



Te Ara Māia Newsletter

Term Rua 2024

Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence preparing for lifelong learning
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30th May 2024

Kia ora whānau,

It has been a busy five weeks and our kids have lots to show for it! As you know we also have a change in staffing occurring. We are saying farewell to Mr Button, and welcoming Miss Emily Wilby who will be teaching Māia Tahi for the remainder of the year. Miss Wilby has been teaching at Kelburn Normal School in Tupu and is currently spending some time in Māia to get to know the students and procedures before she officially starts in week 8.



School Hui

Te ara Māia will be leading our school assembly in week 8. We would be delighted if you would attend. Leading a school hui is an opportunity for the children to showcase their learning and practice performing for an audience. It is at this age that the children may say to you that they don't want you to come, I can assure you that they do. At this hui we will also be farewelling Mr Button, so it would be wonderful if you would come along and celebrate him with us.

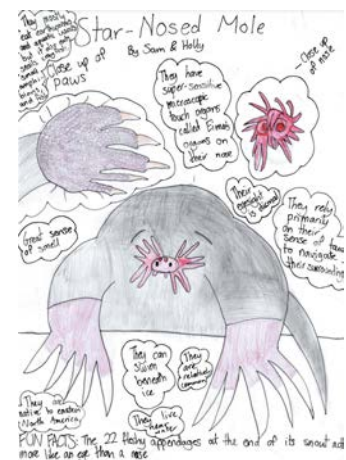
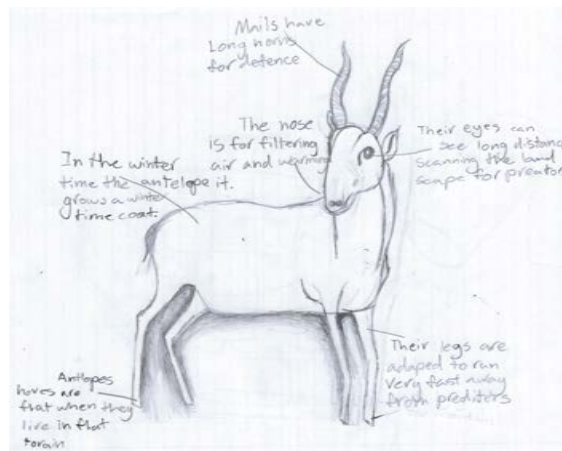


College

We care about our students' transition to secondary school and we ensure that there are multiple opportunities for our students to make connections with future schools. We have recently had visits from our Year 8 students of 2023! The students from WC and WGC have come to chat with us about their transition from Kelburn to College. These informal visits are a real joy for current students who enjoy the safe space to ask questions and hear from some of their old chums! On **Tuesday 11th June** at 2pm we have a visit from some Wellington College representatives including a year 9 and a prefect.

Science- Imagined creatures

We are investigating the structural, physiological, and behavioural adaptations of some unusual creatures on our planet. Next, we will use the information we have gathered to design animals with specific adaptations that will survive on Earth in millions of years.



Maths- Statistics & Probability

In Maths we are working on our statistical literacy and have interpreted graphs on a range of subjects. Particularly interesting for the children has been graphs relating to our

schools carbon footprint! Students have also been learning how to create high-quality graphs and data displays. We have used the poems we have encountered in literacy as a data source, as well as information from [Stats NZ](#), and class activities.

