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Nga Kōrero ā te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou parents and whānau,

As we round off term 2, I would like to provide you with some important updates and highlights from the past few months at Hurunui College. It has been a term filled with both challenges and celebrations, and we are grateful for the continuous support from our school community.

PPTA Industrial Action

One of the notable events that took place this term was the PPTA (Post Primary Teachers' Association) industrial action. The PPTA members at our school joined teachers across the country in advocating for better conditions and resources within the education sector. We appreciate your understanding and support during this time, as it allowed our teachers to stand up for their profession and the future of our students. I have really appreciated the understanding shown across our community.

Matariki - The Māori New Year

We also celebrated the significance of Matariki, the Māori New Year, during the end of this term. Matariki is a time of reflection, renewal, and celebration. It is an excellent time for whānau and community to come together around the winter solstice and look forward to the warm months ahead. I hope some of you took the opportunity to come together with us at our community event at the end of the term. A big thank you to the parents and whānau who contributed to our Matariki event.

New Playground Opening

It was fantastic to open our brand new playground! After a couple of years of planning our students now have an incredible new space to enjoy and play in. The centrepiece of the playground is the 7 metre high rope tower that has already had a huge amount of use over the first few weeks. The construction of the playground finishes off the development of the primary end of the school that started back in 2019. We have been very lucky and it is great to have these building projects finally completed.

Key Dates Term 3 2023

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| July 17 | Term 3 Begins |
| July 19 | Secondary Speech Finals |
| July 21 | Yr 7 - 13 Ski Trip (ppd July 25) |

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Farewells

On behalf of the entire Hurunui College community, I want to express our appreciation for Russell's dedicated service as our caretaker for the past 18 years. We wish him all the best as he embarks on his next challenge. Throughout the years, his efforts in maintaining our school grounds have played an integral role in creating a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for our students, staff and visitors. Russell is always a welcoming presence around the school and has never been shy to lend a helping hand with both school and community events.

We also wish Jane Marsh all the best as she heads off on 10 week sabbatical leave during term three. Jane very much deserves this time away from school and we hope she actually takes the time to have a break and enjoy some time away from school. Janet Tilson will be back from her term two leave and will step up into the position of DP- primary for term three.

Also in term three, Jenny Jackson will be heading off on maternity leave. We wish her all the best with the imminent arrival of her twin babies.

Introducing New Staff Members

We are excited to welcome some new additions to our team who will join us in Term three.

Bridie Mataafa will join us to take on the maternity leave for Jenny Jackson and to also support Matariki class as Mr Harnett picks up additional classes in the technology department. Bridie has most recently been working at Rangiora High School as part of the Light House programme and previously at Haeata Community Campus working with students from Y1-12.

We also have two learning assistants coming to support learning across the school.

Melissa Janssen will be predominantly working within the Exploring Learning Community and Laurel Clausen will come in to work across our secondary year levels.

We are very privileged to have two very capable and highly qualified people accepting these positions.

We are also working hard to appoint the new school caretaker prior to the start of term three.

As we wrap up another successful term, I'd like to express my gratitude to the parents and whānau for your support and involvement in the school. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead.

Nāku noa, nā

Stephen Beck
Tumuaki - Principal
Hurunui College



Head Student Reports

Josh Gunn - Head Student for Sports

Term two started off with our school cross country. Well done to all who participated and those who went on to represent our school in Hurunui Primary Schools Cross Country and Canterbury Secondary Schools Cross Country. Another event was the CCHS winter tournament for our year 9-10 students playing football, basketball, badminton and senior netball. Next on was Top of South trials for the New Zealand Area Schools tournament team, where our school was very well represented with ten students getting selected into various sports. They will play their selected sports in the first week of the July holidays in Rangiora, well done and good luck to the team.

Brandon Johnson - Head Student for Arts and Culture

Another one bites the dust! Term 2 is done.

We have had an exciting term; with an updated primary playground, Caleb Spencer dominating the field at Cross Country, students getting into nationals for sports (congratulations to those who made it through and thank you for the fundraising for it,) Anzac Day, Careers Expo, school photos and the upcoming Matariki celebration where I look forward to seeing everyone there.

All in all what a term, and I hope the Teachers are enjoying their strike days as much as the students.

