

**Kia ora, whanau.**

While this has not been a week where every little thing has gone to plan - the Phoenix sports day weather curse continues - there has nevertheless been a highlight or two. A bunch of our senior classes (rooms 1, 4, 8 & 11) had the sheer privilege of listening to Des Hunt; author and raconteur. Des' visit was arranged by room 8's Whaea Awhi; he was definitely a great way to start the week.



Relaxed and right on form - author Des Hunt engaging our kids.

His bio explains that... "Des Hunt lives at Matarangi on the Coromandel Peninsula. For more than 40 years he was a secondary teacher specialising first in physics, and then later in electronics and computing. Interspersed with this teaching were secondments to develop science curricula in the Pacific, Scotland and New Zealand. Several textbooks were written to support these curricula and his ideas for science education. He retired from the classroom in 2007 to concentrate on writing fiction for children. He continues his aims of fostering young peoples' natural interest in the science of their surroundings by visiting schools and libraries, where he runs workshops and presentations."

What this bio doesn't tell you, is that Des is a calm and humble individual; who can sit in front of a hundred or more kids and hold their completely undivided attention; while he talks about the art of writing - casually using a series of science demonstrations to reinforce his analogies and stories. This gentleman is more than eighty years old, didn't use technology (no websites, no YouTube, no powerpoint, not even a laptop); he just told his stories: and he had the kids eating out of the palm of his hand. **Thank you Des Hunt - it was an honour to host you in our school.**

**Phoenix cross-country: plan B ...**

(Weather permitting!) Following this week's cancellation, the cross-country will now be held at Salford School next Thursday 23 May. We're moving to the Salford venue so Bluff School doesn't have to go through the regulatory hoops again.

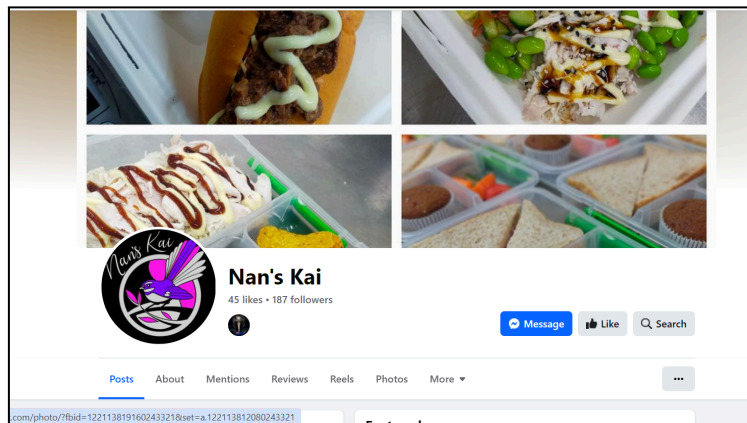
**The calendar...**

<b>May 23</b>	Phoenix cross-country @ Salford School
<b>27</b>	Board of Trustees: 7.30pm
<b>28 - 30</b>	John Parsons - keeping kids safe online
<b>June 01 - 03</b>	King's Birthday weekend
<b>07</b>	Assembly: Kia maia - 10.10am
<b>14</b>	Southland X-country championships
<b>28 - 30</b>	Matariki weekend
<b>July 05</b>	Assembly: Kia manawanui - 10.10am
	Mid-year reports out
	Term 2 ends: 3.00pm
<b>22</b>	Term 3 starts: 8.50am
<b>29</b>	Mid-year progress interviews week

**Free food daily - help yourself...**

Remember that from 1.00pm each day, spare lunches from **Nan's Kai** are available to whanau and family from our "help yourself table" just off the entrance to the school hall: first come, first served basis - come in and take what you need. This opportunity is provided with the knowledge, support, and encouragement of Lisa Patterson and her team at Nan's Kai.

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**Real helpdesk calls...**

Tech support: What kind of computer do you have?  
Customer: A white one...  
Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.  
Tech support: How may I help you?  
Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.  
Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the problem?  
Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?  
Customer: I have problems printing in red...  
Tech support: Do you have a colour printer?  
Customer: Aaaah.....thank you.  
And then there's this one:  
She dialled 111 and asked for "Ambulance".  
Operator: What seems to be the problem?  
Caller: I stubbed my toe on the coffee table.  
Operator: And you want an ambulance for that?!  
Caller: No, it's for my husband - he shouldn't have laughed.

Until next week - ka kite,  
Kerry Hawkins & staff

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**Term 2 AUTUMN MENU**  
Ka Ora Ka Ako Programme

<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9: Roast Chicken with Mash, Gravy and Vege Medley</p> <p>WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: Southern Chicken with Mash, Gravy and Coleslaw</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9: Ham &amp; Cheese Filled Roll with Muffin</p> <p>WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: Cranberry Ham and Cheese Wrap &amp; Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9: Nacho Jacket Potato</p> <p>WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: Spaghetti Bolognaise</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9: BBQ Chicken Bento Bowl</p> <p>WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: Chicken Sushi Bento Bowl</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p>WEEKS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9: Nan's Cheeky Cheeseburger with Wedges</p> <p>WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: Nan's BBQ Pulled Roll with Zesty Slaw</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL DIETS</b></p> <p>All special diets are provided as per individual needs. It is important that all akonga are included alongside their peers in Ka Ora, Ka Ako</p>

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