



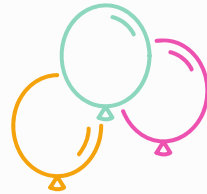
ATAWHAI TEAM NEWSLETTER



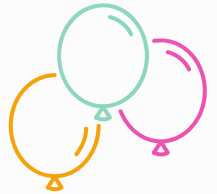
TRIP TO MOTAT

Last Friday the Atawhai team went to MOTAT! We got to explore some awesome exhibits and learnt all about reducing, reusing and recycling.

Our MOTAT teacher taught us all about how people 150 years ago would reuse items instead of wasting them and would use the natural resources around them to create tools and toys. We also learnt about ways to reduce our waste today. The children had so much fun learning how to use some of the old tools and were very grateful that they don't have to carry water like the did in the olden days!



CELEBRATING STUDENT WRITING



Catastrophe at the Circus, by Michael in Room 10

Once upon a time there was a beautiful circus tent. One night there was a circus show and there was somebody juggling sticks on fire. One went too high and put the beautiful tent into nothing but a blaze. One particular elephant, Nellie, had lost all of her friends. All she had left was a tiger and the trunks she had packed. The old scruffy tiger lay on the leathery brown trunks and picked off the material fabric.

Patches of the fabric were falling from the tent. Nellie walked dreadfully across the ragged ground and the burnt wood from the flames.

Suddenly Nellie looked up and saw green grass that hadn't been engulfed in flames! Nellie trumpeted and frolicked happily around. She was sooo happy! She hadn't found her friends though. Would she ever find them? Hopefully. She looked all around and her friends were nowhere to be seen.

Upcoming:

- Friday 12 April Last day of term
- Monday 29 April First day of Term 2
- In Term 2 some of the topics we will be focusing on are: Science Inquiry, Gymnastics, Folk Dancing, Matariki, Measurement, Healthy Eating and Oral Language science experiment presentations.

My Magical Potion, By Rendell in Room 10

Yesterday in Room 10 everyone made a potion. My ingredients were dirt, lots of sand, 5 pieces of grass and mud. Then we added green and yellow food colouring and then vinegar and baking soda. It bubbled and fizzed. If you drink it one time you'll turn into a superhero, If you drink it two times you'll get dizzy.





We are using the Seesaw app more frequently in our classes. Children are encouraged to share their learning with families at home. We have been using Seesaw to record our children reading their poems or stories aloud, using graphs and tables for statistics and even sharing a piece of art or writing. Please remember that you can comment on your children's work and they can talk about what they are doing in class time. The Atawhai teachers will be sharing announcements about classroom activities or news through the Seesaw announcements. This will be a way to collect resources or inform you of what is happening in your child's classroom.

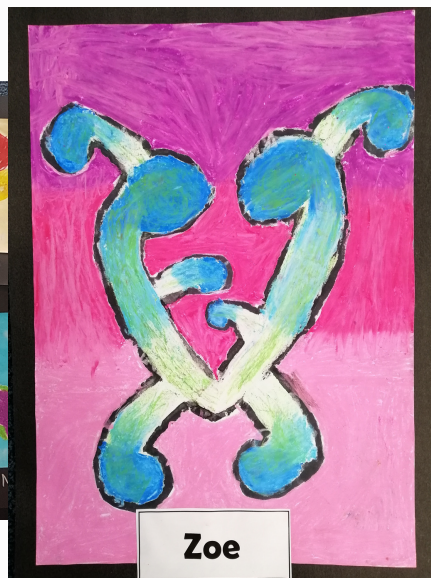
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Atawhai Teachers



PLAY BASED LEARNING



Our Junior school is moving towards incorporating more play based learning into our days. There is a lot of research on how play based learning enhances children's academic and developmental learning. Atawhai team has been involved in a huge variety of creative play including; shop and hospital play, crafts, construction using recycling, blocks, lego, hut building, marble run construction, painting, dressing up and role playing, potion making, science experiments and much more.



Zoe

KORU ART

This term our in-class art focus was creating korus that represented our whānau. Our students talked about how we could use colour and shape to represent our families, then carefully created their artwork using pastels and dye. The students learned how to blend colours and pastels, and how to use hot/cool colours to create a contrast. Check out some of these awesome pieces!

Have a happy and safe holiday break! - Atawhai Team