



Cambridge East School Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Kia ora ngaa whaanau o Cambridge East kura

It's hard to believe that we are nearly halfway through a very busy term at Cambridge East! It is definitely harder to get out of bed in the mornings when there's frost on the ground!

Speaking of cooler weather...if you have any good condition spare winter clothing that your child has outgrown (size 5 and up) that you'd like to donate to those in need, please drop them into the school office. We're very low on trackies, sweatshirts and jackets and there is often a need for them over winter. Thank you.

School Hoodies, T-shirts and Jackets are still expected to arrive early to mid-June. If you have ordered an item for your child, we will contact you when they arrive. Remember, they need to be paid for in full before they can be collected.

Inquiry Trips

During the last couple of weeks our centres have been out and about inquiring into their big ideas. Below are some centre based insights into their trips.

Te Puna 19 and 20 visited Sanctuary Mountain to learn more about our Big Idea 'An ecosystem has the resources that living things need to survive'. On our walk through the bush we saw the shells of nuts that some of our native birds eat and the fungi that grows on dead trees that helps to break down the dead wood so it can return to the soil to help new plants grow. In the Education Centre our learning focused on the pests that are a threat to our native birds and why it was important that the 47km fence was built around Maungatautari to support the survival of these birds. We were also extremely lucky to be present for the first introduction of Rifleman birds to Maungatautari. Unfortunately, we couldn't be a part of the poowhiri for the birds but we did see them on their journey through the bush to their new home.

Our Year 1 Centre visited the Otorangahonga Kiwi House to investigate their Big Idea that 'All living things are part of an ecosystem'. The purpose of this trip was to witness

Ecosystems in action. At the Kiwi House, the Year 1's went in search of water and forest ecosystems and found them.

They took notice of what each of these looked like and could see how different they were. The group also noticed the animals were different too! Our Year 1's are looking forward to exploring these observations back at school.

Our Year 2 Centre explored the different animals at Hamilton Zoo and identified the Ecosystem they belonged to. Some of the groups looked at different plants from different ecosystems as well. Students have been encouraged to share their learning at home.

Koru also visited Hamilton Zoo to explore the big idea of 'How ecosystems meet the needs of living things'. They learnt how the zoo tries to replicate the real life ecosystem that the animals belong to. This then supported their understanding of one of our key concepts about how ecosystems respond to natural, human, and environmental influences

Your child's teacher will share more about their inquiry trips via Educa – look out for their posts!

Pink Shirt Day

Last Friday we certainly were a sea of **PINK!** In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whaanau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Over \$350 was raised to support this long standing and worthwhile cause. A big thank you to our Cambridge East Community.



Accord Day

Thank you to our community for finding alternative care for your tamariki (children) for our Accord Day on Monday. Teachers greatly appreciated the opportunity to work on learners Mid-Year Reports.

Staffing Update

As we have communicated previously, Zoe McMillan and her partner are expecting their first baby in September. We are incredibly excited to announce that Aimee Quenby will be the replacement teacher for Room 14, starting Term 3. Aimee is a familiar face at East, and brings a wealth of experience. We look forward to welcoming Aimee back onboard.

Property Update

As you would have noticed, the administration upgrade is now underway. This is a 24 week process. Please note, the visitor carparks at Bowen Street entrance to the school will be used by the construction company during the build. We thank you for your understanding.

Bike/Scooter Racks

As previously advised by email, the Bike/Scooter Racks have temporarily shifted down to the Timatanga end of the school – bikes behind Room 11 and scooters behind Room 12. I'm sure many of you would have noticed the new scooter racks, proudly built by our wonderful Caretaker, Andy! The gates around this area are locked just after 9am each day and unlocked again just before 3pm. Please use a bike lock if you have concerns about the safety of your child's bike/scooter

School Closures

A reminder that school will be closed for Queen's Birthday on **Monday, 7 June**, and the Kaahui Ako Professional Learning Day on **Friday, 18 June**. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Nгаа mihi nui

Hamish Fenemor, Principal

Philippa Burchett, Acting Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 28 May

2pm - Assembly in the School Hall

Monday, 31 May

7pm New Entrant Parent Information Session – Room 11

Wednesday, 2 June

9am New Entrant Parent Information Session – Room 11

Monday, 7 June

SCHOOL CLOSED – Queen's Birthday



Learners of the Week



TIMATANGA

Room 10

Theodore Haines - You are taking responsibility for your own learning. You are demonstrating enthusiasm towards your reading and will often initiate opportunities to extend your reading skills. Tino pai to mahi, great work Ted.

Riley Crawshaw - Riley, it is great to see you growing in confidence with your reading. You are demonstrating enthusiasm and giving new learning opportunities a go. Tino pai to mahi, great work Riley.

Room 11

Kana Coley - For demonstrating the character of 'Responsibility' in everything you do. Kana, you can be relied on for always making the best choice and supporting others to do the same. Tino pai too mahi!

