

## Student Voice

The last two weeks have been particularly busy. A few of the students will be sharing their stories about some of the exciting events at school.



## Harold Visits Mayfield

In the last week and half of this week, Mayfield Primary School got to see Harold. The Giraffe and his friend Daniel explained how our brains work and how it controls the whole body.

The children at Mayfield Primary School learned some amazing facts. When the classes went to the Life Education Caravan, Harold and Daniel told us that our brains are divided into three parts. We even learned that Cerebrum is the largest part of our brain and is divided into two parts. The Cerebrum controls our hearing, movement, speech, emotions, senses, and learning. Harold told us that the second part of our brain is the Cerebellum which is in the back of our brains and contains five times as many neurons as the much larger Cerebrum. The third part is the Brain Stem which controls the messages between our brains and bodies.

We were so lucky we had Life Education here because if we didn't have Harold and Daniel, we wouldn't know much about our brains. It was a relief that they came to Mayfield Primary School to teach us this vital subject.

By Marissa

## Swimming – By Chante

This term, Team Te Moana and Team Te Rangi have been swimming every Friday. The more we learn to swim, the more confident we will be in the water.



Learning how to swim is important because water can be fun, but dangerous at the same time. In our lessons, we have learnt to enter the pool safely, float, breathe properly, freestyle and backstroke. Later on in this Term, we will learn how to survive in the water when something bad happens.

Make sure you learn how to swim, and I hope you have a good day.



## Ki - O- Rahi - Faith

We are so lucky to be at Mayfield where we get opportunities to learn many new and interesting things. This week, we learned how to play the traditional Maori game of Ki-O-Rahi. Rahi was a chief with a beautiful wife. Sadly, his wife was kidnapped by another chief who was very jealous. Rahi set out on an adventure to save her. During this adventure he faced many challenges.

The game of Ki-O-Rahi is based on these challenges and his big adventures. It takes speed, sportsmanship and strategy to do well in the game. Team Te Rangi students really enjoyed the opportunity to learn this amazing game.

Later in the year, we will be competing against other schools in a Ki-O-Rahi tournament. I am sure that with skills and participation shown by Mayfield Students, we will do very well.



## Thank you Ted Manson Foundation

We are very grateful to Ted Manson Foundation for the two passenger vans. The 11-seater vehicles were donated to Mayfield School by Ted Manson. Our sincere thanks also to Sam McCloy-McKenzie and Len Brown for liaising with Ted Manson. The vans are wonderful gifts to the children and to education.

## Digital Technologies Collaboration

Our Year 5 and 6 students continue to work with student tutors from Sir Edmund Hillary (SEHC) Middle School. Here they are using Bomomo Art for designing and creativity.



Last week the students worked with Makey Makey and yesterday they worked on Green Screen technology. The next classes will be working on Stop Motion Animation and Minecraft. Teachers from SEHC have kindly offered the programme to Year 3 and 4 classes. We thank them for this kindness.

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*Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi Atu, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Ni Hao, As salaam alaikum, Greetings to all.*

It is a great feeling to be able to share this newsletter with you on the first day of Spring 2022.

Mayfield children are certainly enjoying being able to enjoy the fresh air and exciting outdoor activities.



Attendance  
**87%**

We know that the best way to succeed and progress in learning is to be present at school. We also know that absences can negatively affect improvement and achievement.

I would like thank parents and whanau who are encouraging their children/ family members to be at school regularly to learn.

The teachers are working hard to provide their students with quality learning opportunities in their classes. Please continue to support your child/ family member to do their best to be at school unless they are feeling unwell and have to stay home.