

## Community Notices

- **New Pre-School Dance Classes** at Dance Dimensions for 2-3 year olds. Tuesday & Thursday sessions, 9.30 to 10am. Bookings essential. Contact Sonya Lewis 422 3452.
- **Scouting** is growing in Warkworth. New Kea leaders needed. Phone Jackie 425 7942 or Barrie 425 4635.
- **Mahurangi Junior Rugby Club** Funday/Registration Day **6th March 2011**, 11.00am- 3.00pm. Bigger Than Last Year!! Come on & join us for another season. Sausage sizzle, clown, obstacle course, tug-of-war, raffles... the list goes on! Contact Danielle 0210579901 [dadyjack@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dadyjack@xtra.co.nz)
- **Attention Farmers:** Earn \$\$\$ for your school with PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities. When you purchase qualifying autumn land production products, nominate our school to receive a donation fro PGG Wrightson.
- **Farm Day** Sunday 12 March 10am-3pm. A free, interactive but family focused event where everyone can experience the sights & smells of a working farm. Visit [www.farmday.org.nz](http://www.farmday.org.nz) for more information.
- HOWICK HISTORICAL VILLAGE *proudly supports* **NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY**, Sunday, March 6, 5 - 8pm. A special evening with fun for all the family! Bring a picnic tea! Adults \$14; Senior Citizens \$11; Children free!\* Cnr Lady Marie Dr & Bells Rd, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga, 09 576 9506; [education@fencible.org.nz](mailto:education@fencible.org.nz), [www.fencible.org.nz](http://www.fencible.org.nz) (\* max. 3 children per paying adult)

### The Big Black Dog

Gabby is as black as night; you will trip over her  
when there's no light.

She is a four-legged vacuum cleaner; when you  
drop food on the floor, she'll eat it.

She comes to you when you call her name.

She takes for ages to get to you.

She tries to catch flies and eat them.

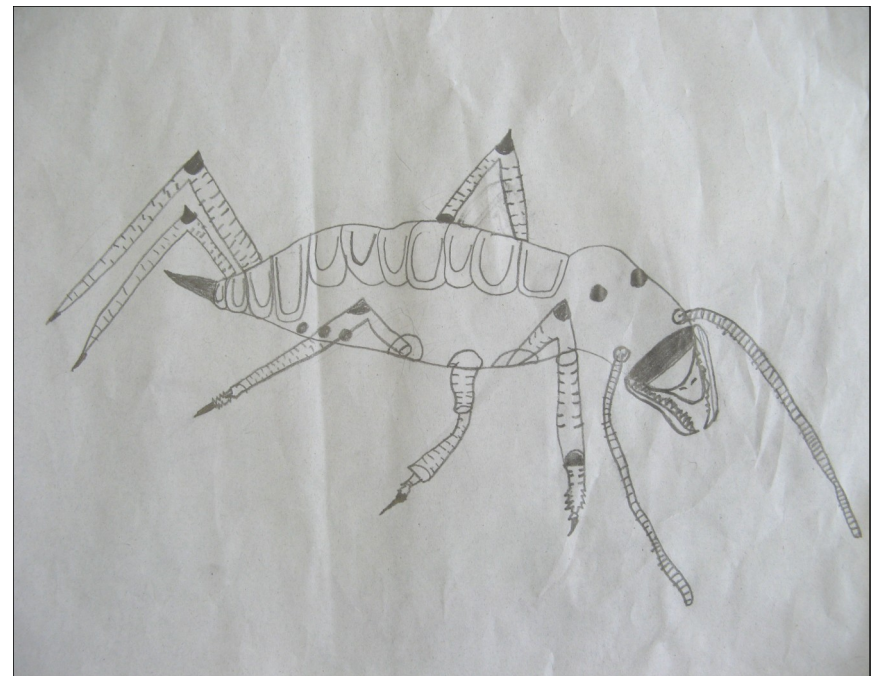
By Kristopher Stroud - Year 5



*To nurture in  
children a lifelong  
love of learning.*

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 15 February 2011



### Cover Art

Observational drawing of a weta by  
Tekaretaake Nawaia - Year 4

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

The teachers and I look forward to meeting you at the open evening and picnic this Thursday, beginning at 5.00pm and finishing at 7.00pm. In the event that the weather changes suddenly and it is wet, the picnic will be **cancelled**, but the open evening where teachers meet with you in their classrooms will continue as planned. Should it be wet, the address by the Principal will take place in the Senior Area Hall.