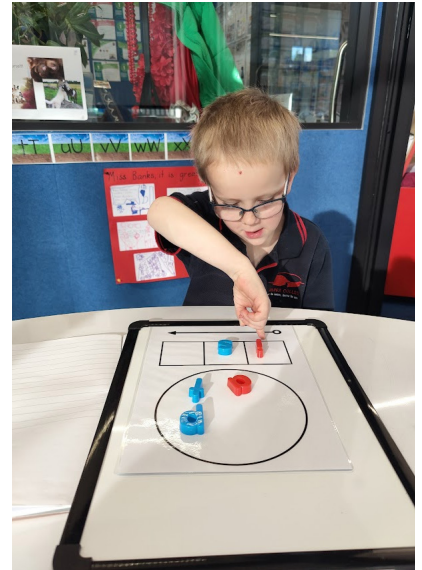
Anyway, bring on Term 3.

Daniel Topp - Head Student for Wellbeing

Term 2 in our rear windows already! What a blast! We had so many points of excitement during the term, with the new junior playground, Pride week and so many opportunities for everyone to get involved. It was a shame that we lost so much school time to Covid-19 disturbances and the teachers strike action. Hopefully we get to see more of Term 3 than this term!



Discovery



Term 2 Update Jenny Banks

Our focus in Maths has been problem solving this term.

We used our measuring skills to cook ANZAC biscuits

We love our new playground

We are getting really clever making and breaking up words into sounds.

This term we welcomed Sammy, Leon, Sophie, and said Goodbye to Harrison.

We have been looking at New Zealand and where we live, also how the first people came to New Zealand.

Primary Playground Update

We share our enormous appreciation to Creo and the Board for the incredible additions to the Primary playground. All students are enjoying the tower, playground and obstacle course. Mr Beck was the first to the top!



On May 31, Waipuna-a-rangi visited Double Topps farm to plant native trees. After we planted some trees we had lunch at Tom's cabin. Then Tony gave us a book called 'A Change is Gonna Come'. When we were driving back we saw black sheep and a cat trap.

By: Will Frame and Teddy Brown





On Wednesday 14th June, we went to the Waipara County Historical Museum. We learnt about what they used in the olden days. They used cameras. In the olden days they went toilet outside. They rode side saddle. They had to make shoes in the olden days. Thank you to the volunteers who showed us the museum.
By: Sydney Earl and Ella Smith



Exploring

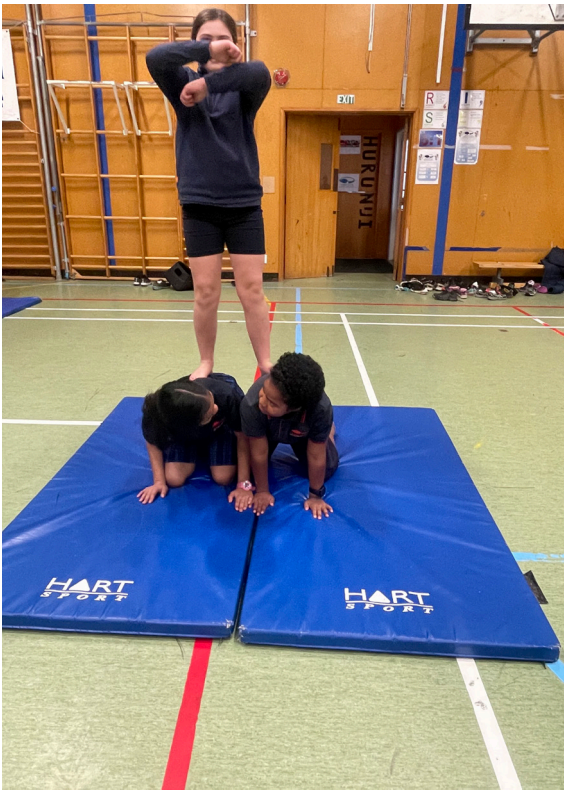


Waitā inquiry - Turangawaewae
Georgia Marsh

This term Waitā have been researching a significant event in New Zealand History. Each student had to come up with wonderings about their significant event. They used the information they were given to answer all of their wonderings

Waitā and Hiwa-i-te-rangi Gymnastics
Georgia Marsh

This term Hiwa and Waitā have been focusing on gymnastics in physical education. Working in groups all the students did a small routine showing off all the movements and skills they have learned in gymnastics.



