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Last week we hosted visitors from Japan and Canada. Our Japanese visitors were teacher trainees from Tokyo. They spent time in our English Language Learning Hub taking arts and crafts activities with our tamariki. Our visitors from Canada were educators currently associated with Saskatchewan University. Most of them are affiliated with the Cree First Nation Tribe in Saskatchewan. They are in Aotearoa looking at what we do in the bilingual and bicultural space. It was wonderful to share our knowledge with them and visa versa.

Last week the Government announced that schools would be implementing the refreshed Maths curriculum with a more structured approach to learning as from 2025. We are expecting little change for our school as we have been using a structured approach to maths for the last nine years. We currently use the Pr1me Maths resource along with maths Aotearoa for some of our younger children and we are hopeful that we will be able to continue using this.

Lastly, we have had a lot of fun following and learning about the Olympics over the last few weeks. The athletes have been wonderful role models for our children and events like the Olympics provide great opportunities to show children what the Knighton Way values and dispositions look like. This includes looking at ways that we deal with elation or success as well as disappointment.

[Wiki o Pāngarau - Maths Week](#)

This week we are weaving STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) challenges into our learning to celebrate Wiki o Pāngarau.

We folded the card in different ways to test its strength then used PR1ME books to measure. Brayden and Zane's held 27!



Brayden A29



Lost Property

Please come and look through the lost property outside Mrs Cowie's office regularly. Named items can be returned to children but unfortunately most of the clothing and shoes that are lost by children are unnamed. All unnamed belongings that are not claimed are donated. PLEASE name ALL your children's clothing.



Last week we had a wonderful TOPA (Talents of Pacifica Academy) session with visitors from the Hamilton Cook Islands Association who helped us celebrate Cook Islands Maori Language Wiki. The singing, dancing and drumming was magnificent and they received a standing ovation from our tamariki.



Egg Breaking News!

Eggs have been hatching in our class, Room 4. Here are some pictures of our cute chicks.



I am happy to announce that 100% of our ten chicks hatched. Room 4 was so eggcited! They are very special to our class.

They started hatching on Tuesday, July 30 by pipping on the egg. We had four boys, six girls, the boys are yellow and the girls are brown. We have named them Pancake, Waffle, Nugget, Speedy, Speedy Junior, Cupcake, Sunflower, Dino Nugs, Ronald Weasley and Butter.

They came to our school so we could learn about them. Chicks are very delicate and they need warmth or they die!

Reported by Yuvaan Lakavath! Akomanga 4

Community Notices

Healthline

Healthline provides a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week over-the-phone health service that you can call for free health advice, information and treatment from professional healthcare providers. Healthline is staffed by an experienced, trained team who have worked in many different places and roles— including nurses, paramedics, health advisors and doctors. You can choose to speak with a Māori clinician if you are calling between 8am and 8pm. Interpreter services are available and NZ Relay support (for people who are deaf, hearing impaired or speech impaired)

Call Healthline if you:

- Feel unwell but you're not sure whether you need to see a doctor
- Need some urgent advice about a family member or friend who's sick
- Do not have a GP or cannot get to one
- Are on holiday in NZ and want to know where the nearest doctor or pharmacy is

You can call Healthline any day or time for free on 0800 611 116

Reporting Issues to Hamilton City Council

We encourage parents to send photos or report incidents via:

- The free Hamilton City Council Antenna App is a good one for infrastructure, broken equipment, flooding, blocked drains, graffiti... or reporting near misses e.g. illegal parking, dangerous driving.
- You can email Cameron.Ward@hcc.govt.nz or the generic Hamilton City Council email.
- Or simply fill out the online form in the below link:

[Report a problem | Hamilton City Council](#)

Note your calendar

16 August - 8:45am Learning Community Hub

23 August - 8:45am Learning Community Hub

26 August New entrants cohort entry

28 August School Cross Country

9 September - 6pm Board of Trustees Hui

12 September - 11am Interschool Cross Country

Ngā mihi nui
Andrew Campbell
Principal