



# Wainuiomata Primary School

Term 3, Week 2 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers - Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa

Thank you to all families who attended our learning conversations last week. As mentioned in earlier newsletters we changed the format so whanau, child and teacher could decide on celebrations/achievement and next learning steps together. Please contact your child's class teacher to arrange another time if you did not attend. Teachers find the learning conversations very worthwhile and really value them.

Last week I was fortunate to attend the lunch meeting with our Prime Minister and Ginny Anderson with our Board Chair Jemal Dixon and three senior students Melody, Caden and Elise. I was really proud of Melody, Elise and Caden – they were great ambassadors for our school. You can read how they found meeting the Prime Minister later in the newsletter.

**Please remember that school is closed on Friday 14 August for our Teacher Only Day. Staff will be working with facilitators from Massey University on the teaching of mathematics.**

## Our new student Harrison

Harrison started school as new entrant in room 14 at the beginning of this term. Harrison has been diagnosed with autism. He is a very friendly and happy fellow with limited oral language. He may try to communicate or initiate play by touching others to get their attention. One way to communicate with him is by using a High 5.

Harrison is a wonderful problem solver and unfortunately uses this ability to "escape". We are in the process of getting property modifications completed and until this happens all gates except the one by the main office will be locked. We ask that everyone takes care to ensure this gate is properly shut when they enter or leave the school grounds and if anyone sees Harrison out of the school grounds please encourage him back into the school grounds and / or let the office staff know he is out of the school grounds. Thank you so much for your help with this.



## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

**Due to the Lockdown we were unable to have our usual Funky Friday in May to replenish our Civil Defence supplies so this year we are having Wacky Wednesday.**

**Students and staff are asked to dress up in their wackiest clothes and come to school with a can of tinned food.**



**We look forward to seeing all the wacky creations next Wednesday!!**

# C.A.R.E

## Co-operation

We learn together

We help each other

We work as a team



## Active Learner

We are curious

We make connections

We take risks



## Respect

We look after ourselves

We look after each other

We look after our



## Encouraging

We have a positive attitude

We always keep trying

We inspire others



## C.A.R.E. Certificates

Room 1 Sene	Room 9 Diamond and Isabella
Room 2 Ocean	Room 13 Nu
Room 6 Vann	Room 14 Tessa
Room 7 Kelsi and Dale	Room 15 Taylin
Room 8 Ewan	Room 16 Blake

Children who are spotted demonstrating our C.A.R.E. values at playtimes and lunchtimes are given a 'C.A.R.E. coupon'. These coupons are put into our letterbox outside the staffroom and at each assembly six names are drawn out. We then 'Spin the wheel' to find out who will get to choose a prize pack. The other students received a Juicie.

Special congratulations to Kovu who won the special C.A.R.E. prize pack.

## **Lewey– Best Class Award -**

Congratulations to Room 9 who won the best class and get to look after Lewey until our next assembly.



## **The day I met the Prime Minister - Jacinda Ardern**



During Lockdown, I decided to write a letter to the Prime Minister as one of my Learning Grid activities. Then, when we had all gotten out of Covid 19 Lockdown, Mrs Burdon rang on the phone to ask my Mummy if it was okay for me to go to a Lunch on the 30th of July 2020. The Prime Minister, Ginny Andersen and some other important people were going to be at the lunch, and Mrs Burdon thought it would be nice for me to be there. At the lunch there were lots of speeches (Maori and English), and some Maori songs, as well as some food. After the speeches and the songs, I managed to get a photo with Jacinda, and give her and Ginny some little cards that I had made. I will never forget that special moment.

Melody - Room 7

## **School Assemblies**

We hold a whole school C.A.R.E. assembly every fortnight at 11:30am in the hall. Parents are very welcome to come to the assembly. At each assembly selected children are presented with a C.A.R.E. certificate for demonstrating one of our C.A.R.E. values. Our next assembly is Friday 28 August.

A big thank you to Room 7 for their wonderful line dance item – they even got us all up and doing the dance after they had performed it

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with certificates the last Friday.



Hi, I am Elise and I am going to tell you about the lunch with the Prime Minister. We waited for her to walk in with Ginny Andersen and I am pretty sure Ginny drove Jacinda to the lunch or it was Jacinda's driver. What we had for lunch was lasagne with veggies in it. It was so good and there was a brown salad and this was rice with beetroot.

It was the best day in my life. We got a photo with Jacinda Ardern and if you go over the hill you will see a lego head of Jacinda Ardern.

I thank Mrs Burdon and the teachers for letting us go - thank you so, so much.

Elise – Room 7

Hi, my name is Caden and along with Elise and Melody on Thursday 30 July 2020, it was so staggering because we met the Prime Minister. I was ecstatic, I couldn't believe that I was chosen to meet Jacinda herself, the leader of New Zealand!

Meeting her was an honour, talking to her was exceptional and taking a photo with her was astonishing. It was a lot to take in when I walked into the Wainuiomata Community Hall with hundreds of other people. Lunch was delicious. Overall it was an awesome experience.

