



Newsletter No 4

Our **VALUE** for the week is

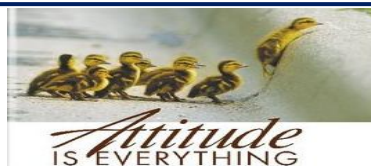
COMMITMENT

"Be positive, be organized, and be committed to your task."

Discussing the school value helps students cement these values, and supports the link between expectations at school and home.



Room 2



- **Cluster Athletic Sports** – Next Wednesday, there will be cluster athletics at Cooks' Garden. Please ensure you return the slip for this event. We do need transport, but will also be using a bus for the overflow. Children will need to have adequate food and water for the day. We will take their sunhats and will remind them to reapply sunblock.
- **EPro8** - On Wednesday and Thursday, two teams of Year 5-6 and Y 7-8 students are entered into the *EPro8 Challenge*, a competition, and an engineering and problem solving race. The teams will compete to build large sized structures, solve practical problems, engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles and complete other interesting challenges. Rooms 1 & 2 ran some intensive technology challenges over the last few weeks in order to select the teams. Good luck to our teams.
- **Powhiri** – we would love to see as many of you as are able at our Powhiri on April 1st. Please let us know if you are coming, as we will have a small afternoon tea. The Powhiri will be followed by our Friday afternoon assembly.

This week in our Monday morning assembly we celebrated being a community. We were very excited to sit in the tin shed, listening to the rain. For some of us, who are not as reliant on this liquid gold, it is sometimes easy to groan when the rain starts. But as a member of a community where rain is an essential need for many, we understand – and share the joy. It has been the same with our tikanga and the preparation for our powhiri. Although, for some of us Maori culture is not something that is in our life-blood, we still know that as part of a community where this is a celebrated part of our heritage – we all enjoy sharing in the experience.

Teaching values to children is one of the most important things that happens in New Zealand's schools. By celebrating rain and culture together we are living our school values of commitment, pride and respect.

Elizabeth Schaw - Principal

SCHOOL CLOSED: Good Friday, Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday

"Providing a quality education that develops confident children."

Mission Statement

Our Values

- Compassion
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Confidence
- Pride
- Honesty
- Courage
- Commitment

Important Dates for Term 1

WEEK SEVEN

14/03	Rm 1 Sailing
15/03	Te Reo/Arts
16/03	Rm 4 Sport Wang
17/03	Rm 1 Technology
18/03	2:30pm Assembly Room 2

WEEK EIGHT

21/03	Rm 1 Sailing
22/03	Te Reo/Arts
23/03	Cluster Athletics 6pm Y7-8 EPro8
24/03	9:30am Y5-6 EPro8
25/03	Good Friday (no school)

WEEK NINE

28/03	Easter Monday
29/03	Easter Tuesday (no school)
30/03	Rm 4 Sport Wang
31/03	Rm 1 Technology
01/04	2:00 Community Powhiri

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In the last couple of assemblies we have celebrated the success of our “Student of the Week”.

Room 1:

John Bryant—For a cheerful and positive approach to all aspects of school.

Room 2:

Danielle Houlahan—For always giving 100%.

Angus Pearce—For consistently setting high standards and being an outstanding role model.

Room 3:

Jack Pullins—For being ‘switched on’ to learn in all areas.

Room 4:

Eva Ashworth— For making a huge effort to stay on task in writing.

Values of the Week: These students have received a certificate for displaying the school values on a consistent basis:-

Harry Sewell, Michael O’Neill, Bridie Knapp, Isobella Shaw, Elena Solomona, Nicholas Morton, Angus Sewell, Keegan Myburgh, Deacon Williams, Xavier Gardiner, Izrael Nahona-Osborne, Grace Auker, Maggie Pearce, Annabelle Spetch and Maynard Head.

Room 4

This week Sport Wanganui taught Room 4 how to roll. I think we still need a bit of practice.



Values Badges

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their values badges.

Values Badge: Harry Sewell and Wyatt Alderton

Bronze Badge: Keegan Myburgh and Hannah Benn

Gold Badge: Danielle Houlahan

Thomas Edison

Thomas Edison was the best inventor ever. Imagine coming home with some dinner and having to make dinner in the dark. You would keep burning yourself with the pan. Then you would try and walk down the hallway to go to bed and trip over your dog. Well, good thing Thomas Edison invented the lightbulb, then.

When Thomas Edison was 12 he started selling newspapers at the grand trunk railway line. Later on he decided to form his own small newspaper called the Grand Trunk. His mum was a school teacher and his dad was an exiled political activist from Canada.

When he was 15 Thomas Edison became a telegraph operator and for the next 5 years he was an itinerant telegrapher, travelling the midwest subbing for people who went to the civil war and it was in that job that he became interested in electrical science.

Thomas Edison became an inventor when he was 22. His first invention was an improved stock ticker, but his three most famous inventions were the light bulb, phonograph and the electrographic vote recorder

So you should thank Thomas Edison for inventing the light bulb or you would live a dark, miserable life.

By Seth Forlong

Good Luck SpotLight

Creeaak! I opened the door to sprint out into the night. Time to hide I thought and that's just what I did. As quiet as a mouse I ducked away behind the old pohutakawa and began to scale the long climb up the tree.

Eek! I heard the high pitched squeal of Hamish. He must have been found I thought. I was flooded with terror as I realised he was hiding behind a tree about five metres away. So I bolted. And just as well I did so because Anya had just started to treacherously climb the tree. Aggie transmitted to Anya through her urgent bark that I was here. So once again I fled...

By Sam Cranstone

Room 1 Sailing

Each Morning for 6 weeks Room 1 have benn heading to Pauri Lake for sailing lessons.



In March we have had birthdays for **Maynard Head (5th)**, **Farren Rowe (17th)**

and Olivia Zinsli (17th)

Happy Birthday to you all.

Smencil Fundraiser

Just a reminder for all families to continue selling these fabulous, fun and delicious smelling pencils. Money raised will help to reduce the cost of transport for school/class trips for 2016. Orders and money need to be back by the 24th March to the office. Thank you.

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