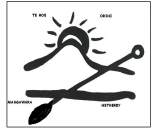


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Storey's Fantastic Story

Last term Rooms 5 & 6 students competed in a National Personal Writing Competition run by NIE (Newspapers in Education) and Regional Newspapers. In our case the Waikato Times region includes schools from within the Waikato and as far away as Whitianga, Whakatane and Manukau. The top 10 stories from each region were then judged at a national level by NIE editor, Caroline Smith.

The personal writing task was given as a homework task which was then edited by the teacher using Gaye Byers marking strategy (Gold for Glory, Pink for Think and Blue to Do). The student then reworked their story again before submitting for further critique.

Yesterday we received very exciting news that **Kayla Storey has won 3rd place** in the Year 5 & 6 competition for her personal writing titled "**You put your hand where?!?**" Kayla receives \$50 in prize money sponsored by the Rotary Club. Fantastic effort Kayla! First place was a student from Te Kowhai School, second place went to Parnell District School.

Read Kayla's award winning story over the page. This will also be published in the next NIE issue.

Congratulations

Well done also to Nina Downey who received 2nd place in the recent Harcourts, Kevin Deane Real Estate Nga-ruawahia Ltd, colouring competition for the 5years and under category.

Congratulations to Jordan Crosby for receiving the award for "Best All Round Player" for his soccer team the Morrinsville 7th grade Wolves.

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“You put your hand where?!?”

By Kayla Storey

“You put your hand where?!?” wailed Mum as we sat at the lunch table. . .

Vroom! Vroom! On a cold frosty morning in a paddock, the grass was as green as silver beet. Riding high and fast on a four wheeler with my Dad, out of the corner of my eye, I saw a cow down and two feet sticking out – two BROWN feet. “Dad! Dad! Look! There’s a cow down!” We raced across the paddock as fast as lightning to see the cow that was lying motionless on the ground.

“Come on, girl,” Dad whispered quietly, as we tried to get the cow to stand up. She was as heavy as dingy full of water. The cow was having difficulty calving so we herded her up the race to the cowshed.

“Fetch me some gloves – the LONG ones,” grumbled Dad. As I watched Dad put his hand inside the cow, I mumbled under my breath, “What does it feel like? Can I try?”

“Go on...get some gloves,” replied Dad happily. Gloved up to my shoulders, I slowly reached inside. It was as hot as my warm, cosy bed. Suddenly, I felt a hard thing . . . it was a foot! “Dad! Dad! I can feel a foot!”

“Well grab it!” he ordered. The slimy leg kept slipping from my grasp, but finally I held it tight and PULLED!

SPLAT!!! The slick, wet calf landed roughly on the ground. “Well done, Kayla!” Dad said excitedly.

Mum looked at me cautiously over the top of her glasses as she reached for the plate of sandwiches, “Well I sure hope you washed your hands.”

P.T.A. News

Up and coming events...

- **Blue Light Disco** - The Police are organising a Blue Light Disco on Friday 6 November between 6.30pm and 8.30pm at the Orini Hall for children in Years 1 - 8 only. Gold coin donation and refreshments will be available.
- **Family Fun Night** - We are organising a Family Fun Night on Friday 13 November at the Orini Reserve. Bring a picnic or buy food there on the night. Don't forget to bring the whole family. Fantastic obstacle course for the children. **Bigger & Better than last year!**
- **Raffle** - Tickets are on sale now! Proceeds will go towards the junior school end of year activity. The raffle is a wheelbarrow full of groceries. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. If anyone is interested in selling some tickets, please contact Amanda Jones on 824 4874 or alternatively Amanda will be at school at the end of each school day for people wishing to purchase tickets.
- **Chocolates** - If families would like to continue to sell unsold chocolates or require additional boxes to sell please phone Nicky Downy on 824 6011. For those who are returning unsold chocolates to school and/or money, please ensure all returned boxes are clearly labelled with your name on the box and the money envelope.
- **Calendars** - Photo calendar order forms were given to all children this week. Art calendar forms are available in the school office with instructions on the back of the forms. All orders need to be in to school by 30 October. For further information, please phone Cherry Van Tiel 824 6167.
- Our next P.T.A. meeting is Wednesday 11 November at 1.30pm. All welcome.



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ASB School Banking

Please remember school banking days are Friday of each week. Deposit envelopes are available from the school office beside the school banking elephant box for students to collect as required.

