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Thack's Thought: *Middle age is when work is a lot less fun and fun is a lot more work.*

Trivia: A bird chews with its stomach. Since most birds do not have teeth, a bird routinely swallows small pebbles and gravel. These grits become vigorously agitated in the bird's stomach and serve to grind food as it passes through the animal's digestive system.

This Week's School Value

RESPECT – Honouring and complying with rules that are set for the good of everyone. Tolerate diversity.

WHAKANUIA – Whakanuia i ngā ture kua whakaritea mo te painga o te katoa. Rata atu ki ngā kanorau.

Whakatauki (Proverb)

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.

If we have respect for the land and for people, we will progress and prosper.

Recommended Children's Book

Slide The Corner by Fleur Beale

Recommended Adult's Book

Killer In The Kremlin by John Sweeney

A Song You Should Listen To

No Chicken On The Bone by Delbert McClinton

Parent Tip – All children like to be read to, so do it as often as time allows. When listening to your child read, take turns with them. They love that, and it helps increase fluency.

Tamariki Tip – Always try to take your learning seriously. The harder you work, the more you know. The more you know, the stronger you get. The stronger you get, the more hungry you get to gain knowledge.

Mini-Study Challenge –

A FAMOUS EXPLORER

Champion Class – *The Red Parrot*

Mr T's Chance Card Draw –

Egypt Poutapu from He Wahine Kaha

Merit Awards 19/05/2023



The Bees Knees - Brianna

Nicholson - for having great dance moves in jump jam and showing beautiful manners.

The Orange Orange - Ajay Payne - for settling into our class with ease. You are always super helpful, so kind to your peers and you have beautiful manners. I love it!

The Magic Morepork - Rome Rintoul - for always giving your best. You are always kind, helpful and willing to give anything a try.

The Custard Square - Kaydon Fox - for outstanding work in maths, always trying his best. Miss Healey is so proud of you.

The Dizzy Dragon - Rereamanu Nepia-Green - for always having a can-do attitude towards your mahi and putting in your best effort. You have been working so hard which shows through your achievements and success. Keep it up.

The Tinfoil Tiger - Mika Kalonihea-Talitua - for your awesome attitude towards school, we are grateful for all the light and laughter you bring to our classroom.

The Red Parrot - Tasman Ngairo-Rika - for an impressive increase in your weekly basic facts, and your improved focus in class, completing tasks on time. Ka pai!

The Happy Frog - Aaliyah Marino-Ounsworth - for demonstrating self-discipline and always striving to do your best in all areas of school life. Keep up the great mahi!

Te Hikoi Roa - Tokotaua Herangi - for the effort you put in to your mahi at kura. You are **NAILING** your learning goals and smashing it at fitness, inter-house competition and touch practices. I am so proud of you! Kāore i tua atu i a koe!

The Wise Weka - Zoey Morgan - for your positive attitude and great work ethic. You always give 100% to everything you do. You are a star in our class!

The Wonky Donkey - Mauriora Cambell - for your resilience and positive attitude towards learning this week. You are able to refocus yourself independently and are trying to ensure that your actions positively affect those around you.

The Golden Goose - Jeziah Callaghan Clark - for the awahi and support you show to

others. You embody so many of our Waipa values: care, courtesy and consideration amongst many others. A role model to all.

The Silver Crown - Tegan Tolchard - for her fabulous reading on Wadio Waipa. You are a fluent and expressive reader who is able to keep her audience engaged! Ka mau te wehi!

He Wahine Kaha - Inia Wilson - for displaying a positive attitude towards your learning. You continue to persevere and take on challenges to achieve your goals. Kei runga noa atu koe!

The Changing Room - Walter Tongotea - for impressive efforts with his Basic Facts, Computation and maths mahi in general. Tino pai Walter.

Mrs Arnott - Aurora Piko - for demonstrating a mature attitude towards learning and leadership. You are an asset to our school Aurora.

Miss Hooker - Autumn Maunsell - for your excellent effort in fitness this week and for the care, support and kindness you display towards others.

Mr T's - Mitai Ngataki - Matthews - for consistently demonstrating the qualities we admire in a Waipa Senior. Mature, thoughtful, caring, strives to achieve, always involved and an outstanding leader and role model. I give thanks.

Councillor Comment

Kia ora boys, girls and citizens of Ngāruawāhia.