Eldho Shijo - Eldho, you are a quiet achiever who gives your all to everything you attempt. You are always enthusiastic and always approach your learning with positivity.

Room 12

Ashton Wright - Ashton, it's great to see you growing in confidence and independence with your reading and writing. Tino pai!

Hunter Watts - For the amazing improvement in your reading skills this year. You are beginning to write independently, using the sounds you know to spell words. Keep it up Hunter!

Room 13

Enzo Shiwa-McHale - For consistently demonstrating our school motto of 'Always my Best'! Keep it up Enzo!

Maggie Boyte - Maggie, it is great to see your confidence grow each day, especially when you say your pepeha. You are also a great role model and a fantastic homegroup leader!

Room 14

Miah Judd - For taking responsibility for your learning and showing a great improvement in reading. Tino pai too mahi Miah.

Manvir Singh - For displaying our school motto 'Always my Best' when listening and talking with your peers. Keep it up!

Room 15

Leila Kennerley - You are such a hard worker Leila, and I love seeing how interested you are in learning new things. You are a star!

Room 17

Georgie Hurst - It has been amazing to watch your confidence grow this Term and to see you embracing all the learning opportunities that you have at school.

Evie Diamond - You have settled into the expectations of school with ease and show an enthusiasm towards your learning. Keep it up Evie!

KORU

Koru 1

Arlo Roberts - Your contributions to our inquiry have been thought provoking and well considered. Well done.

Aliyah Tipene - You are becoming a self-managing learner who takes responsibility for your actions. Keep it up!

Koru 2

Daniel Udy-Drought - Daniel, you are making some positive choices regarding your learning and choice of activities. Keep it up. Tino pai!

Layla Cooper - Layla, I enjoyed listening to your observations about the animals and their ecosystems during our Hamiton Zoo trip. Ka pai!

Koru 3

Lily Clancy - Lily, I appreciated your maturity and sense of duty during our zoo trip. You are always a fantastic role model. We are very lucky to have you in Koru Toru!

Nicholas Chittenden - Nicholas, you are continually putting your best foot forward in all aspects of school. Well done on having a positive growth mindset - you rock!

Koru 4

Mae McKeown - You have begun to complete your learning tasks and plan your day independently - tino pai Mae and keep it up!

Hayden Frith - You are beginning to show confidence in Koru Wha, learning to make decisions and put yourself at the centre of your learning - Ka pai Hayden!

AUAHA

Auaha M

Carys Brown - Carys, we appreciate your efforts during our Auaha games. You are encouraging of others and always display fair-play. Tino pai to mahi.

Hudson Blackstock - Hudson, you are working so hard in your independent tasks in class. We are particularly enjoying reading your creative stories and how you capture the reader's attention.

Hannah Bartleet - Hannah, we have seen you working hard on your reading and you are making great progress. Keep up the fantastic effort. Ka pai!

Isak Fivas - Isak, you have made a great start in Auaha M, we love your kind and thoughtful manner. Keep it up Isak!

AUAHA S

Nathan Goodrich - The choices you make allow you to concentrate on your learning tasks. Keep this up and your deep levels of thinking will continue to extend you. Kei te pai!

Isla Murdoch - You are conscious of your goals and always try your best to include them in your mahi. We also love seeing you extend yourself when you finish your tasks early. This is what self directors do! Ka pai Isla.

Molly Maher - The thoughtful insights you bring to our inquiry discussions shows how curious and inquisitive you are. Your contributions are always welcomed Molly, ka pai.

Freddie Beech - The concentration you show at tutorials allows you to complete follow up tasks to a high standard. Tino pai to mahi on your information report about eels, Freddie.

TE PUNA

Te Puna 19

Kiahn Matehaere - The effort you are putting in to your reading shows in the progress you have made - you are flying! You should be very proud. Keep at it Kiahn.

Shaun Larsen - Shaun, you are well liked and respected by your class because you are kind, considerate, sensible and helpful. You show us all what it means to be 'Always My Best'.

Te Puna 20

Anaam Sandhu - Anaam, you are putting lots of effort into your learning this year, achieving great results already in reading and maths! Keep up the great work!

Lucia Pickering - What a fantastic start to the term you have had, Lucia! You are an enthusiastic learner that participates and contributes in tutorials. Your hard work and effort is paying off. Well done!

Te Puna 21

Cael Smith - The effort you put into all of your learning is outstanding and you should be proud of your efforts. You have gone the extra mile with your biome report. Tino pai!

Tuterangi Tairaki - You are shining through your creativity. The ideas you are sharing in your writing group are inspiring other learners. Ka mau te wehi.

Te Puna 22

Lolani Porea - You are thinking carefully about where you sit and who you sit next to during class time allowing you to achieve a high standard of work. You should be proud of yourself.

Neya Rippey - Neya, I can see you are focusing hard in your tutorials to add detail to your writing. This has come easy to you with your knowledge of ecosystems. Ka Pai!

Learner of the Week Certificates will be presented at tomorrow's 2pm Assembly, in the school hall.