Hearing & Vision Screening in Schools

The Vision Hearing Technician will be in school on Monday 2 November at 9am to carry out routine checks on some students. If for any reason you **do not** wish to have your child/ren included in this screening, please phone the school prior to her planned visit and speak with Sonya.

Baby News

Congratulations to Tarj and Ramandeep Singh on the recent birth of their baby girl Sanjena Hoondle-Singh. Sanjena was born on 28 September weighing 8½lbs. Her older siblings, Savanna and Sajin are also very excited about the new addition to their family.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

23 Oct - Last day for Scholastic Book Club Orders. All cheques to be made payable to Orini Combined School.

26 Oct - Labour Day (School Closed for instruction)

28 Oct - School office closed from 12pm.

30 Oct - Friday evening cricket commences.

2 Nov - 9am Vision & Hearing Technician in School

6 Nov - Junior Sports Day with Whitikahu School for Year 1,2 & 3 students - activities held at our school.

- Blue Light Disco, Orini Hall, 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

13 Nov - PTA Family Fun Night at the reserve.

17 Nov - Orini athletics day

19 Nov - Saving day for athletics

24 Nov - EWCS athletics at Porritt Stadium (Yr 4 - 8 students only)

25 Nov - Student Council fun day - "Island Survivor".

2 - 4 Dec - Camp at Totara Springs (Year 4 - 8 students only)

10 Dec - 2009 winning House group to the movies.

11 Dec - School reports are sent home.

15 Dec - Prizegiving at Orini Hall.

16 Dec - Rm 1,3,4 visit to Hansen family property.

17 Dec - Water activities afternoon

- Yr 8 leavers dinner

18 Dec - Last day of school for 2009.

5 Feb 2010 - School begins for 2010.

Please mark these dates on your calendar today, however please be aware that some of these dates may change throughout the term for reasons beyond our control. Families are urged to check these dates each week for any additions or changes.

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Agricultural Group Day

Well done to those students who competed in Group Day on Monday at Gordonton School. We have not yet received the official results, however once these become available they will be published in our next newsletter.

Music Lessons

A reminder to families that we have itinerant music teachers working in school teaching both piano/keyboard and guitar to students. For information regarding piano lessons please phone Katrina on 027 405 4979. For guitar lessons phone Lindy on 847 6361.

Headlice

Can all families please carry out regular checks for headlice at home. We have an ongoing problem with headlice at school. If you find evidence of live lice or eggs, please treat your children's hair with an approved headlice treatment before they return to school. All students with long hair are required to have their hair tied up while at school. Thank you.

Delicious! - Sushi Lunch Orders

Orders/Money due in to school Monday 26 October

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- **Orini Athletics** - Wednesday evenings, at the Orini Reserve 6.20pm. All children must have a parent or caregiver with them. Please be prepared to assist. Ph Craig or Tracey for further details on 824 4742.
- **Whitikahu School Gala & Car Boot Sale** - Saturday 31 October 11am to 3pm. Car Boot \$15 a site. Phone the school 824 4859 or Dianne 824 4649 for queries and bookings.
- **Whitikahu Tennis Club** - Senior opening night is on Thursday 22 October at the Whitikahu Tennis Club (next to the Whitikahu Hall). Kick off is at 7.30pm - all welcome. Come along for a hit. Enquiries to Allan 824 4896.
- **Orini Youth Group Term 4 2009** - In association with Orini Chapel. A great place to make good friends and enjoy some cool activities with safety in mind! We meet fortnightly on a Saturday, for Year 8 and up. We will run you home. Finish time is 10—10.30pm. Next event 7 November, Amazing Race. Meet at the chapel 2pm. Bring money for dinner. Contact Terry or Sandi Herbert 824 4846 or 021 159 9654.
- **Ohinewai Tennis Club** - Primary children Mondays from 6.30pm. Business house Thursdays 7pm. Phone Darren 07 828 5859 or Kath 07 828 5871.
- **Ngaruawahia High School 2010 enrolments** - If you have a student intending to enroll at Ngaruawahia High School for the 2010 school year you need to make an appointment with one of our senior managers for an interview to take place. No student will be accepted without an interview. Please phone the office on 824 8729 ext. 3 and speak with Yvonne.
- **Relief Milker** - Need an experienced and reliable relief milker, then call Frank on 824 4866.

Message of Condolence

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Staff and Orini Combined School community, we would like to express our sincere condolences and sympathies to the Barr family on the recent passing of Jim. Our love and thoughts are with you all at this very sad time.