You should've received order forms from your class rep over email, or you can pick one up at the office. Fill it in, drop off to the office and you can pay online or at the office. More information on this brilliant product is below.



## My Eco Wrap Fundraiser

My Eco Wrap is excited to be working closely with Parnell School this term to reduce plastic waste in homes and lunch boxes, and to assist with fundraising. For every set of My Eco Wrap purchased, up to \$5 will be donated back to the school. Here's a little background about the company which is run by one of our very own Parnell School families...

After learning that 1 million sea birds and 100,000 marine mammals are killed from plastic waste in our oceans each year, a Parnell School family decided that their personal solution to making achievable changes was to reduce one piece of plastic per day. This small step in reducing one family's environmental impact has turned into a family-run initiative that hopes to inspire others in their community to live a more conscious life also.



Designed to mimic a food's natural protective and breathable skin allowing it to stay fresher for longer, My Eco Wrap [www.myecowrap.co.nz](http://www.myecowrap.co.nz) is a reusable beeswax wrap that makes the perfect waste-free and non-toxic alternative to plastic food wrap. With young families and children in mind, each wrap is handmade with vibrant and colourful New Zealand designed fabrics which make them really fun to use and a great looking accessory to any lunchbox or eco-conscious home.

The fundraiser will run until **Friday 15 November**. With Christmas fast approaching, My Eco Wrap is a brilliant gift idea too! An order form is attached and samples of the products are available for viewing at the school office. With every purchase of My Eco Wrap, you will not only be helping raise funds for the school, you will also be making a positive difference by reducing the amount of plastic in the world!

**ORDER YOUR AQUA BOTTLES TODAY!**  
AND SUPPORT KIDNEY KIDS AND CURE KIDS!

JUST \$20 CASH OR \$20.20 CARD COME AND SEE US AT THE OFFICE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.

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<https://www.aquainschools.co.nz/school-orders/>

Kidney Kids NZ



# Lucy and Lina's Bracelet and Scrunchie Sale!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
near the dance room

Nothing over \$3.00

**FUNDRAISING FOR THE PTA**

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