Exploring

Hiwa-i-te-rangi
Emma Gunn

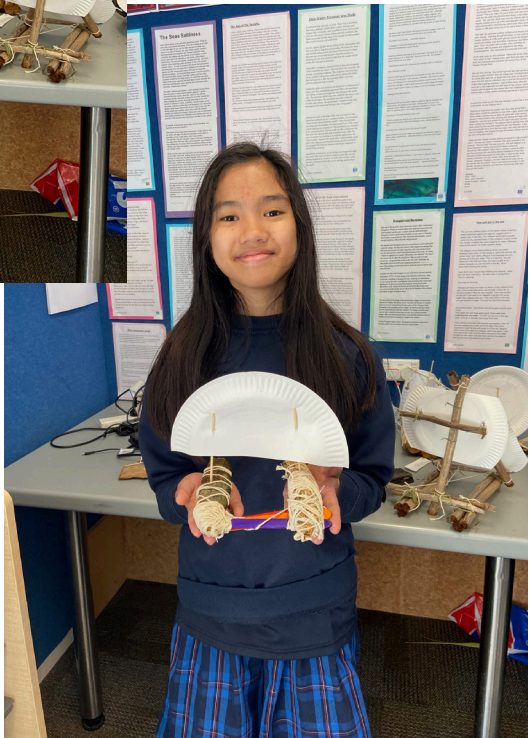
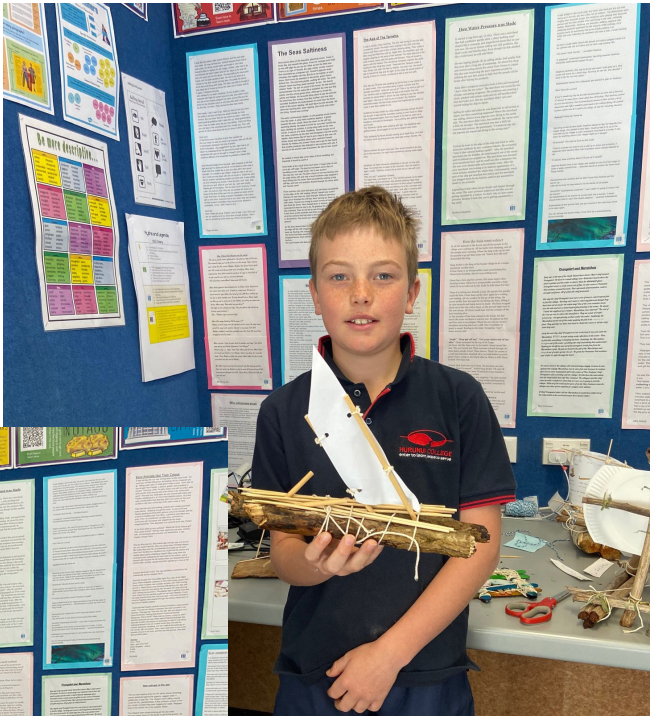
As part of our Inquiry unit on turangawaewae, this term Hiwa-i-te-rangi has been learning about early Polynesian explorers and how they navigated their way to Aotearoa. We learnt about the star compass or kapehu whetu, a mental concept that helped early Māori navigators use the stars and the horizon to navigate the seas. We also learnt about Tupaia, who was a master navigator and high priest who sailed on board the Endeavour with Captain Cook on his first voyage to Aotearoa. We then made our own waka, following specific criteria and experimenting with different hulls and sails.

In literacy we are writing different types of poetry, we hope you enjoy these poems.

There once was a man called Sam
One day he got chased by a ram
He drank some whiskey
Which was a bit risky
And the ram turned into roast lamb
- Darcy Ramsay

Fruit
Juicy, delicious
Mouth watering, juicing, eating,
Seeds, berries, peels, juice
Peeling, sprouting, picking, cutting
Colourful, cool
Food
- Eva Kelly

