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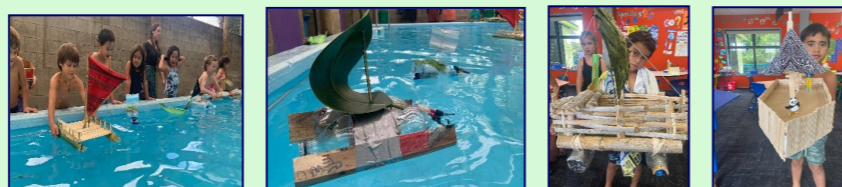
## JUNIOR SCHOOL Syndicate News

Kia ora koutou, Greetings to all. The Junior Syndicate have been learning lots and having fun with Purakau (Myths and Legends) and also celebrating Sea Week. Here are some highlights...enjoy.



## The Great Waka Challenge.

Thanks to all our school whanau who helped and supported this challenge.



## Sea Week 5/3/22 to 13/3/22

Our tamariki enjoyed listening to different stories and creating artworks based on Ocean themed purakau. We watched a YouTube clip about how rubbish in the oceans is a huge problem and decided to be 'Kaitiaki' Guardians of our Seas.



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## OUR VISION

"Inspired and resourceful learners for life."  
 "Kia whakaara kia manawanui mo tona ao"

Thursday 24th March, 2022 (Term 1, Week 8)

## Kia ora whanau!

This week sees Mr and Mrs Morrissey working from home as we too have a household member who is positive for the Covid-19 Omicron virus. Like many of you, we are juggling home life and our children's learning with trying to get whatever tasks we can done online throughout the week. Day 3 testing has been done with just one positive and 5 negative results. We still have the Day 7 test to get through yet and it seems that one of our sons is now showing signs of the flu. Watch this space!

With staff and students being in and out of school throughout this term, it has been a daily challenge to form the best plan for learning in class each day. I would like to say a special thank you to all the Teachers, Teacher Aides, Office Staff and our Caretaker and Cleaning Team, who are all working extra hard to provide the best and safest learning set-up each day at school. You guys are truly amazing!

We can do this whanau. We'll get through this the same way we get through everything at our school, with a little kindness, patience and a great big dose of positive thinking.

