



**“Our children are able to**

**progress with confidence”.**

24-02-2017

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

It was a fantastic day with Whananaki Playgroup on Thursday. Congratulations and thank you to all the families who took the time to build an amazing playground! The children love it, and this



will benefit locals and visitors to Whananaki! Winston Peters officially opened the playground and shared some memories of the area with the many people that attended. He also congratulated all the people involved in building our new classroom at Whananaki School. He was unfortunately unable to attend the opening as it

coincided with the first day of parliament for 2017.

### **Hukerenui Swimming Sports**

Next week on Tuesday the 28th of February 17 Year 3-8 students from our school will compete at the Hukerenui Zone Swimming Sports. If you can help with transport please contact the school. Good luck to the students competing!

### **Students of Week**



Congratulations to our Student of the Week winners:

**Jullian Bublitz, Cruz Ogle, Kyrin Edge, Chico**

**Woods, Uru Waetford and Grace Waetford.**

Congratulations to our Key Competencies and Values winners:

**Harmony Muller, Jazinta Byles, Joseph Donaldson, Manaia Barua, Cordell**

**Tepania and Zane Lines.**



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Congratulations to our Caught Being Good winners:

**Jonny Walters, Cordell Tepania, Issac Mengelberg**

### **New Student and Absent from school**

Welcome back to Raemyn-Jay Rata!

If your child/ children are away or will be away from school please ensure you phone or send a note.

### **Clothes**

Please name your child/children's clothes, this makes it far easier to get the clothes to the right person. Girls need to wear shorts under dresses. If you have any unwanted towels can you please send them to school.

### **Team Green**

If you have any small pots for our shade house please send them into school.

### **PTA Meeting**

Friday 3rd March in the staffroom.

### **Hurupaki School**

A big thank you to Hurupaki School and Shane Nicholas for donating shelving, tables and chairs to our school. This has really helped set up our classrooms, thanks a lot!



### **People Potential**

People Potential have generously donated 10 PC computers to our school. Thank you so much for your generosity and technical support from Anthony Poa!

### **Boostrix & HPV forms**

If your child/ children have received these forms please return to the office.



### **Whananaki T Shirts**

We have our new Whananaki T Shirts and they look awesome!  
They are also the dry fit T Shirts, so they are light to wear.



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## **Toitoti**

Toitoti is a journal for Young Writers and Artists. Congratulations to Uru Waetford for having her writing published in the latest edition of this book.



# GLASS FROGS

**G**lass frogs are arboreal amphibians that live above water in the Amazon rainforest. Their nickname is 'crystals of the rainforest' because crystals are transparent and so are these frogs.

An unusual feature of glass frogs is that their skin is transparent which allows you to see their organs. Yuck! Right? Some glass frogs also have bones that are a soft baby green.

Glass frogs are known to live in the Amazon rainforest but they are also found in other places in Central and South America. Some species are rarely seen because they are endangered.

Glass frogs eat insects with soft bodies which makes them a very important part of the ecosystem because they help to keep the number of insects under control.

Glass frogs do have predators such as mammals and birds. They are well-camouflaged because they can use their see-through bodies to take on any colour or pattern.

The glass frog lays its eggs on the undersides of leaves, usually about 20-30 eggs at a time. These eggs are transparent too. The eggs hatch into tiny tadpoles. An interesting fact about these tiny amphibians is that some bury themselves underground to hide from predators while they are very young.

Sadly some species of glass frogs are endangered because their habitats are being destroyed. Glass frogs can be kept as pets but they need a lot of looking after.