

## Nga mihi o te wa kia koutou me to whanau

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members

Thank you to all of the parents and whanau who attended our parent interviews. It was a very positive evening and we as teachers appreciate your ongoing support as we strive to meet your child's needs.

Our students are absolutely amazing and in Term 1 we entered a competition stating why we deserve to win an all expenses paid trip to Hamilton Zoo in Term 4.

Guess what - **WE WON!** This will be an amazing learning opportunity for our students and more details will be sent out later in the term.



Thank you for bringing in the lids - we are using them for a recycle display. You can bring in any milk, orange juice and fizzy drink lids.



Plastic lid house points to date:                      Awa= 145                      Moana=35                      Maunga =70



### Ka Pai

Kiwi Kids Competition - Well done to all the students who competed. A huge congratulations to Anahera Packer, Orepa Kaleopa and Phoenix Te Huia Bird who earned an 'achieved' scoring over 60% in the NZ English exams. We are extremely proud.

### Events

**Next week** our students will begin the heats for their talent quest item then practice for the upcoming competition. On the evening of the talent quest we will also get to hear our school choir as they prepare for their big day. We hope to see you all there.

#### *Singing festival dress rehearsal/Talent Quest:*

When: 13th September

Where: Benneydale School Hall

Time: 5.30 pm

Cost: Gold coin on entry

**Pet Day:** We have confirmed our annual school pet day will be held on Monday the 23rd of October. A notice outlining specific details will be given out in the next newsletter.

### Reminders:

- Breakfast Club is available everyday for all Benneydale School children. (8.30-8.50am).
- Please ensure your child is at school every day, ready and in class by 9am. If your child is going to be absent please phone the school office before 9am and leave a message.
- It is very important that your contact information is up to date, including address, email address and contact numbers. It is not safe for your child if we are not able to contact you in an emergency.
- Shoes and Uniform  
Please help us maintain our uniform standards by sending your child to school in the correct uniform and appropriate footwear.

Nga mihi

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UPCOMING EVENTS	
<b>13 September</b>	School talent quest/ festival dress rehearsal
<b>14 September</b>	Schools Music Festival
<b>29 September</b>	End of Term 3
<b>23 October</b>	Pet day

### CAUGHT BEING AWESOME...

It is great to see families supporting their children to achieve their best in and out of school. What a massive effort Damo and Oreis!

We often get asked how can I help my child with reading. Here are a few ideas....

#### Make reading fun

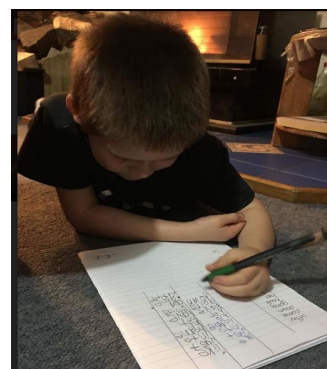
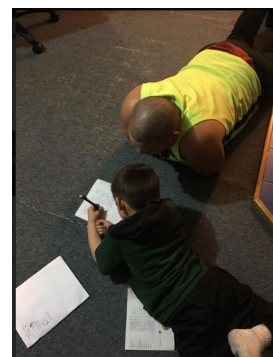
- Reading at home should be fun and easy – something you both look forward to - a time for laughter and talk.
- Share the reading, take turns or see whether your child wants to read or be read to today
- All children like to be read to, so keep reading to them.
- Read emails from family or whānau aloud
- Play card and board games together
- Talk about pictures in books
- Sing waiata and songs, read poems and make up rhymes together – the funnier the better
- Be a role model. Let your child see you enjoying reading and talk about what you are enjoying
- Point out words on signs, shops and labels
- Play word games like "I Spy" and "Simon Says..."
- Make it a special time together
- Reading is a great chance for you and your child to spend special time together.

#### Make reading quiet and relaxing

- a time to sit close to your child
- 10–15 minutes without interruption, away from the TV an enjoyable, interesting and special time
- a time to praise your child for making an effort

If your child is stuck on a word wait a few seconds, give them a chance to think. they are still stuck, help them to try to work the word out by saying "read the sentence again and think what would make sense". Ask "could it be...?" (and give a word that might fit). The pictures also help them check they have got the right word. If they still can't work out the word, tell them and praise their efforts.

**Remember, reading should be fun.**



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