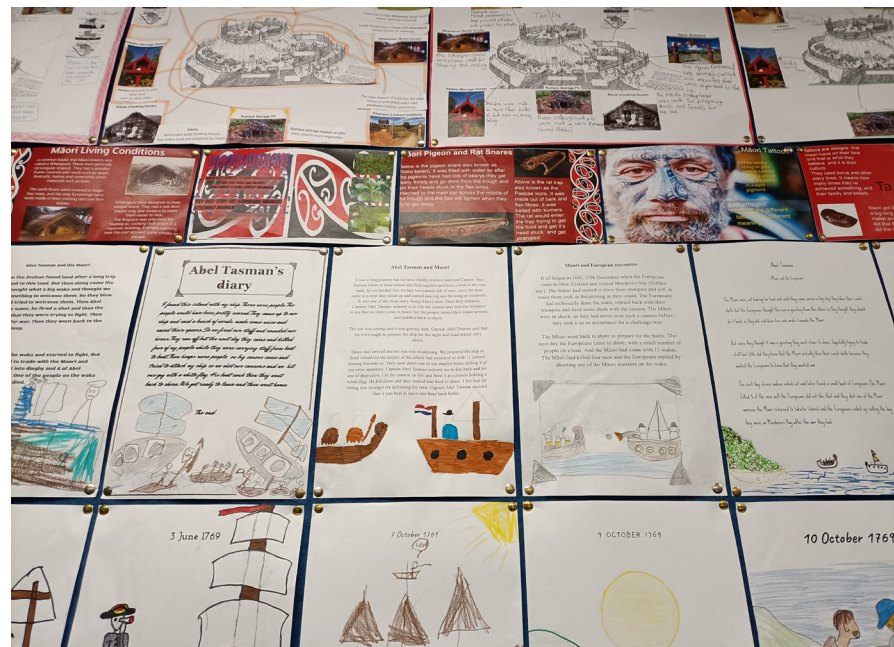
Life
Beautiful, colourful
Sprouting, sparkling, falling
Animals, sun, sand, water
Breeding, warming, blooming
Green, soft
Earth
- Beth Earl





This term has been a productive and fun term in Matariki class. The year 8s have been learning about fractions and decimals in maths, wrote some great persuasive speeches in literacy, and looked at early Aotearoa/New Zealand history in social studies.

Our weekly sessions in the science lab have allowed the students to learn about heat energy and combustion. They have also been participating in our gymnastics programme in PE with great enthusiasm. It was also pleasing to see them all give our cross country a go early this term and they have been well involved in dress up mufti days this year.



Year 9 Camp - Hamner Springs



Year 9 enjoyed a fun three days in Hamner Springs at the start of term 2. It was a great way for the students to build on friendships and get to know each other more outside of school. Here are a few thoughts from the students: Natalie enjoyed the activities and team building challenges around the camp site. Krystal liked the jet boating because the driver could get the teachers wet on purpose! Shea enjoyed the walk up the Waterfall Track. Ryleigh liked going to the pools because he could go in the lazy river and relax in the hot pool. Erika liked jet boating because of the speed and the way the drivers can make the boats spin.



Level 2 History Haley Ross

This term, our level 2 History students have been working on their research internals. They each chose a topic, created focus questions and then collected evidence from a range of sources to answer the questions. There were some interesting topics covered such as the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior, the Russian Revolution, Cave Creek disaster, Influenza Pandemic, the Brynderwyn bus crash, the Dawn Raids and the Boxing Day tsunami. In the picture, Hannah Sidey, Aroha Roe and Millie McIlraith are putting the finishing touches to their assessments.



Level 1 PE Haley Ross

For the level 1 PE students, this term has been all about biomechanics and anatomy. The students have been learning the major bones and muscles of the body, the function of the skeleton and about how our body moves. The class completed an activity where they measured how far they could throw a basketball using the biomechanical principle of Force Summation. In the picture, Millie Sidey is throwing the basketball as far as she can, while Sacha Willis records the measurements.



Geographers learning about glaciers! Nicola Bamford

The senior geography class has been learning about glaciers and their processes. It seemed only logical to make this a practical experience and so we made ice cream glaciers! This helped the students to understand the processes involved with glaciers as well as making it a delicious Monday afternoon treat!



NZAS Leadership Camp

In the April school holidays the annual New Zealand Area School Leadership Camp was held at the Wainui YMCA park. Mr Ferguson took some of our Senior Student leaders along for the week where they participated in various activities to work with other students from around the country to learn and build on various skills. These included team work, confidence, communication, trust, and stepping out of their comfort zones. Some of the activities included High Ropes, Coasteering, Raft Building, Small groups activities, and activities with the whole group. There were 54 students from schools as far south as Waiau near Invercargill up to Opononi in the Far North and everywhere in between. This was a great week away meeting students and making friendships across the country which is one of the advantages of being an Area School.



