



Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Kia ora, last week we celebrated Māori language week. It was an exciting week in which our students engaged with Te Reo Māori. Our very own Whaea Kristelle made us some daily videos which, included students on this journey. I would recommend that you take a look at these videos. I think Whaea Kristelle could have a future in TV work! See the link and the photos on the following page.

As Te Tiriti o Waitangi partners in Aotearoa New Zealand, we have been learning about what this means and as a school, are committed to the journey towards honouring this partnership. We invite you all to journey with us as we grow in our understanding of and insight into what this means for us as a community and a nation.

Spring signals the end of winter and a new season of hope. It is the beginning of new growth that becomes evident as new buds and leaves emerge, many animals are born and hatch and we can feel a 'spring' in our step. It is delightful to see and feel the glory of creation manifest itself, the miracles of life and God's regeneration. Level 3 also signals a new season and with that some hope. I pray for God's care, guidance, protection and blessing on you all as we head into this new degree of freedom.

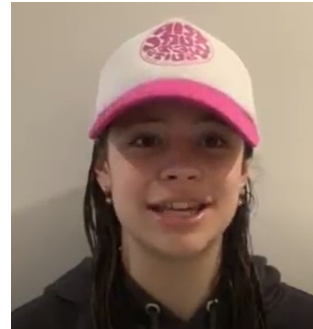
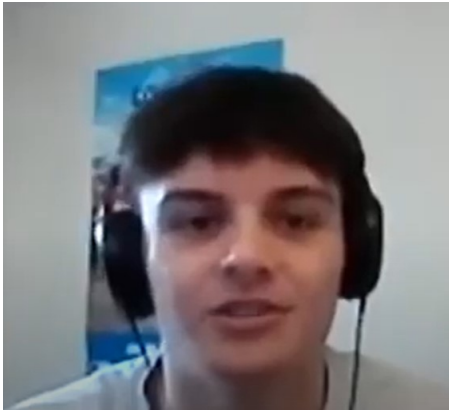
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Mark Mack

IMPORTANT DATES

- 18th—22nd October **Y11-13 practice exams**
- 3rd November 9.00am – 10.00 am **Y11 MCAT** (provided we are at level 1 or 2)
- 11th November **Y11-13 Prizegiving, Elim Christian Centre Botany**
- 12th November **Y11-13 Students Last day of School.**
- 22nd November—14th December **NCEA EXAMINATIONS (Avondale College)**
- Term 4—**Book week**

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week)



These photos are snipped from the video link below. Our students under Whaea Kristelle's guidance did a great job sharing their mihi.

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He Rawe ki te Kōrero! It's Cool to Kōrero Māori!

Online classes and assemblies for Elim Christian College were awash with Te Reo Māori last week! Being online also gave us the opportunity to share our efforts to engage with Te Reo Māori across our campuses. I think I had the most fun, having lots of laughs with students from MAC, Botany, Golflands Middle Years and Golflands Junior Years as we met together in zoom calls to create some Te Reo Māori teaching videos that the school could enjoy.

Highlights for me:

- A growing confidence in our Māori students as they had more appreciation that they have been fearfully and wonderfully made by God, including being of Māori descent.
- Learning about the different tribal affiliations our Māori students have.
- Major improvements in pronunciation across our schools with more confidence to speak Te Reo Māori words.
- One whānau didn't know which Māori tribe they were affiliated with when we had our online call, but by the next day they had found it out and also discovered that their ancestor was a Māori chief who had been a big part of sharing the gospel throughout Aotearoa New Zealand!

Our Māori language is endangered and needs to be protected and preserved. Aotearoa New Zealand is the only country that speaks this language. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori to tautoko (support) this kaupapa (purpose - the conservation of our heritage, Te Reo Māori, our Māori language).

Kia kaha Te Reo Māori!

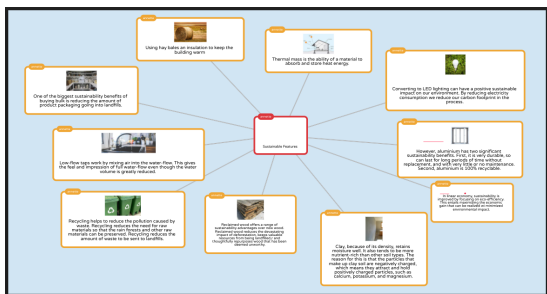
May the Māori language be strengthened!



YEAR 9 AND 10 STEAM

The Y9/10 STEAM class are currently designing sustainable buildings for the Mt Albert Campus.

In preparation, they had an online 'trip' to an eco-home in Matakana. The house was built with hay bales, reclaimed wood, mud earth floor and numerous other sustainable features. It was so interesting!



The students created Popplets of sustainable features that they had learned about.