## Home-School Partnership

The education of your child is a partnership between the school and the home. At school, students are learning new material with their teachers. Home learning is an opportunity for parents to provide learning experiences beyond the classroom and to complement the learning that takes place at school.

This week your child will bring home a learning log. You will notice that it focuses on two components - supplementary reading and numeracy knowledge learning. The numeracy knowledge learning is tailored to meet the specific needs of your child and is provided to give you a guide to the basic knowledge required at their numeracy stage.

Shortly, some maths games that the family can play together will be included in the Home Learning Log. These games are designed to reinforce numeracy knowledge. At school, teachers are teaching strategies for solving mathematical problems which are linked to your child's numeracy stage.

## School Lunches

We would like to be able to offer bought lunches on a Friday, but we currently have no one to operate this service. If you are interested in taking up this commitment, please register your interest with Mrs Fleming in the Main Office.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in the Board Room on Wednesday 23 February at 7.00pm.

## Kindness

You are practicing kindness when you give tender attention to someone who is sad or needs help.

Last week, the teachers and I saw many examples of students showing kindness to others. Congratulations.

## TravelWise Week

Our school is taking part in the TravelWise week from 21-25 March. We are encouraging all students to support us by choosing safe, healthy and active ways to travel to school. So give it a go and walk, cycle, scooter, park and walk or bus to school and help us win some great prizes for the school. For more information see [www.travelwise.org.nz](http://www.travelwise.org.nz).

**School Banking** with the National Bank will begin next Wednesday, 23 February.

## Gold Awards

At school assembly last Friday 'Gold Awards' were introduced. These are highly prestigious awards, dedicated to those students who show outstanding achievement and/or exceptional disposition towards others.

Last week the recipients of these awards were:

- Logan Scarth (being an excellent group leader & showing responsibility & initiative)
- Dan White (his fantastic start to the year & always sharing his great ideas)
- Hannah Rodger (her enthusiastic approach to school)
- Victor Dodiarto (a fantastic start to Year 4)
- Lineni Vaotangi (outstanding work habits & excellent time management)
- Justine Quintal (a fantastic start to the year)
- Dylan Wech (a positive attitude, quietly helping others & showing kindness)
- Brooke Hanley (an outstanding start to the year, with a great positive attitude)
- Rose Dugdale-Martin (excellent contribution to classroom discussion)
- Nicole White (a positive start to her new school, - enthusiastic & well-mannered)
- Rueben Smith (excellent progress in mathematics & reading)
- Jasper Ashford (for learning lots of new words)
- Maddison Richards (excellent work habits & a fantastic start to the new year)
- Luke Hawes (for showing kindness & a caring attitude towards others)
- Elise Tomkins (for displaying fantastic manners)
- Rosa Donaldson (for showing quiet determination to participate in all aspects of school life despite having a broken foot)
- Portia Houston (for displaying kindness in class)
- Nicolas Sturm (for lovely manners & settling well into the school routines)
- Rosie Horner (for an amazing start to the year with her reading and writing)
- Dylan Michel (settling quickly & quietly into Year 3)
- Heath Rigby (showing kindness by looking after his classmates)

Kia ora

Cynthia Holden  
Principal

## Coming Events

Tuesday 15 February	Year 3 trip to Kowhai Park
Thursday 17 February	Open Evening and Picnic
Wednesday 23 February	School Banking recommences
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Friday 4 March	Bible in Schools begins