

Turtle Time!

On Monday last week a family donated two turtles and all the necessary equipment to the school. Their names are Sid and Murtle. The children got a surprise when they saw a box with the words 'Easter Eggs for Awahou School' on it. But when it started to move they quickly realised the April Fools Day prank as out sprung two turtles!



Milk

The students are enjoying their cartons of milk from the Fonterra Milk in Schools programme. Once finished the cartons must be folded and put into the blue bins for recycling. Ruby is busy teaching other children how to fold their cartons.



Investigation time at the Maths Table



Abaden, Jake and Tobias-Xavier are busy here during Investigation time, trying out the padlocks and keys maths challenge Miss Barr has created. Students must solve the equation on the key tags to find the matching padlock to open. Lots of problem-solving happening here, plus development of their fine motor skills.

Health and Physical Education Parent Survey

The feedback from parents in regards to the 'Food and Nutrition' Section of the survey identified that Exercise, Nutrition and Well-being were the most important. There is a clear theme coming from the survey sections. Well-being including self-worth and self-esteem are highly regarded in our school community. This will be something the teaching team will be focussing heavily on throughout the year. The Wellbeing at School survey on the NZCER website will provide us with some valuable information moving forward. This will be sent home at the beginning of Term 2.

What are the benefits of the Investigations Areas in Wharite?



Reading Area - Reading areas are valuable for many reasons including story telling, relaxing, researching, discussion, conversation and sharing information. They are spaces for quiet, for calm and for solitude, both inside and out during busy and crowded days. Reading areas provide children with opportunities for pre literacy and literacy development, relationship building, eye hand coordination, left – right eye orientation, broad ranging self expression practice, learning about the care of books, decision making and turn taking.

Art & Collage - The collage area provides rich opportunities for a never ending range of creativity and experimentation. The materials are grouped and displayed in an ordered and inviting way to support thoughtful planning and decision making. The range of resources in the collage area reflects a variety of materials, artefacts, seasons, both built and natural environment articles and experiences that allow children to construct a range of creations that represent interests, concepts and skills. The materials are open ended with the focus on the process rather than the end product. This supports skill development including – cognitive processing, problem solving, fine muscle control, perceptual development, imagination, resilience, persistence, planning, designing, thinking, measuring and adapting.

More areas will be explained in following newsletters.

Upcoming Events

Year 8 Lunch and High School Visits - Tuesday 9th April

EPro8 Challenge - Wednesday 10th April

End of Term Celebration - Friday 12th April

ANZAC Day - Wednesday 25th April

Term 2 Begins - Monday 29th April

Holiday Fun!



End of Term Celebration

On Friday at 2pm we will have an end of term celebration. All friends and whānau are welcome to come along. We will be presenting the School and Kainui Swimming Sports Certificates, as well as celebrating the events we attended this term.