

**12-5-2022**

Tena koutou katoa,

We would love to welcome our newest teaching team member Mrs Melanie Cross into the ILE Hub who now resides in room 20. Mrs Cross brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge. Welcome Mrs Cross.

**'Ko te ako te maneatanga'**  
**'Hooked on Learning'**  
**Term 2, Week 2**  
**Celebrating being**  
**HOOKED ON LEARNING**  
**Rooms 19, 20, 21**



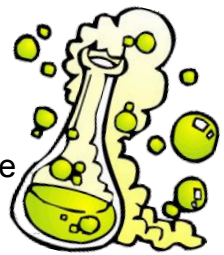
It's all about the collaborative science in room 19 as our learners explored sinking and floating concepts by upcycling materials...whilst applying our science model...

I think...because...

I noticed...

I wonder if...

Kate, Mia and Eden give the experience the BIG thumbs up!



**'A Day in the Life of a 9 year old' Canopy Tours Rotorua By Ginny Y5 Rm 20**

Excitement filled the van driving to the start point. Getting ready, we talk about the health and safety rules and what not to do. We put our helmets on and off we go down the track to the first zipline.

Hoping on the first platform talking about how it would work, I felt tingles going down my spine. Going down the stairs, I felt myself pull my feet off the stairs and go down the zipline. It was short and scary. One of the tour guides was at the end and would slow you down and hook you on another rope at the other platform.

We walked along a bridge that was very scary then we got to the nature area where we fed some birds. My brother fed a bird off his tongue. It was really funny. Then we talked about the extinct birds in New Zealand and how they want to help bring nearly extinct animals back. We started to walk along the track and saw rare blue mushrooms.

On the end of the zipline I had to tuck up into a ball called the bowling ball which is where the tour guide bowls me down the zipline. Going down the zipline there are two trees that are very close to the zipline that I almost hit. Waiting for everyone to come down the line I was talking to my sister about how scary it was.

When we got back to my cousin's house we had lemon and lumberjack cake. Then we headed over to their tramp and played some gymnastics games. We put on cartoon songs and did ugly dances. Ugly dances are when you do dance moves but really badly. That night when we went home I was super duper tired. When we got home I had a shower and had dinner then went straight to bed.



No learning challenge is too big or too small as our Room 20 tamariki hone in on their writing skills... Check out this wonderful snippet of writing from our young budding author...Ginny



**Rm 20 Google Mosaics**

We learnt how to import a picture into Google draw and create a mosaic using polylines. We used custom colours to create our image and then removed the background.



**We will...and can... achieve our learning goals!**



## Life before, during and after the treaty 'Te Tiriti o Waitangi'

Room 21 tamariki create treaty triorama depicting scenes from over 150 years ago...as our Aotearoa Histories Curriculum was officially released at the end of last term.



### The start of an Octopus Information Report

By Astyn Y6 Rm 21

Did you know that the octopus is the most inspirational animal as a mythical creature and as monsters in our history? Unlike the Shark, the Octopi has far-reaching, sticky, and frightening tentacles with hundreds of suckers to grab onto possessions...not stubby, triangle fins. With over 300 species of octopus swimming in every ocean, The invertebrate creature have two hard beaks at the underneath of their head. Across this writing piece I can let you know about their appearance, habitat, and lifestyle.

#### | Appearance |

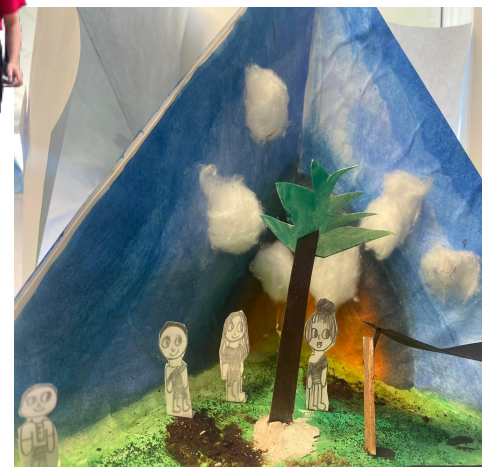
Did you know that they have an appearance kind of like there cousin, a Squid, which also have—extended, sticky, dangerous—tentacles . These are some species. Vulgaris (Common Octopi ), Giant Pacific Octopus, and the Mimic Octopus. They are able to change into different colors to camouflage them self from predators and to sneak up on prey. Octopi have three hearts, two of them are for the animals gills; the third one will keep circulation going for the animals organs. Amazingly, Their beak has a name, which is called a "Rostro me", where they can smash items into micro bits. Fun fact, the oldest known octopus fossil is 296 million years old. Did you know an adult Pacific Octopi has around 280 per tentacle. Their Tentacles are 60-90 cm... to be continued



