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Dear Parents / Caregivers / Friends of the School

School Policies and Procedures go to:
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Ko tatau
This is us.

With recent international and national events, it continues to be vital that we maintain our hygiene protocols to avoid any possibility of a Covid outbreak. Keep washing and drying those hands!!

Its great to see the playgroup meeting back here at school last Friday. They are back to stay and will meet every Friday morning from 9 - 11.30am.

Room 1 and Ms Carroll are off on camp next week. Everyone is very excited and looking forward to a change of scene and some physical challenges! Have fun and take care Room 1.

Assembly - we will have an assembly this Friday (19/06) starting at 2.15pm, in the Library.

Yesterday, we had a wild base virtual tour. We got to see the Kiwis out overnight on the night vision cameras. The injury that comes in the most is the Kakapo with broken chest bones from hitting windows or getting hit by cars. We even got to see a lizard eating a mealworm. They had all sorts like kiwis and the blue duck. All the birds that they get come from the vets. The oldest bird that they have had was 34 human years old. The breeding works that they have a breeding pair of birds that have the young and when the breeding pair kick the young out to go find a new home they release them into the wild. But before they get released into the wild they have to go through training to find out how to find food.

By Dan

Virtual Wildbase tour It all started when we sat in our chairs then on the screen popped up with a lady called Brittany from Wildbase Recovery Centre. We had a virtual tour because of Covid 19. She talked about the birds and Tuatara that lived in Wildbase and we found out so much information about our lovely native birds, and how we should treat them. We asked lots of questions and she answered basically all of them. My favourite fact I found out was that Tuatara can live up to one hundred years. She told us about a little blue penguin that got bitten in the leg by a dog and is now in Wildbase having the time of his life. I have learned so much information about our native creatures.

By Zoe



We have been working on a different approach to the teaching of reading. We are not discarding our years of experience and knowledge, rather we are adding another “tool to our toolbox”.

Following are the 6 important points:

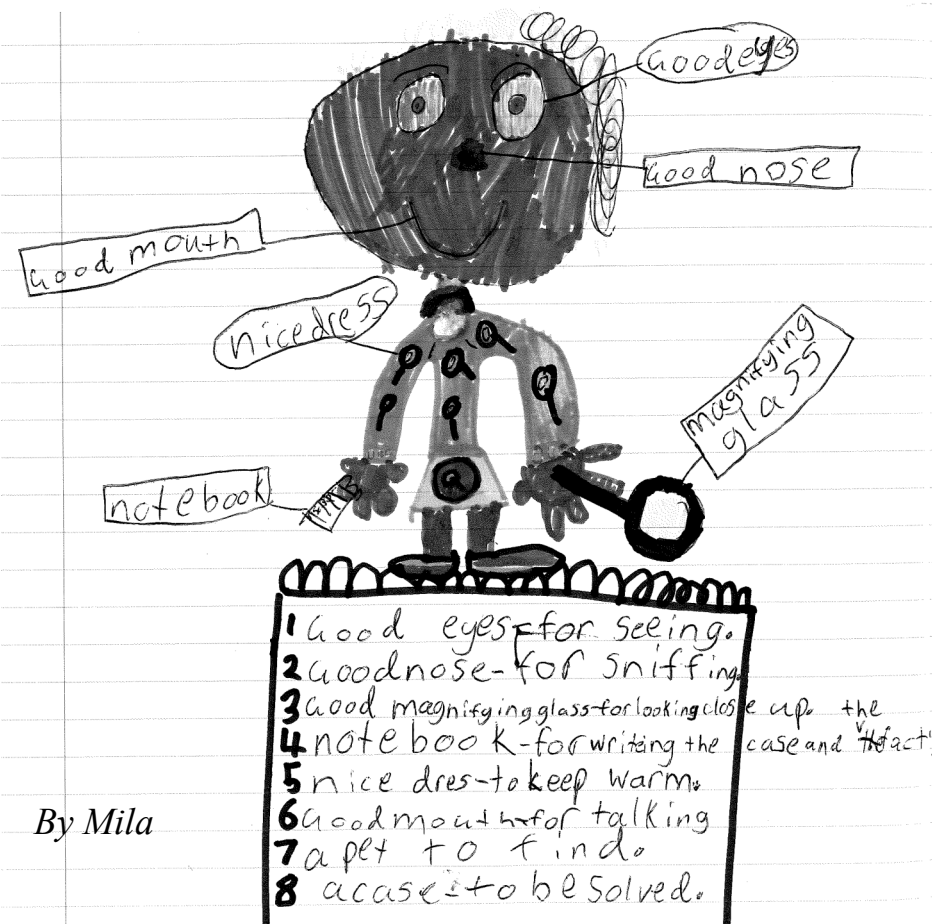
- 1) Reading isn't natural - it is a learned process, direct teaching of skills is vital.
- 2) Everyone learns to read the same way - all skilled readers have phonics skills and age appropriate language understanding.
- 3) There is a known path/circuit in the brain of skilled readers. This path relies on connecting speech sounds to print and to the meanings of words.
- 4) Some students acquire these pathways more easily - others need lots and lots of repetition.
- 5) All students benefit from explicit and systematic instruction in these skills.
- 6) Prevention is easier and cheaper than intervention.

We have already seen improvements in the development of the necessary skills across the school.

Pet Detective – Tortoise Trouble

In your Reading Book, draw yourself as a Detective. What kind of Detective would you like to be? What would you need? Make a list like in the book on Pg 22 – 23 and add reasons.

Remember to date your work first and put the name of the Book.



By Mila

Term Events

- Friday 19 June - School Assembly
- Monday 22 June - Friday 26 June - Room 1 Camp
- Friday 26 June - Te Kawau Junior Gymnastics - Sanson School
- Friday 3 July - GO School Cross Country

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- ◆ Te Kawau Junior Gymnastics will go ahead at Sanson on Friday 26 June
- ◆ Glen Oroua School Cross Country will go ahead at Will's farm on Friday 3 July (last day of term)
- ◆ Please return **all** swimming pool keys