Sports

Cross Country

It was a lovely afternoon for the Hurunui College Cross Country and there was a great turnout of supporters to cheer on all the runners.

1st -Caleb Spencer 16.44,

2nd -Shea Kelly 18.29.

3rd-Stanley Savage 19.07.

1st Girl- Lily Frost 19.49.

Congratulations to all that participated.

Shea Kelly went onto the Canterbury Secondary School Cross Country at Nga Puna Wai.



Hurunui College had 24 Year 4-8 students that qualified for and went onto participate in the Hurunui Primary Cross Country and they had a great day at the Scargill Domain running up the hill and around the domain. From this event we had 11 qualify to run at the Canterbury Primary Cross Country who will go to Nga Puna Wai on the 21st of June to participate against all Canterbury Primary Schools. Good luck to those 11 students.



NZ Area Schools Tournament

In the holidays 10 students are heading to Rangiora for the New Zealand Area Schools Sports Tournament where they will represent the Top of the South team. The students attended a Canterbury Area Schools Trial at the start of the term which then allowed them to be selected and attend the Top of the South Trial at the start of week 4 where they made it through the selection process to make the final teams to attend the Nationals tournament. At the tournament they will play each of the 3 other regions (one each day) and then have the chance to be selected into the South Island team who play against the North Island selected team on the last day.

The students have been doing some fundraising over the term and would like to thank everyone who has supported this especially those who have sponsored them for the trip as well.

The tournament is being based at Mainpower Stadium and the surrounding sports fields from the 3rd - 6th of July.

Congratulations to these students and good luck in all your sports.

Hurunui College took 21, year 9, 10 & 11 students to Mainpower stadium in Rangiora to play Basketball and Football and 10 girls to play netball against school teams from Kaikoura, Akaroa, Cheviot, Oxford, Amuri and Rangiora New Life. They all represented the school with great sportsmanship and had lots of fun playing sports that they weren't all familiar with.



On Thursday 1st June, our school entered a team into the CCHS Netball tournament. Our team of 10 excited girls travelled to Mainpower Stadium in Rangiora where they played in short, but intense games of Netball. The girls played well as a team and it was great to see everyone keen to learn and play new positions.

After the pool games, we made it to the final against Amuri. It was a goal-for-goal match and we won the game 14-12.

Congratulations to Hannah Sidey and Miane Grove for their strong performances across all of the matches.

The full results were:

Lost to Oxford Area School 8-9

Won against Rangiora New Life 22-6

Won against Kaikoura High School 10-5

Won against Oxford Area School in the semi 19-7

Won against Amuri Area School in the final 14-12

Events

Young Enterprise Scheme Jungle Jars Grand Opening Stall

One of our fantastic business groups Jungle Jars had their first sale at The Amberley Farmers Market. They did so well at coming out of their shells and selling their product to the community. This is hopefully the first of many markets that they will take part of. If you are interested to hear a little more about their project you can follow their story on Facebook.



Young Enterprise Scheme Pitch Event

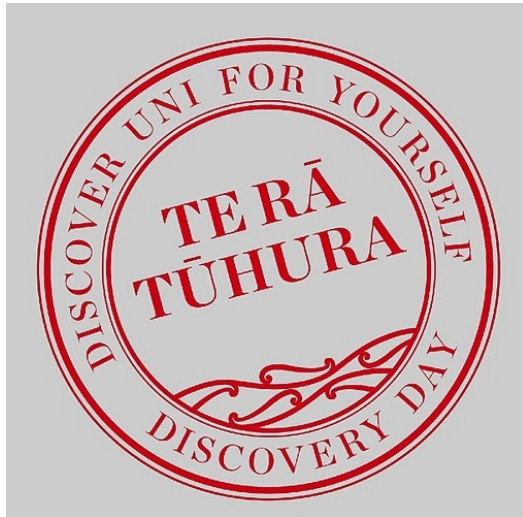
Jungle Jars went on a trip to pitch their business in Christchurch. This was presented to a group of leading industry experts. After some last minute nerves, they delivered a knockout pitch with one of the judges offering the team a pathway to wholesale of their Terrarium product. This is a fantastic achievement for these students and they should be very proud of their hardwork and dedication.



