



# Lights, Camera, Culture

Natalia Flexman Room 19

The Cultural Festival was a night of magic and wonder! Many cultural dances entertained parents and guests. The dances were spectacular with Scottish, Middle Eastern, South African, Samoan and many more being showcased.

There was heaps of enthusiasm and energy in the performances this was so contagious that the audience cheered loudly and proudly for the performers on stage. The costumes were magnificent and the kids looked great in them. Everyone had a great time!

The audience got a taste of other cultures festive side and the sort of dancing that they do.

Next time you see a different culture from yours don't judge them by the way they look or sound you might be surprised in how interesting they are.

In the end the night was amazing and anyone who didn't go missed out on a whole lot of fun with the show finishing off with a vibrant and exciting Samoan haka performed by the passionate and enthusiastic Samoan group.



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# A Papers life story

Once upon a time when God shaped the world, I was born. I am a tall, proud Oak tree with chewy acorns in my hair. I lived for thousands of years as an Oak tree.

Then, all of a sudden I heard the sound of chainsaws. I was sliced into halves, quarters, eighths and sixteenths, until I was nothing but tiny pieces of wood!

I was extremely shocked and terrified but then I saw that I was being transported to a factory and I knew something was going to happen to me.

I was cut into tiny wood chips, the size of pencil shavings and then I was picked up and put into a machine. Later I was mixed, heated on drying rollers then made into a perfect reel of paper. Going through this machine was like being flattened by a rolling pin.

A few days later I was sent along with a whole lot of paper to a school as a piece of refill paper. As soon as a student put me onto a desk I got ripped off the rest of the paper and made into a paper plane and sent zooming around the room. Then the teacher took me away and put me in the recycling bin. Soon after that I was back at the factory. Again.

After I went through that painful process again. I was made into a colourful Jelly Crystals box. Then I was taken to the Jelly factory to be filled up with Jelly Crystals which smelt like delicious strawberries and I was put on a shelf with all the other Jelly Crystal boxes. I sat there for a while until someone bought me for \$3.50. They ripped me open, made the Jelly, ate it, and then they completely forgot about putting me in the recycling bin, instead they just threw me into the rubbish bin next to a rotten banana and a plastic bag.

**Tears burst out of my eyes, I couldn't stop crying because I thought that I had been forgotten and would go to a landfill for the rest of my days.** When I had a chance I caught a lift with the wind to get out of there and landed on the ground, hoping that someone would find me. Unfortunately no one found me for a while. One day had gone past but to me it felt like a year. I was miserable.

Then finally a group of kids came and picked me up and put me in a pile with other pieces of paper. I heard that I was going to be made into a really unique book so, I was really excited. Some students cut me into strips, soaked me in water overnight and put me into a blender so I was a nice paste. Then I was put onto a square net frame and left to dry. Now I was a piece of hand-made recycled paper!

**I was made into a recycled sophisticated picture book and it's awesome because there are drawings inside me which are beautiful and detailed.** Kids in primary schools are reading me and learning about the importance of recycling paper, rather than putting it in the bin to be sent to a landfill. Now I am something special that will last forever

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## Can Tabs for Kidney Kids

BY TAYLAR ALLEN RM 6

If kids can, you can too

This term there is a school wide race to collect tabs off the top of cans for kidscan.

Kidscan is an organisation for children with kidney problems and by collecting these tabs you could help these children find a cure. So start collecting tabs now and help your class to win by participating in this great cause.

Also remember to have your tabs ready because the Leo Club will be coming around to collect them.





# GET READY...

By Jessica Rogers, Room 17 and Tremaine Falanitama, Room 7

Palms sweating, knees wobbly, heart thumping, getting weary. These are just some of the side effects of participating, in a Howick Intermediate Triathlon.

As people got ready to run, bike, and swim, the Year 7 girls started running, and you could hear cheering from all parts of the school.

Second, was biking, and you could tell by their faces, that it was exhausting. As they tagged the swimmers, they both ran off in pairs to the pool, and jumped in. They swam their best, to get a good place.

Next up, was the Year 7 boys team, then the Year 8 Girls Team, and Year 8 Boys team, and the Triathlon was really fun, and a lot of hard work. Everyone had an awesome time.