Caden – Room 6



### Happy Birthday

Best wishes to these students whose birthday is this week: Caden, Jackson, Tyler and Logan

### Important Dates

- Week 3 – School Photos
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Wacky Wednesday
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Teacher Only Day School Closed!
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Tu Meke Time
- Week 6 – Floorball Seniors

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

*Allison Burdon*

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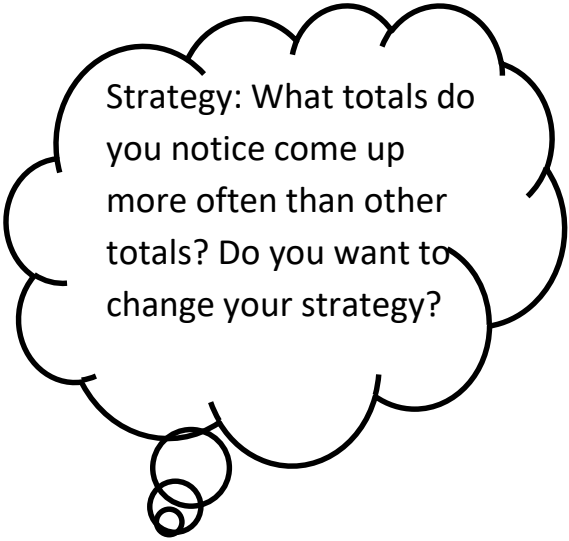
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Throw two dice and add them up.

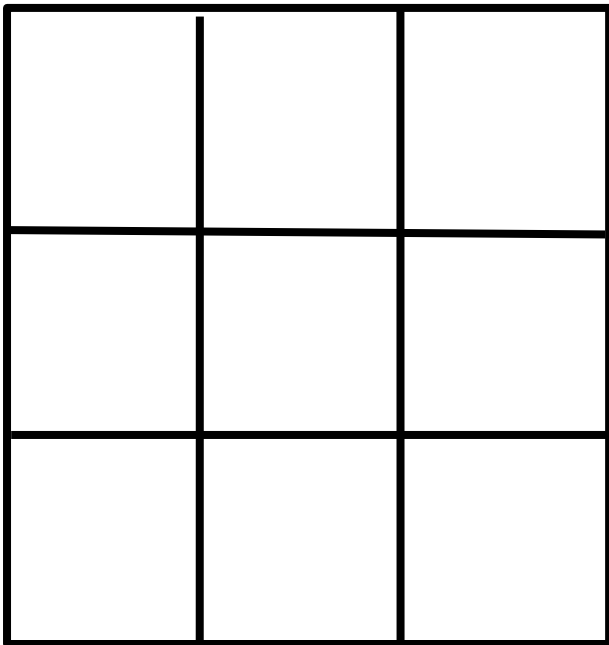
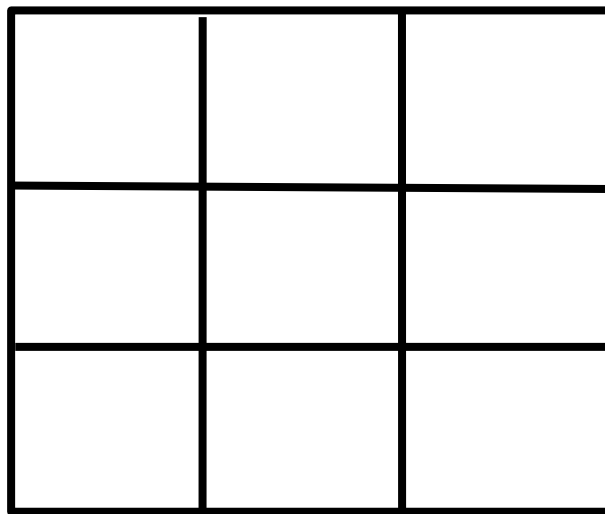
If that total is on your game board you can cross one of those answers out.

Keep throwing the dice and adding them up.

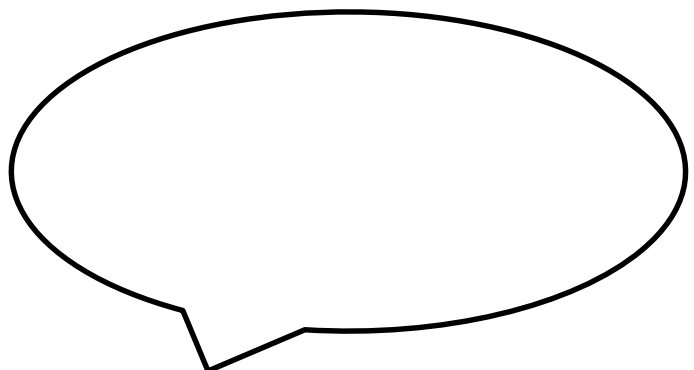
The person who crosses all their game board out first wins.



Strategy: What totals do you notice come up more often than other totals? Do you want to change your strategy?



I notice that these totals are **more likely** to come up:



This is a fun game to build up dice pattern knowledge and basic facts, once +/- is easy you could change it to multiplication, or use 3 dice or make up your own ideas on how to change it.