Te Rā Tuhura - UC Discovery Day

Josh Brinsdon

On the 8th of June, Bronnie Gunn took 10 of our Year 12 students to the University of Canterbury for Discovery Day. These students each choose six lectures to attend across the day, with topics ranging from 'Uni 101' and 'The Secret Lives of Trees' to 'Killer Robots and Killer Hackers' and everything else in-between. This day allowed our taura to experience a snippet of the University Experience and meet others interested in the same topics and pathways. A big thank you to Bronnie for taking these students!



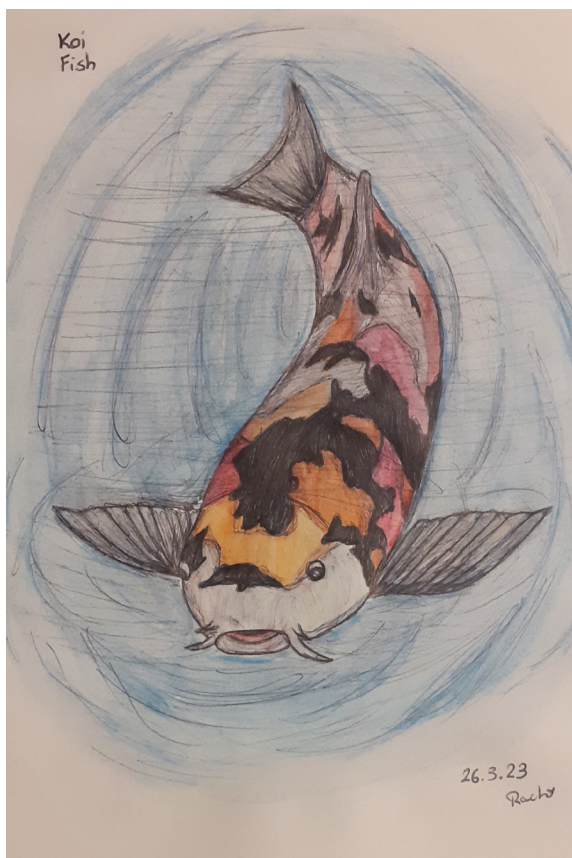
The PTA Primary Disco was held on Friday 16th June with the theme of A Country Hoedown! An excellent time was had by all. Thank you so much to Mr Biddlecombe and William Munsey for setting up the outstanding lights and fog machine!



Matariki Celebration





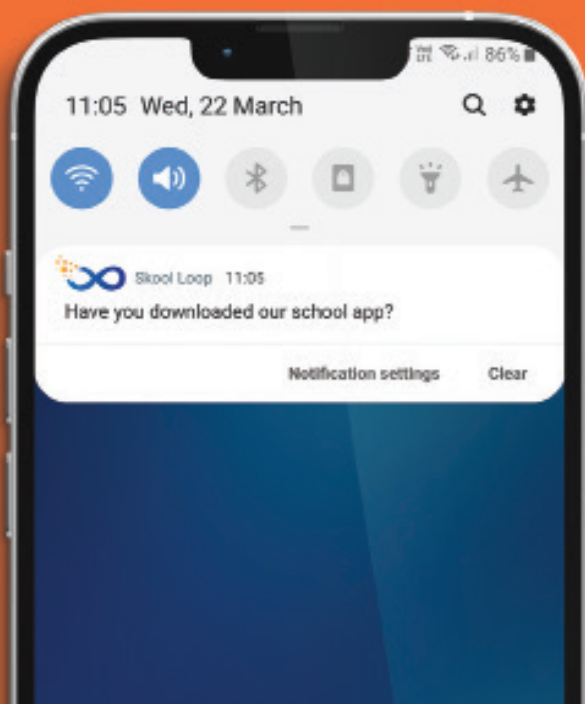


Everyone has been very busy in Art this term. Year 6-7s have been designing and creating monsters. Year 8s have been painting landscapes and the secondary students have been working on their sketching

Outdoor Education

Over the term the Outdoor Education class have been out and about Mountain Biking. We have spent some time in the classroom learning the basics about the bikes and having a go at some skills and maintenance then moving out to the tracks. We have been to McLeans Island for a time trial and up to Hanmer Springs most weeks practising our skills and learning how to handle the different track conditions. We have experienced a good variety so far and the only thing we haven't had yet is snow. In Term 3 we will be building skills and fitness to finish up with a multi day trip.





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