



## LEIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### *Dates to Remember*

August 29	Auckland Art Gallery whole school trip
30	"The Tortoise and the Hare"
Sept 18	Grandparents Day
27	End of Term 3
Oct 14	Term 4 starts
16	Photos – class, individual and family portraits

Tena koutou

We are nearly half way through Term 3 already, the year does seem to be whizzing by.

The year 6 children had a visit from Christina Merrick who is the Assistant Principal at Mahurangi College. She had a chat with the children and gave them all an enrolment pack. There is an open day on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, there will be two sessions 9.30-11.30 and 1.00-3.00. This is for parents only. The children will have an orientation day on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November in Term 4.

On Monday I attended the CoL Leaders Review Meeting at Mahurangi College. This was facilitated by Mary Chamberlain, one of New Zealand's most highly respected educators. She has deep knowledge about what it takes to design an effective education system. The Principals from Mahurangi College, Warkworth, Kaipara Flats, Snells Beach, Horizon, Matakana and Pakiri were all there. We worked on refocusing our Achievement Challenges looking forward to the next year, how we can work together and to increase achievement across all the schools in Maths, Writing and NCEA qualifications as well as children's engagement and wellbeing.

Rachel

### **Upcoming events :**

**Aug 29 : Auckland Art Gallery Trip**

**Aug 30 : The Tortoise And The Hare**

### **Auckland Art Gallery Trip**

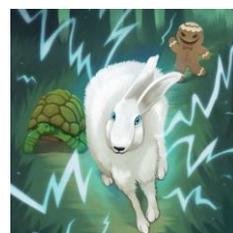
The whole school will be going on a trip to the Auckland Art Gallery to continue to focus on our Inquiry this term "How people record the past in different ways". The Friends of Leigh/PTA are paying for the bus, therefore the only cost to parents will be the entrance fee to the Art Gallery of \$8.00. Our thanks to this dedicated group of fundraisers for offering to pay this. The entry fee can be paid to Fay in the office or online to our bank account at the ASB Warkworth, Account number 12-3095-0121772-02. Please put Art Gallery as a reference. A permission notice has been sent home. Please complete this and return to Fay in the office.

#### **Note :**

1. As we will be arriving back after 3pm, the afternoon bus will not run. Parents will need to pick their children up from Leigh School.
2. Each child will have to take their lunch and drink bottle in a named plastic/fabric bag. No school bags are allowed in the Gallery.

### **"The Tortoise And The Hare"**

This performance by NZ Playhouse, who has visited Leigh School each year, will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August in The House of Learning.



# Taiaha

Last week, as part of our Inquiry, we discussed the weapons Maori used long ago. Tane knew a lot about these weapons and told us about the Taiaha Isaac had made when he was younger. On Friday afternoon Isaac came and told the story of his Taiaha, how he carved it, all the different parts and how it is used. The children were fascinated when Isaac was speaking and we enjoyed watching the fluid way he moved while he was speaking to us.



Thank-you Isaac, Theresa and Tane for sharing your beautiful Taonga and story with us.

## Farewell

We said farewell to Milo yesterday, and his parents Ben Shlaer and Maria Goeritz. They are moving to California and we wish them all the best for the future. It has been a pleasure to have taught Milo since he started school.

Rachel