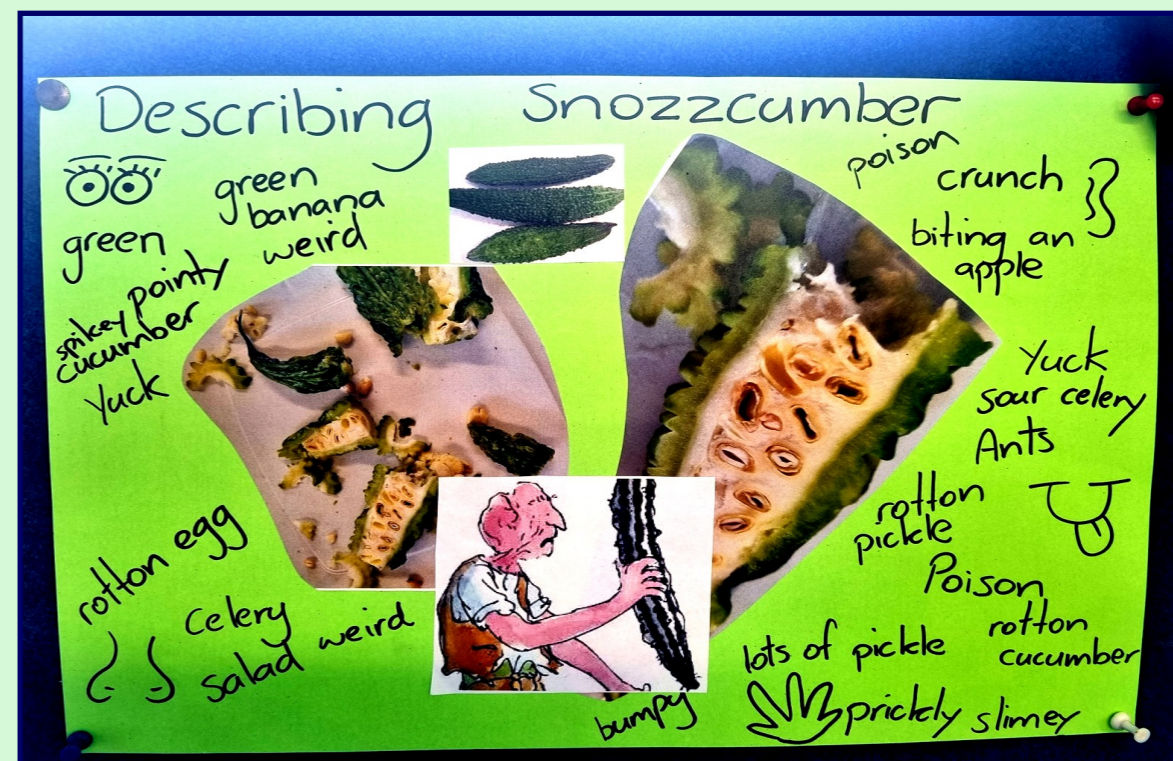
Nga mihi  
 Mr M

## KPS Student Graduate Profile



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS: from Room 13

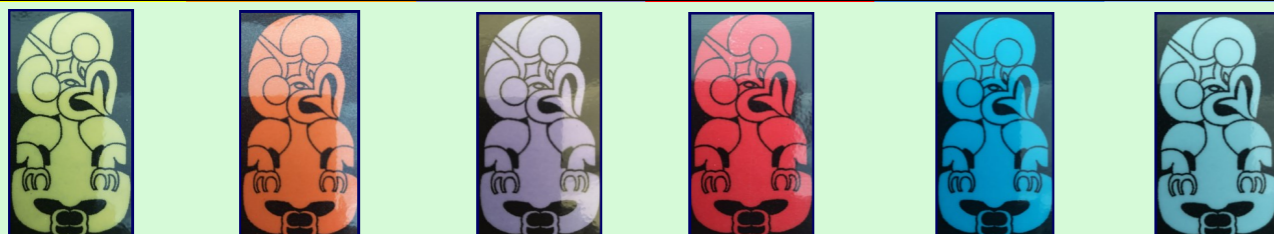
Room 13 have been learning to describe using our 5 senses to help us in our writing. We have also been reading the BFG so Whaea Jax bought a snozzcumber in for everyone to describe. We also found out the snozzcumber is called a bitter melon and it was the strangest fruit we have ever touched, and tasted here are the adjectives we came up with...



## MANA POTENTIAL at Kaitaia Primary School (Managing my own emotions)

Mana – uniqueness, culture, Whakapapa, creativity, spirituality, gifts and talents, goals, taonga tuku iho.

<b>Rongomātāne</b> Peaceful and happy, engaged	<b>Māui-tikitiki</b> Becoming unsettled, having some difficulties	<b>Rūamoko</b> Agitated and upset	<b>Tūmatauenga</b> Angry, melting down, not coping	<b>Tāwhirimātea</b> Seeking help to reset myself	<b>Tāngaroa</b> Taking action to restore myself to Papatūānuku.
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Who are my <b>Go To</b> people right now?	Where are my <b>Go To</b> places right now?	What is my <b>Go To</b> phrase right now?	What <b>activity</b> can I do right now?	How can I <b>show aroha</b> for others and <b>myself</b> right now?	What <b>skills</b> do I currently have?
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### Papātuanuku

It's my job to get myself back to **Rongomatane** or down to **Tangaroa**.  
 It's also my job to let others know how they can support me right now.  
 What can I do to get myself back to **Rongomatane**?  
 What can others do for me right now?  
 What can I do to get myself down from **Tūmatauenga** to **Tangaroa**?



Community Notices

**Learning Packs for KPS students, 2022**

Kia ora whanau,

With the increasing numbers of Covid-19 Omicron cases happening in our community, we'd just like to outline how Kaitaia Primary School will be supporting your child's learning at home during this time. There are a number of plans listed below to suit each reason for absence from school.

If your child is absent because they have tested positive for Covid-19 or if you have a household contact who has tested positive, KPS staff will make a delivery time with your whanau and bring Ministry of Education learning packs for all KPS students in the whanau who are self-isolating. Each pack contains about 4 weeks schoolwork as well as materials needed for writing and drawing.

If your child is away from school with flu symptoms but is not positive for Covid-19 or if you are keeping your child home because you feel they are safer there, your child's teacher will have a homework pack for your child which can be picked up from our school office. This option is available until your child has been absent for 20 school days (4 weeks) in a row. After 4 consecutive weeks of absence, your child will automatically come off our school roll. At this point they would no longer be a student at our school and no further homework packs would be provided. It also means they will have to be re-enrolled to be considered a student at our school once more.

Quite a lot of info there whanau. I hope it makes sense to you. As you can imagine, it has been a bit confusing at times trying to get all these new rules sorted and manageable on a day to day basis covering all the different learning settings and situations we have at school. Please be patient as we try to do the best for your tamariki.

As always whanau, we absolutely value your support. It really does mean a lot to us at Kaitaia Primary School.

Nga mihi  
Mr M



**Bus Reminders**

Parents must write a note or let the office know before 2 pm if there is a change to the normal routine for their child/ children if they travel on the bus. Each child is marked off on a roll in the Junior School and in the Senior school each afternoon so it is important that we know if they are being picked up or are going home another way.

**Bus Bay**

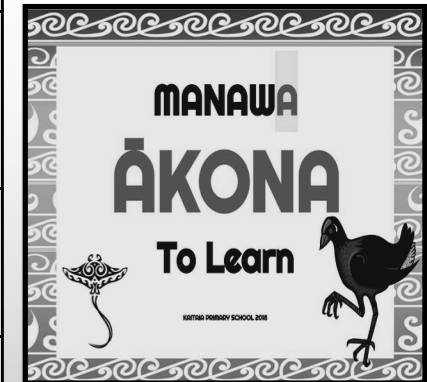
Our school bus bay needs to be kept clear for our buses between 8.15 and 9am and from 2.30 - 3.15pm. We have over 250 children getting on and off buses during these times. It is crucial that our bus drivers vision is not blocked by other cars. Please help with this issue parents before we have a terrible accident!

Mr M

**Absenteeism**

Our KPS school website has an online forms tab to report absences and a update contact details tab. Alternatively parents can txt absences to the office mobile 02108422405. Parents can also still call the school phone number and leave a absentee message. Parents please update your contact details if details have changed.

Many Thanks  
Office Staff



**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

WHEN	WHAT
Every Friday 9.00am—10.30am	We will have mini Assemblies for Junior, Middle and Senior School every Friday between 9 am and 10.30am. Unfortunately, these assemblies are closed to the wider public.
Banking 8.30a.m.	Every Friday – ASB only. Please contact the school office if your child would like to start school banking. It is a great way to teach them to save.
25 March	Parent/Teacher Interview Day - School is closed for tamariki. No buses today.
1 April	Junior/Middle/Senior assemblies from 9am—10.30am
6 April	Newsletter due home today
8 April	Junior/Middle/Senior assemblies from 9am—10.30am
14 April	Last day of Term One
2 May	Term Two begins today

Have a safe and happy holiday break everybody!  
From the children, staff and BOT of Kaitaia Primary School.