Wow, we are already halfway through the term!

It has been another busy week at Waipa school. The Y4 to Y8's had touch and netball at Paterson Park on Tuesday and this afternoon they had a visit from Gen Behrent - an Olympic rower! Gen talked to us about her sporting career and all of the hard work she had to put in, to be so successful. We learnt a lot.

The Year 7 and 8 maths extension groups are going well.

HWK and TCR will be at manual tomorrow and I know they will represent Waipa with pride.

Well, that's all from me.

Ka kite anō.

Ashley Bridgeman.

Special Visitor

We had a very special treat this afternoon.

New Zealand Olympic Ambassador Genevieve Behrent visited us.

Gen won medals at Rio Olympics and five different World Championships in the sport of rowing. She won silver in the pairs at Rio and has achieved three silvers and a bronze at World Championships.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT GEN:

Favourite Food: Chocolate

Favourite Movie: Notting Hill

Favourite Music: Adele or Ed Sheeran

Childhood Hero: Adine Wilson

Current Favourite Athlete: Roger Federer

Most Rewarding Moment In Sport:

Crossing the finish line in Rio knowing how much had gone in to that medal.

Talents Other Than Sport: Cooking and design

Worst Injury: Being hit by a car on my bike and fracturing my ribs.

Job Outside Sport: BNZ Relationship Services Manager

Our tamariki were absorbed with her talk of experiences, achievements and the hard work involved.

We hope they got inspiration from a great Olympian.

Firewise

Tui team host personnel from the Fire Safety Team tomorrow.

They will deliver great messages using the excellent Firewise Programme.

We have all heard stories of children doing the right thing in emergencies, remembering things they have been taught during these life threatening events.

So we give thanks to the 'Firewise' team.

Hula Hoop

Year 4 girl, Leeah Fox, has become the newest Life Member of our Hula Hoop Club by going for over a minute.

Nice work Leeah.

Photos



We will be looking our sharpest next
Thursday 1st June.

It's school photo day. Like most things now,
it's all done online.

See the enclosed flyer for all the relevant
details.

Touch and Netball

We got lucky with the weather on Tuesday
so the Inter-school tournament could go
ahead.

Our tamariki really enjoyed the day, with
many of them giving their best, on and off
the field and court.

There were a few tired, sore, bodies at
school yesterday, so our fitness sessions
were a little less strenuous.

Our kura also distinguished themselves by
winning the 'Fairplay Award'.

That sure is 'The Waipa Way'. I'm proud.

An Interesting Read – Making a Masterpiece

In 1644, a child was born. He lived to be 93
at a time in history when the average life
span was only about 35 years. He taught
himself his trade and began working his life.
He often worked alone with simple tools,
but his aim every day was to put the best
he had into his work. This man made violins.
He laboured over each and every process
and step to ensure that he had autographed
them with excellence and the best that was
him. He created his own personal standard
of excellence for his craft, and he actually
signed his name on each instrument that
passed the test.

Today, three hundred years later, the name
of this craftsman who was so committed to

excellence is the benchmark for the best in
musical instruments.

His name? Antonio Stradivari.

His Stradivarius violins sell for hundreds of
thousands, even millions, of dollars because
they are the best that have ever been
made.

When Stradivari laboured, he did not know
the legacy he was creating or the treasures
he was creating. He was doing his best, day
in and day out, to reach his dream of making
the best violin he was capable of.

He didn't spend the extra time and care to
get praise from others or to please them.
He did it because excellence was part of
him, and he put his heart and soul into his
work.

It is easy to be motivated to do your best
work when someone is watching or when you
need a good mark. But the real test of your
excellence is what you do when no one is
looking. Stradivari worked every day to do
his best. He never did a poor job. He never
thought to himself that he could cut
corners or do less than his finest work.
Every violin he made was a masterpiece and
his name will live for as long as people play
his wonderful instruments.

We are not all an Antonio Stradivari, but
your life is your violin. What do you expect
from yourself? What do you want for
yourself? What do you want your legacy to
be? What are you doing to make your life as
fine and beautiful and precious as a
Stradivarius violin?

Stay happy!
Steve

Numbers of Interest

42 Hula Hoop Life Members	86 Seniors at our kura.	101 Year 5's and 6's at our kura.
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