

## Principal Tumuaki comment

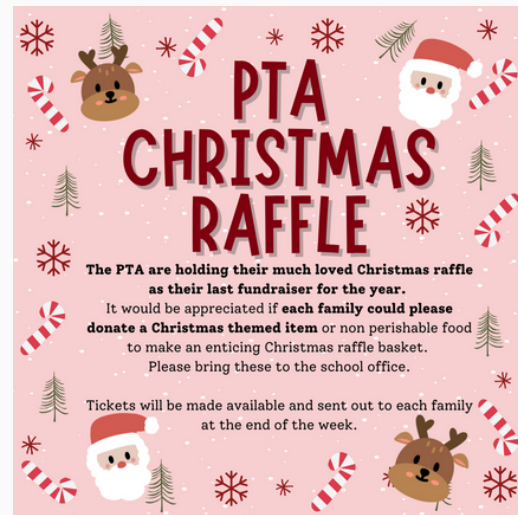
Kia ora parents and whānau,  
I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and amazing weather to kick off the first weekend of Summer. We had a fabulous day with the Macraes Moonlight staff and Maria from the Ministry of Education, learning all about the new English curriculum document.






This week sees the Room 1 class trip on Friday which will be lots of fun! We are heading to the Portobello Aquarium for the morning to explore the touch tanks and learn all about the marine life in the Harbour, and then into Leap to run some steam off. I know Team Piwakawaka and Miss Howell will have lots of fun!

On Friday is the last session of Technology at Taieri College for the Year 7/8s. They've been having a great time baking this term!  
Ngā mihi nui,  
Lisa Bankshaw 🍌

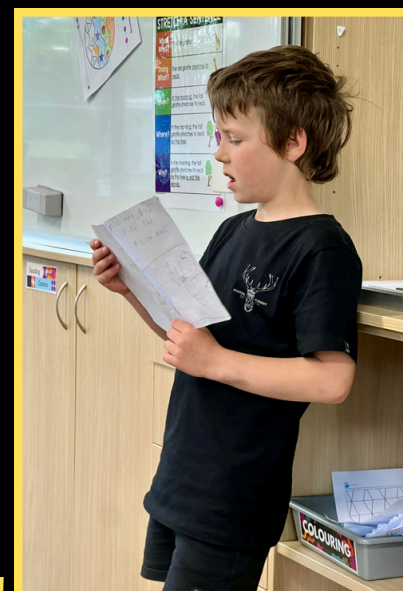
## Christmas Craft Day

If any parents would like to help out on this fun and highly anticipated day then please pop your name down on the form. Any questions please see Miss Howell. [Form for helpers.](#)



STRETCH A SENTENCE	
Who? What?	The tall giraffe 
Doing What?	The tall giraffe stretches its neck. 
When?	In the morning, the tall giraffe stretches its neck. 
Where?	In the morning, the tall giraffe stretches its neck by the tree. 
Why?	In the morning, the tall giraffe stretches its neck by the tree to eat the leaves. 

Last week Room 3 focussed on 'Stretching a sentence' to introduce their story and loved it so much they were inspired to continue their writing into full narrative stories. Riley and Tayne even did their own writing and created their own storybooks at home. Outstanding work boys - that's fabulous!



Fergus used great Maths, Art, and fine motor cutting skills to make his fabulous Christmas tree! Amazing work!



# TEAM KAREAREA NEWS

Last week the fabulous Mrs Becker spent time in our classroom. Writing was the focus - show not tell, descriptions of thier favourite place. The children produced some epic writing - here are a few examples.

Every day after school, I go here, and for some reason, it always smells like I've only ever slept in there once. I can feel my fuzzy dog searching for me as he ruffles up my blankets. My space makes me feel safe and tranquil.

By Harvey

There's this hill near my house that I go to sometimes, especially when I just want to be alone. It's not a huge hill or anything, but when you climb to the top, it feels like you're on top of the world.

I walk out the door and head behind the house. In a short walk, I start to climb—higher and higher—to where there's nothing in my way that stops me from seeing the view. The grass is kind of patchy, and it smells like dirt after it rains, which is actually kind of nice. As I sit, I glance out and see all of the rooftops and trees. At sunset, the sky turns a crazy mix of pink, orange, and purple, and it feels like the hill is glowing.

Matthew

To my left, deer stroll along the edge of the ridge. On my right, pigs lurch around in the wet, soggy ground. There is wildlife everywhere. I hear the birds chirp and the stags roar in the distance. I smell the fresh seeds of the tussocks that have fallen onto the ground.

By George

The sight of the royal blue water shines against the swift jet boats and jet skis racing past, gives us all a huge fright. Roaring boat engines ring in my ear, and my siblings scream in fear as the boat speeds up. Crisp fresh air surrounds me as I fly through the water with speed.

Lexie



# Term 4 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 4 Week 8	<b>2 DECEMBER</b> <b>TEACHER ONLY</b> <b>DAY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Mrs Becker R5	 <b>6</b> <b>ROOM 1 CLASS</b> <b>TRIP!</b>  Mrs Becker R3  Last week of Tech for Y7/8 
Term 4 Week 9	 <b>9</b> <b>First</b> <b>Responders</b> <b>Week: Police</b> 	 <i>Christmas</i> <b>10</b> <b>CRAFT DAY</b> 	 <b>11</b> <b>First</b> <b>Responders</b> <b>Week: St Johns</b>	 <b>12</b> <b>First</b> <b>Responders</b> <b>Week: Civil</b> <b>Defence</b>	 <b>13</b> <b>First</b> <b>Responders</b> <b>Week: FireWise</b>
Term 4 Week 10	<b>16</b> <b>Reports sent</b> <b>home</b>	 <b>17</b> <b>PRIZEGIVING &amp;</b> <b>last day for</b>  			