



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Events</b>
	<b>28/29 January</b>	<b>Teacher Only Days</b>
	<b>30 January</b>	<b>Yr 11-13 Course Confirmation &amp; New Enrolment</b>
	<b>2 February</b>	<b>All students return to school</b>
	<b>6 February</b>	<b>Waitangi Day</b>
	<b>3 April</b>	<b>Easter Friday</b>

Kia ora tatou

The end of the year has come upon us quite suddenly and now we are rushing to complete those things left unsaid or undone. Thank you to students, parents, teachers and support staff who have worked together to make this year a successful one. We may not have got everything quite right but we certainly have endeavoured to work together with our community to improve the learning outcomes for all our students. We are pleased to celebrate with you their successes and achievements at prizegiving this Friday. At the same time, as we look forward to 2015, we know that we have much work to do.

Next year we will moving to a new model of curriculum delivery that we believe will better meet the needs of all our students. It will involve students taking a much greater responsibility in developing their own learning pathways which will be aligned to their own individual goals and aspirations about future learning and employment prospects.

Teachers will be working in collaborative teams to ensure that all students have the very best opportunity to succeed in whatever pathway the choose.

It will mean a new way of thinking, a new way of working and we believe a better way of learning and teaching. For more information on what this will look like for your child visit our website: [www.taipa.school.nz](http://www.taipa.school.nz)

Pateriki Toi  
Principal

# LIBRARY NEWS

With the Christmas holidays on the horizon I'd like to remind parents/guardian of the importance of keeping your tamariki reading for at least 10 minutes each day during these holidays so that their reading levels do not slide.

'Summer slide' is a recognised phenomenon that can drastically set your child's learning back up to 'one whole term' which leaves them spending the rest of the year trying to catch-up with classmates - as their classmates move on - some will never recover that lost ground which will put them on the 'back foot' for life.

Some tips:

- *Keep it simple*
- *Make it fun*
- *Comics; newspapers; recipe books; instruction leaflets; magazines*
- *OR bring them into the school Library on the following **OPEN** days to choose books*
- *OR take them into the FNDC Library at the Te Ahu Centre in Kaitaia*

## OUR OPEN DAYS:

- **Thursday: 18 DECEMBER 2014: 10am - 1pm**
- **Thursday: 22 JANUARY 2015: 10am - 1pm**

The school pool will be open to parents and students who come into choose books and will be supervised by school staff on both days.

All students will be given the opportunity to choose up to 10 books before school closes for the year on:  
**12 December 2014:**

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents/guardian and tamariki a very Merry Christmas  
and a safe and prosperous New Year  
See you all in 2015

Carol Hudson



## Dates to calendar

December 3rd

Beach day / trip to Oruaiti School

December 12th

primary Prizegiving start time 9:30am

## Caught Being Good:

### November 7th

**Nga Mango:** Jacob-an excellent effort in maths and writing. Andreyra - an excellent effort and helping others in maths. Karisma -awesome bowling in cricket; Shonteisha - for improving her maths; Arnez - for improving her maths.

**Nga Ngu iti: Katie Marie-** mote mahi kainga; Te peehi- mo te mahi tuhituhi.

### November 14th

**Nga Manaia:** Jackson- working hard in class.

**Nga Tamure:** Dontay Posinkovich - making great progress in reading; Mercedes Naicovi - trying her best and showing a willingness to try things.

**Nga Mango:** Jacob Raui-Munu; for completing all work and beautiful art; Reuben stacey - massive improvement in maths; Arnez Loftly and Dylin Emery - massive improvement in maths.

**Nga Ngu iti:** James Harrison and Aura Herk

## Athletics

A big congratulations to the following students who qualified for the far North Athletics event which was held in Kaitaia. They were: Azaria, Demenus, Te Wiki, Brendan, Karisma, T.J, Marie, Tuihana, Connor, Barry, Renelle, Piripi, Sharlynd, Manaia, Steve,

The following students placed in the top three in the following events. WOW what an achievement:

Piripi

Brendan: 3rd in Discus, 3rd in Shotput

Te Wiki: 2nd in Discus



## **End of Year reporting**

Teachers and students are busy completing assessments in key curriculum areas. To make an overall teacher judgement (OTJ) teachers use a range of information such as assessments, in class observations and students' current work. This information is used to determine student progress and student achievement which is reported on at the end of the year for students in Year 4-6 and at the interim and anniversary of students' birthdays in Years 1-3. If you have any questions around this please feel free to come and talk to the classroom teacher.

