

# AKORANGA NEWS

WEEK 3, TERM 2, 2019

## COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

We have been impressed with the way the tamariki of Rooms 3, 4 and 5 have adapted to our new collaborative learning space.

We have noticed lots of creative problem solving and thoughtful discussions occurring, reflecting the student's learning.

Some students have been busy exploring water, building boats with propellers, story telling, weaving and experimenting with colours through mixing paint.

The teachers are also enjoying the experience of working with and getting to know all the tamariki of the three classes.



## FOCUS AREAS FOR TERM TWO

- Inquiry: Under the Sea
- Maths: Geometry, Position, Length & Area
- P.E: Gymnastics
- Te Reo: Moana and Kaimoana
- Technology: Kai containers
- Art: Henri Matisse paper cutouts
- Self-driven investigations through Play Based Learning.



## KELLY TARLTON'S THURS 6 JUNE

This week your child would have received a notice informing you of our trip to Kelly Tarltons. This visit is related to our ongoing Inquiry topic 'Under the Sea' and will support the learning students are doing in this area. We will be participating in a classroom session where students will be able to handle marine artifacts as well as have time to explore the aquarium. Thank you if you have offered to help on this trip. Confirmation of parent helpers will be given out by early week 5.

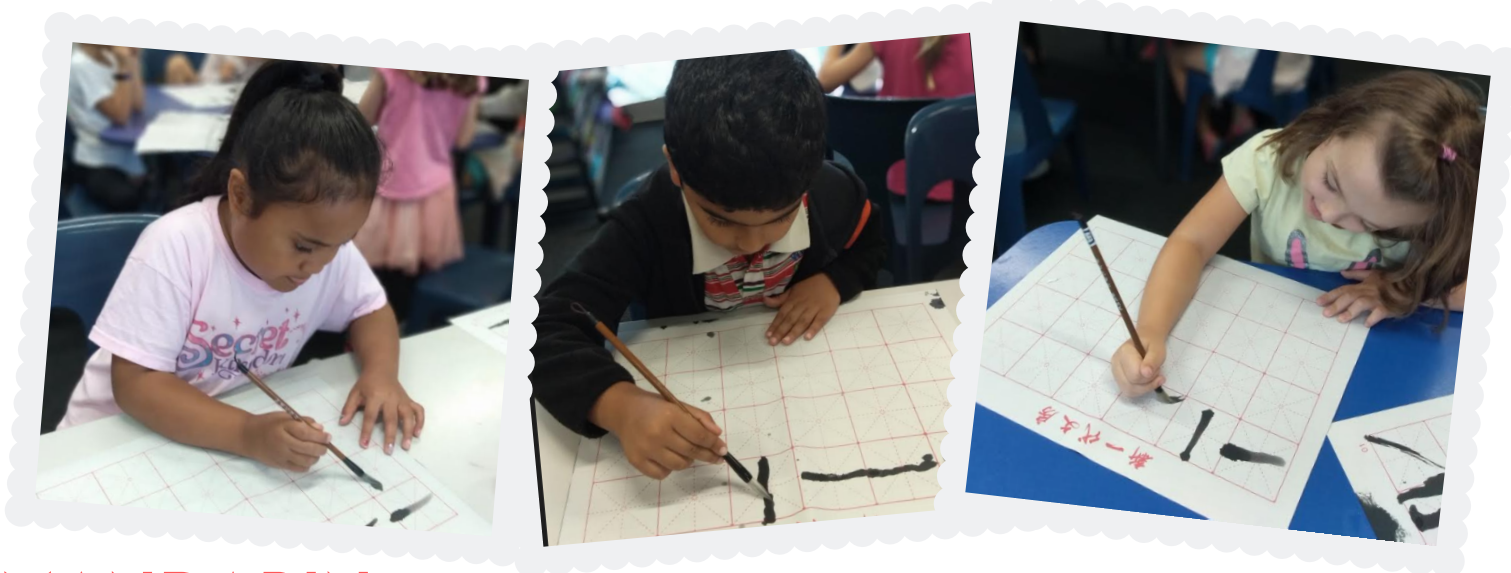
## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 29 May: Teacher Strike

Monday 3 June: Queen's Birthday Weekend

Thursday 6 June: Kelly Tarlton's Trip

Thursday 20th June: PTA Disco



## MANDARIN

All the Year 2 and 3 children have been learning Mandarin every week with Miss Gao. Everyone was thrilled to have a go at calligraphy and to learn the basic strokes used in forming Chinese characters.

Here are some quotes from our survey about what students enjoy:

*"I like the word games in the Mandarin class." - Jasskerat*

*"I like speaking the language." - Hazel & Prachi*

*"The Chinese number rap was fun!" - Dylan*

*"Writing the Chinese numbers is fun." - Casey & George*



## GYMNASTICS

Akoranga team are taking part in gymnastics this term. Our tamariki are learning skills and movement patterns which assist the development of body management and body awareness. They are learning about balance, jumping and landing safely and rolling. It's also lots of fun!



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