

NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back
LEARN to School
 experiment **WONDER**
 Grow
Play shine **SHARE**
INSPIRE
 Explore **DREAM**
MAKE FRIENDS Have
 enjoy **PRETEND** Fun
 imagine
 practice **SMILE**
 sing try new things

Welcome to all new students and families—we hope you settle into your new class and make many new friends: Georlina Ofisa.



BOTANICAL GARDENS

On Tuesday 28th March, a group of 30 students from Lower Explorer visited the Auckland Botanic Gardens to take part in the “Eye on Nature” school activity day. The students learnt about how to care for the environment and how to be more sustainable and the benefits of a healthy lunchbox. They also went on a bushwalk identifying birds, trees and foliage. It was such a fun day!

13 April 2017

Botanical Gardens

Wearable Arts

Electric Vehicle

Cardboard World

Class Photos

Last day Term 1
13 April

Whats On?

First day Term 2
1 May

Mums 'n Muffins
12 May

Class photos
18 May

BoT meeting
24 May



WEARABLE ARTS

During this term a group of intermediate students designed costumes to take part in the Wearable Arts competition at the Botanical Gardens. They created a Garden Warrior, modelled by Joseph Dunn, and a beautiful Backyard Ballerina modelled by Yasmin Dunn. The students worked each Friday to design and create costumes that represented the theme from ‘Garden to Table’. We used natural materials including dyed corn husks, flax flowers, dehydrated fruit, and living plants. We learnt new skills and overcame many challenges to create our final designs! We were excited to be awarded a merit for our Backyard Ballerina. Congratulations to our wearable arts team. Yammy, Ashanti, Onevasa, Mele, Sam, Joseph, Promise, Hayley and Yasmin. Our special thanks to the Dunn family for their cultural advise on the harvesting and dying of the flax.





ELECTRIC VEHICLE

In week 8, Lower Explorer had the opportunity to view, touch and listen to a BMW i3 – an EV (electric vehicle). Kathryn Trounson, who promotes EVs throughout New Zealand, kindly shared some of the benefits of electric cars. This linked to our term's topic of "how can we be more sustainable?" The students learnt many interesting facts about the BMW i3 and how beneficial it is to our environment compared to a normal petrol car. We'd like to thank Kathryn for taking the time to come in and talk with us.

CARDBOARD WORLD

The massive, and massively successful, modular artwork exhibited in the Performing Arts Theatre this week was an interpretation of a concept by a Filipina artist who sums up the reason for her work like this: *"Away from my homeland Philippines for so long has led to question the difference between a home and a house". - Jojo Garcia.* The work was described in the Auckland Art festival thus: *"The Wonderful World of Cardboard HOME is an illuminated cardboard installation created with the help of school children who explore the idea of what makes a house a home."*

After our pupils' involvement in her giant artwork we added local elements and elaborated the concept to reflect our own community at Redoubt North. The children in Explorer and Enterprise built four "communities of learning", represented by cardboard houses, gathered around the cardboard school as the centre of our learning community. The final result showed the skill and inventiveness of the children when challenged by a new concept. Thank you for your support of this huge collaborative artwork.



A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES... REDOUBT NORTH IS A 'WATER ONLY' SCHOOL

CLASS PHOTOS

Children will have class photographs taken on **Thursday 18th May**

Pre-paid named envelopes will be sent home in the first week of Term Two.

Please ensure the correct change is in the envelope as we cannot eftpos your payment at the office.



Happy Easter Holidays

**Jane Milner
Principal**