## **End of Year Trip**

You should by now have received a letter with information about a beach day and a visit to Oruaiti school we are hoping to run on December 3rd. We have been invited to pay a visit to Oruaiti School and go through their 'Around the World in 80 minutes' exhibition the year 7 and 8 class have been putting together. Added with this, we thought that we would go and spend the day at Coopers Beach, have a BBQ and a swim and enjoy our beautiful surrounding. To gauge whether we can go ahead and plan for this day, we need to get some feedback from you as we will need help with transporting students as well as supervising on the day. Hopefully with plenty of notice you will be able to organise your day so that you will be able to join us. Each class will need approximately 4 helpers. If you have not returned your notice please do so as soon as possible.

## **Swimming**

Firstly, we would like to thank Mrs Baker and Mr Edwards for putting in the effort to access funds so that our swimming pool could be upgraded this year. It looks fantastic. Also, thank you to Ron for getting it ready to swim. We are in the process of negotiating swimming times with the rest of the school. I would suggest bringing togs every day. The teachers will make a call as to whether the children go for a swim and this will be dependant on the weather. This term we will be focussing on water safety skills. In order to swim, children need togs and a towel in a plastic bag. I would also suggest wearing a swimming cap.

# **SUMMER READING**

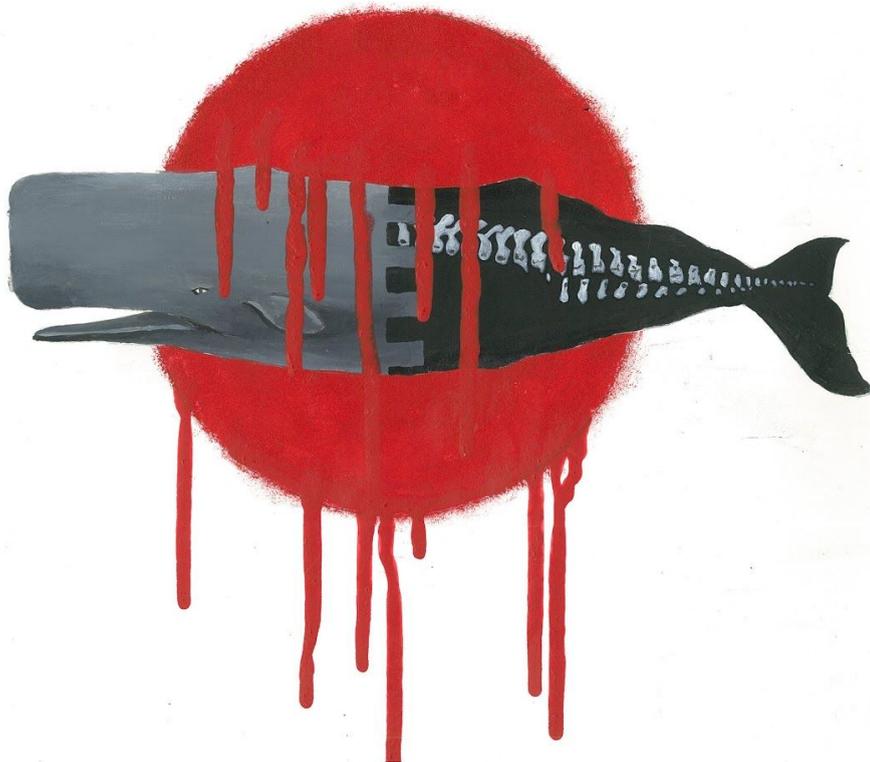
**Keep reading aloud:** Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. You can read books that they can't and this also helps their listening and comprehension skills.

**Read something everyday** - it doesn't even have to be a book - newspaper, magazine, online resources. At the end of each day your child can read a section of whatever it is that they are reading.