Here are the results:

Year 7 Girls:

3rd: Year 7 Girls— Room 5

2nd: Gremlins— Room 21

1st: Rebeccas Team—Room 15

Year 7 Boys:

3rd: Call Of Duty—Room 19

2nd: Aloysius Team—Room 17

1st: Crazy Horses—Room 10

Year 8 Girls:

3rd: Shogun—Room 17

2nd: Road Runners—Room 18

1st: CAHCA—Room 14

Year 8 Boys:

3rd: Maxs Team—Room 17

2nd: Team New South—Room 16

1st: The Expendables—Room 19



Well Done Whanau Ngata for getting the most points, and also Cooper for doing a great job.





# Highlights of the Term

By TEIGHAN JACKSON, Room 6



Questions:

1. What do you like about making new friends last term?
1. What has been your highlight of last term?
2. Have you enjoyed participating in the schools sports activities?
4. What have you enjoyed learning about, why?

Connor Rm19

1. Getting to know people
2. Triathlon
3. Yes, definitely
4. Different types of dangers at sea

Ashiyana Rm6

1. Nothing
2. Going to Piha.
3. Yes, there are so many to choose from.
4. A lot of things, then I can be smart.



Namisha Rm21

1. I'll have good friends that understand me
2. Triathlon
3. Yes we did so much fun stuff.
4. How to sustain the Tui, because we got to build a Tui habitat

Josie Rm6

1. **That I get to meet new people, and they're cool**
2. Swimming sports and going to Art for inquiry
3. Yes because I enjoy doing sport.
4. Inquiry - **Sunscreen topic because it's interesting**

Kendall Rm21

1. That I have more friends
2. Goat Island
3. Yes, I like the teamwork in sports.
4. How cruel people can be to animals, I found it interesting.



Natalia Rm19

1. Getting to know different personalities
2. Getting into all the activities like water sports and triathlon.
3. Yes swimming sports was fun!
4. **Learning about water safety, it's interesting**





# MARKS, SET, GO

By VANESSA UNG, Room 10

The Beep test, tests your fitness level and sees how fit we are. It's not as easy as it looks, as each level gets faster and harder. In other words it is a test to stretch your limits.

You may not know it, but the Beep test is done by all sorts of people, such as the All Blacks. The only difference is that we are much younger than the members of the All Blacks so our test scores are much lower. Maybe you can set a goal for yourself and see if you could achieve it the next time you do the Beep test. Who knows, you might get higher than you expected!

Ever felt tired or sleepy in class? This is because you either haven't done enough fitness or because you are dehydrated. Did you know, that 8 glasses of water a day is the required amount of water for an average person?

To keep fit, you also have to maintain a good diet, stick to the Food Pyramid and it'll keep you on the right track! Being fit makes you feel better, think better and do better in class. You'll get better grades and your parents will definitely be happier!





# D I S C O

By JEWEL MEREDITH, RM 17

“SUPER!” The first disco of the year!



People were hyped up when they arrived at the school, the vibe was electric and people were keen to get into the hall, with music blasting and people dancing like crazy. Some teachers got involved with dancing.

Adding to the fun was that most children came dressed as the theme —Super Heroes of the Night, while others dressed to their own style.

Kids socialised, danced and look like they had a great time. The D.J was awesome playing all the latest music! People described the disco as fun, especially because it's in a safe environment.

A big thank you to all the student councillors for putting a lot of effort into the disco, also thank you to all the teachers and parents who supervised during the night.





# JUST FOR FUN

By SAMANTHA EGAN Room 19



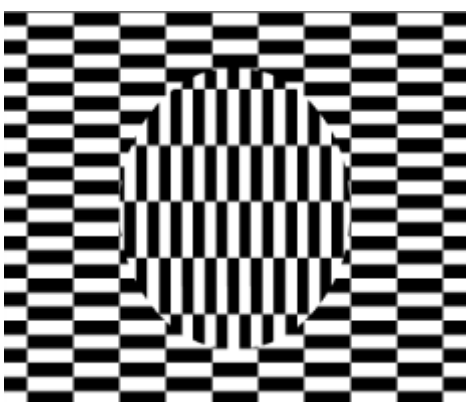
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Do you see a skull or a lady in a mirror?



Look at this design.  
Stare at the centre for a few minutes.  
Does this picture move?



Is it a face or a garden?



**“My favorite vegetable is pudding. I didn't know it was a vegetable until I saw it on a salad bar.”**