Upcoming events

- **Tuesday 4th June** we have an operatic performance of Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love* in the hall for years 5-8. The show is 45-minutes long and sung in English. Set in a Fish and Chip shop, the opera is about being brave enough to be yourself.
- Next week year 7s have an extra tech session on **Wednesday 5th June**.
- The Year 5-8 disco is **Thursday 6th June** from 5 pm to 6.30 pm, with Y7/8s finishing at 7 pm.
- Our Music Assembly is on **Thursday 6th June at 9.45**. This is an opportunity for our musical ensembles to perform!
- On **Friday 7th June** some of our year 8 students will attend an artist workshop with Lori Davis at Samuel Marsden.
- On the **2nd and 3rd of July** (week 10) we will be heading over to the Roxy Cinema in Miramar to view two of the films on offer for the [Doc Edge](#) film festival to supplement our social science program. *Habana Shakes*, and *I Am The River, The River Is Me*.
- **Monday 17th June & Tuesday 18th June** are the Wellington Boys College open mornings [Enrolment - Wellington College](#)
- **Thursday 20th June** is the Wellington Girls College Open Day [Open Day Tours 2024 – Wellington Girls' College](#)

Literacy- Poetry & Novel Studies

So far this term we have looked at odes, environmental poems, political poems, limericks, black-out poetry, and poems of a spiritual nature. Our Multiple Literacies approach means that students are using drama, music, oral expression, film, and visual representation to access and express themes and ideas in poetry. We have been utilising the great outdoors as much as possible, and we look forward to showing you some of our short films that have been recorded in the gully.



Career Talks

We have been so lucky to have some fascinating and diverse career talks, including John the flight attendant! Please do get in touch if you would be willing to share with the children about your career.

The Death Of Santa Claus

He's had the chest pains for weeks,
but doctors don't make house
calls to the North Pole,

he's let his Blue Cross lapse,
blood tests make him faint,
hospital gown always flap

open, waiting rooms upset
his stomach, and it's only
indigestion anyway, he thinks,

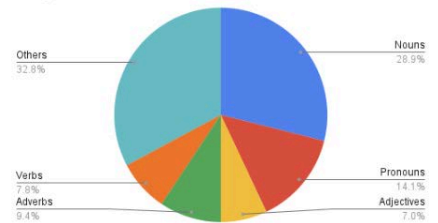
until, feeding the reindeer,
he feels as if a monster fist
has grabbed his heart and won't

stop squeezing. He can't
breathe, and the beautiful white
world he loves goes black,

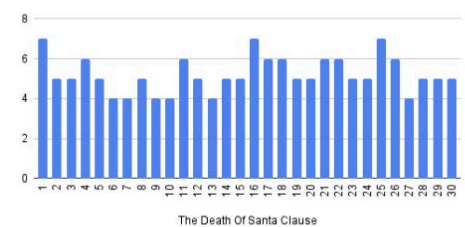
and he drops on his jelly belly
in the snow and Mrs. Claus
tears out of the toy factory

wailing, and the elves wring
their little hands, and Rudolph's
nose blinks like a sad ambulance

Categories Of Words In The Death Of Santa Claus



How Many Words In Each Line Of The Death Of Santa Claus



Physical Education

Our football and netball skills are improving every day thanks to regular drills and games! Our focus is on teamwork and sharing the ball. The way our children support and encourage each other on the sports field is impressive.

Western Zones Cross Country

Congratulations to Fiona, Esther, Ryan, Harry T, Harry R, Arlo, Nina, Ollie, Vanya, and Campbell, for their impressive efforts at Western Zones Cross Country! It is wonderful to have so many students representing our kura at this event!

Home Learning

Please note that our expectations for home learning are designed to support learning in class and not overwhelm students who are busy with after-school activities and enjoying their youth.

- We expect that a Māia student will read independently for at least **30 minutes each day**. The focus here is on encouraging learners to make reading a recreation they can turn to throughout their lives. By encouraging the reading habit, we help the tamariki to develop critical life skills independently.
- Your child will also have a Maths Whizz log-in. **Maths Whizz** is an online program that we expect students to utilise for **30 mins per week**. Maths Whizz is designed to develop a personalised programme for learners based on their past performance, so it is important that users complete tasks as independently as possible; if there are aspects of the material learners find difficult, Maths Whizz will recalibrate accordingly.



As always, if you have any questions about our programme, or would like to discuss anything concerning your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are only too happy to help.

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