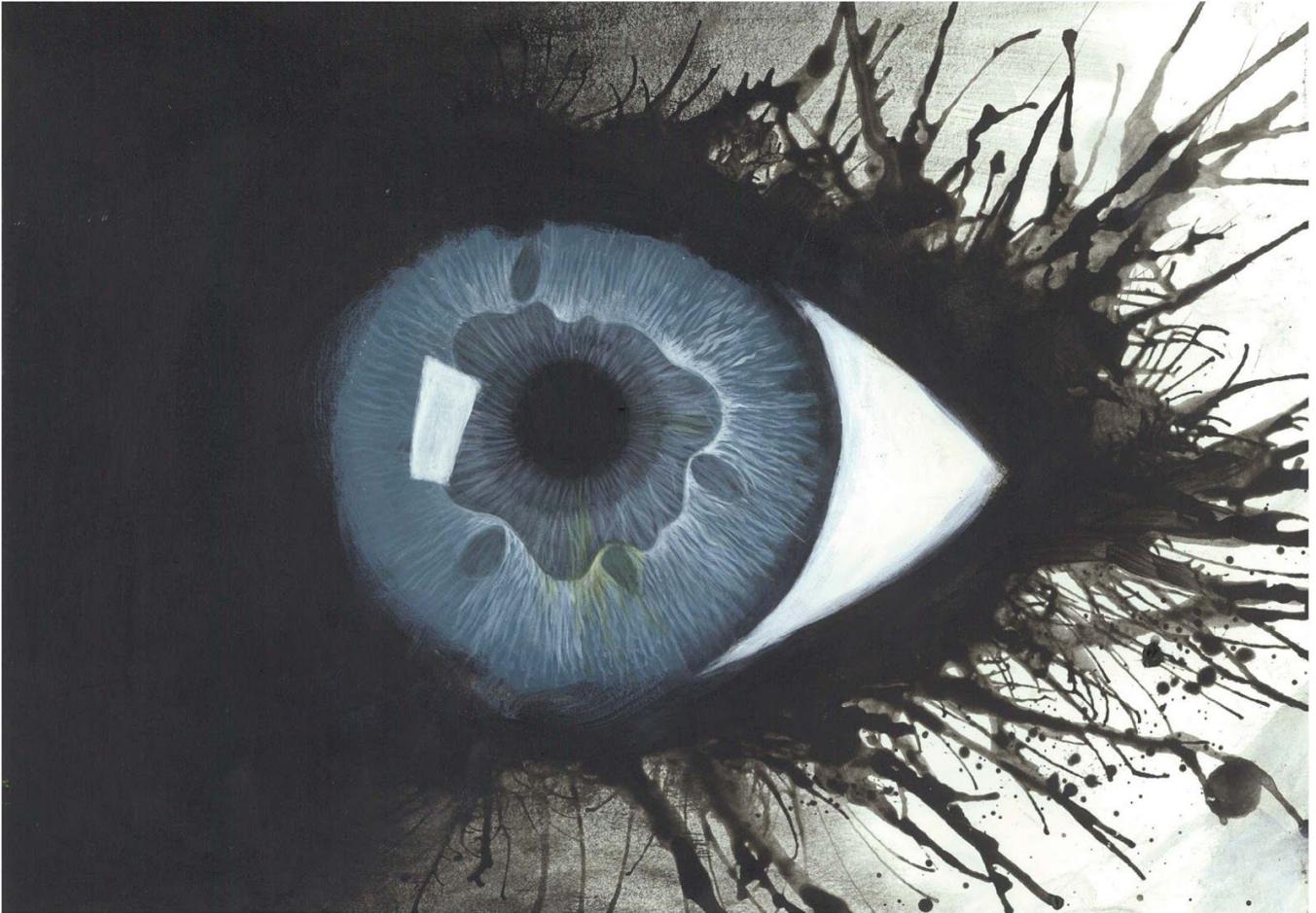
**Make books and reading fun.**



**By Jordan Hailstone**



**by Katryan Burkitt**



**by Lania Crooks**

## **STATIC IMAGES TO HELP SUICIDE PREVENTION**

In Term 3 9IHI delved into the artistic world of static images to spread some really important messages about suicide prevention and tools that you can use to help you when times get tough.

Aaliyah and Destiny won the competition and are now online published digital artists to help NZers most at risk. Check out the Judges Comments below.

If you, or anyone close to you, is considering suicide or fighting depression please don't hesitate to use [engage.co.nz](http://engage.co.nz) to find tools to put into your coping kete. To contact suicide prevention: call 0800 543 354 Lifeline New Zealand. Or google SPINZ for information. Kia kaha.

The info below is in the online article: <http://www.engagenz.co.nz/?p=6352>

"Teacher Uses Coping Kete to Theme Static Image Lessons" accessed 19.11.201

## First Place

### Aaliyah Matthews for It's Ok to Have a Bad Day

**Judges notes:** "This poster design stood out for its simplicity and the importance of the message that Aaliyah chose to highlight from The Coping Kete. One of the most important things for surviving the tough times, is being allowed to have tough times. So much of our suffering comes from not being allowed to feel what we feel. Strategy 29 in The Coping Kete is all about telling ourselves that it is okay/acceptable to feel the whole spectrum of emotions, instead of trying to stay in the 'positive' ones all the time and judging ourselves for the 'negative' ones like anger, anxiety, sadness, jealousy or disgust.





# SHINE

## Congratulations Graduates!

9IHI girls have spent the last 6 weeks doing the SHINE course with the bubbly youth leader Karen. A course that encourages them to build leadership, kindness and respect for others. Miss Hill was invited to the brunch graduation where the girls got their graduation certificates. The students polite behaviour and helpfulness had really impressed Karen.

Below in order receiving their certificates from Karen:

Catarina Cruz, Destiny Wright, Te Rangimarie Rongonui Shelford, Erana (Nera) Shortland, Shaquille Duval, Paris Paraha and Te Huia Derbyshire. Absent: Arahine Taylor, Naomi Hohaia and Aaliyah Matthews. Newcomer Kiyana Bristowe featured in the centre of group shot.





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