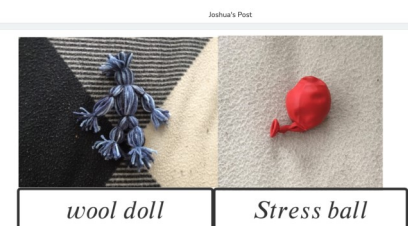


They have also been learning to use SketchUp as a modelling tool for their designs.

Watch this space for their sustainable MAC building designs!

ROOM 9—ONLINE LEARNING

We celebrate and share our learning online. We enjoyed experimenting with science at home, creating various things. Also we enjoyed listening to Mrs Britten's Hauora messages about how we can keep our body, mind and spirit healthy and strong.



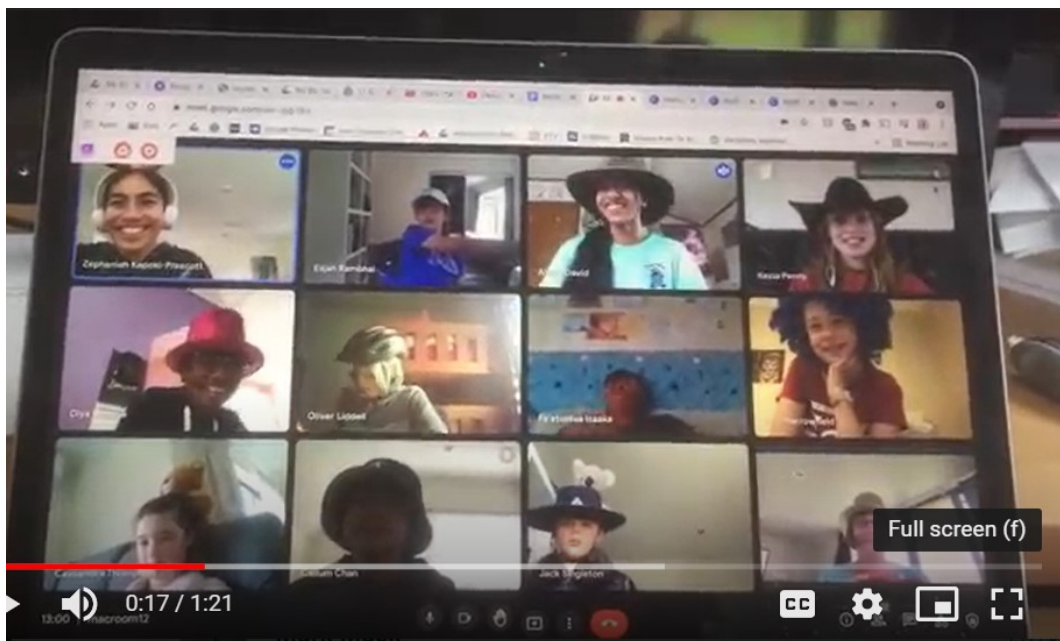
Giving

I can be a blessing by using encouraging words when I skate with my brothers

I can give hugs and be kind to my brothers too.



FUN TIMES IN Y7&8



Mrs Scott made a video of her class passing a pencil around her class—fun to watch. Click the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1grHuApAVB68Zs3rOXO4emd6oAHiPCfBf/view>

Y9 ENGLISH WITH MS RICHTER

The year 9 English classes studied Shakespeare's play, "Romeo and Juliet". As a fun and creative way to interpret the Bard's words, students were required to act out their choice of monologue from the text. What made this task challenging is that students had to film themselves at home and post their videos, but they embraced this opportunity with gusto. Well done Year 9s! There were several notable performances, amongst them, the lovely performance by Jordane Mechizedek as Mercutio.



Here is Jordane's video:

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NCEA LEARNING CREDITS

NZQA announced the following this week:

To recognise the extended disruption for senior secondary school students in Auckland, the Minister of Education has today announced a full reintroduction of the measures which applied for students in Auckland last year, when a similar total amount of time was spent in lockdown. In summary, these are:

- Auckland students will be entitled to 1 Learning Recognition Credit (LRC) for every 4 credits they achieve through assessment in the 2021 school year, rather than 1 LRC for every 5.
- Auckland students will be eligible for up to 16 LRCs at NCEA Level 1, and 12 LRCs at levels 2 and 3.
- The threshold for Auckland students to be awarded a Certificate Endorsement will be 44 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50.

The changes to Course Endorsements and University Entrance announced on 2 September will continue to apply. This means:

- Auckland students will require 12 credits at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level to receive Course Endorsements, rather than 14.
- To be awarded University Entrance, students in Auckland will need to achieve 12 – instead of 14 – credits in each of 3 University Entrance Approved Subjects, as well as attaining NCEA Level 3 and meeting the usual literacy and numeracy requirements.