There's plenty to dance about at the moment...this term in the senior school we have started Dance NZ Made at lunchtimes and Kapa Haka every Wednesday from 11.00-1.00. The ILE hub have been learning some new moves also, thanks to Mrs Griffin and her dancing shoes..



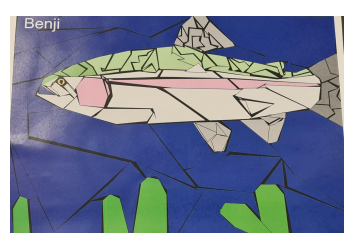
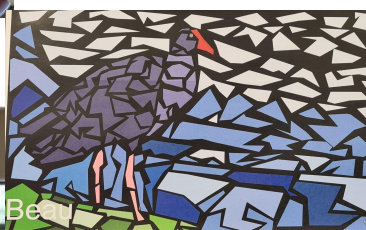
Our dancing shoes are on! It's time to kanikani...







Room 19 all hard at work with their writing. We've been super impressed with our kids and their writing. Tamariki in the senior school use AI or artificial intelligence to see how they're going...here Sloane and Alex ponder on how to improve their writing...as they celebrate the AI feedback. Great job boys!



Rm 20 Google Mosaics & our girls busy digitally inking their paragraphs with a focus on sentence types and precision...

**Are you a parent/guardian with a child that uses the internet or mobile phone?**

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk. **Taupo Primary** invites you to a presentation on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

## INTERNET HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRESENTATION

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New Zealand's leading authority on Safeguarding children online.

John is a published author and signed copies of his book **Keeping Your Children Safe Online** will be available on the day.

Venue: **Taupo Primary School Hall**

Date: **Tuesday 24 May**

Start Time: **6pm**



### Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays this term. The phone number is 378 7473.

If you have a dental emergency outside school hours or on a Wednesday, then please call the Hospital Dental Clinic phone 378 9470.



Diary Dates		
Week 3	18 May	T-Ball tournament Y5/6
Week 4	24 May	Safeguarding Children Online with John Parsons (6pm in the school hall)
Weeks 4-6		Life Education (Health Caravan Visits TPS)
Week 5	30 May-3 June	Swimming starts rooms 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21
Week 6	Monday	School Closed Queen's Birthday
Week 6	7-10 June	Swimming rooms 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 Continues
Week 6	9/10 June	Cycle Skills Room 21
Week 7	13 June	Cycle Skills Room 19/20 (Catch up group)
Week 7	14 June	Rippa Rugby Tasters Y5/6
Week 8	22 June	Interschool Swimming Sports
Week 8	Friday 24 June	School Closed Matariki
Week 9	28 June	Rippa Training (Seniors)
Week 9	29 June	Orienteering Training Day (Seniors)
Week 10	6 July	Orienteering Kiwi Sport Y5/6
Week 10	8 July	Mid Year Reports Come Home Last Day of the Term

### Triennial School Board Elections 2022

The Triennial Board Elections will be held in September this year. We will have 3 parent elect places. If any parents are interested in standing for the Board of Trustees and want to find out more, please contact the school office.

We really need a few more Year 5 / 6 netball players for the season, please contact the office.

There are a large number of children who are still at school after 3pm. Please make sure you are on time to pick up your child.

Could parents please ensure that their child is aware of the arrangements after school at 3pm. Staff continue to work after this time and children are often found wandering. Kelly Club, our after school care is available if you require someone to look after your child. Register for Kelly Club at [kellyclub.co.nz](http://kellyclub.co.nz)



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To be eligible to purchase the School fundraiser, you must have children attending a local school

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