



Friday 25th July 2025 - Week 2 Term 3

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TUMUAKI PANUI / PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

Firstly, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, students, and staff who acknowledged Te Rā o Tumeke Tumuaki (Principal's Day). Your kind words and gestures are greatly appreciated

In light of this, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge Jo Lennox, our outstanding Deputy Principal. Weeks like this often focus on principals, but the contribution of those who walk alongside us should never go unnoticed. Jo's energy, passion, and commitment play a vital role in realising our vision here at MPS and our Te Ara Whakamana journey. This is an exciting opportunity to highlight the work of our school and our amazing students in published form.

We're proud to share that this week, Jo was invited by an author to co-author a series of books that will showcase our Te Ara Whakamana journey. This is an exciting opportunity to highlight the work of our school and our amazing students in published form.



Jo with Abel from Cultural Hubb

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New Students & Whānau

We're delighted to welcome a number of new students and their whānau who have recently joined us at MPS. It's always exciting to see our school community grow, and we look forward to getting to know you all and supporting your journey with us.

- Mouarij Baseer
- Nias Keelan-Kahaki
- Stevie Johnson
- Issabella Hongara
- Lee Johnson
- Elizabeth Zigashane
- Justin Zigashane
- Beneditte Zigashane
- Carter Flutey-McRae
- Tamati Johnston
- Freya Crawley
- Losa Samuelu



Teacher Only Day – Friday 1 August 2025

A reminder that school will be closed for instruction next Friday 1 August, as we hold a Teacher Only Day. Staff will be engaging in professional learning focused on Structured Literacy as part of our ongoing commitment to improving outcomes for all learners.



AquaBots Competition

A huge thank you to Mr Keast for supporting our students' participation in last weekend's AquaBots competition. It was a fantastic opportunity for our learners to explore innovation and teamwork in action. We also extend our thanks to the whānau who came along to support the team – your involvement makes all the difference.

Ngā mihi,
Gene Bartlett
Principal – Masterton Primary School



Calendar of Events

28th July Monday

29th July Tuesday

30th July Wednesday

1st August Friday

5th August Tuesday

6th August Wednesday

8th August Friday

12th August Tuesday

8th August Friday

14th August Thursday

15th August Friday

18th August Monday

21st August Thursday

22nd August Friday

29th August Friday

2nd September Tuesday

4th September Thursday

5th September Friday

9th September Tuesday

10th September Wednesday

18th - 19th September

19th September Friday

School Photos

St Matts - Wizard of Oz (rooms 10, 11 & 12)

St Matts - Wizard of Oz (rooms 13 & 14)

Lucky Book Club is due back

Teacher Only Day - No School

Year 5-6 Netball - Semi Final

School Board Nominations Close @ 12pm

TWT meeting @ 7.00 @ MPS

Assembly - Room 5

Year 5-6 Netball - Final

Pie Orders Due

Large Ball Relay

BoT Meeting @ 6.00

Non-uniform day - Masterton Food Bank

New Entrants - 2nd Cohort Starts

Pie Delivery

Assembly - Room 11

Disco @ 4.00

Have A Go Sports Day

BoT Meeting @ 6.00

Assembly - Room 8

Market Day

School Board Election Day

Kapa Haka Festival

Assembly - Room 14

Reports

Last Day of Term 3

ASSEMBLY



The next assembly will be on
Friday 8th August @ 10.45am
This assembly will be run by **Room 5**

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BOOK FAIR

Our annual **MPS Book Fair** is coming!
Term 3 - Week 6

(There will be more information nearer to the time)

Look out for bargains
Birthday or early Christmas presents



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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for the election of five parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters can collect a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You have also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations.



- If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.
- Nominations close at noon on 6th August. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.
- The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.
- As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates’ names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.
- Voting closes at 4pm on 10th September 2025.

Denise Forman
Returning Officer

Event	Date	What to Expect
Call for nominations	Friday 18th July	You will have received a cover letter via email and nomination forms are available at the office.
Nominations Close	Wednesday 6th August by noon.	

If we receive more than 5 nominations:

Event	Date	What to Expect
	Monday 11 th August	You will be notified of the nominated candidates. You will receive voting papers.
Election Closes	Wednesday 10th September by 4pm	
Count Votes	Monday 15th September	
Board Takes Office	Wednesday 17th September	

Kia Ora

We’re excited to announce that the next school board elections will be held in September this year.

Being on the school board is a very rewarding role, and means helping oversee the running of the school, namely supporting and helping our principal in a governance roll. We do this by overseeing property, financial, HR and health and safety decisions. Our MPS board has had the privilege of supporting Matua Gene and his team as he continues to bring fresh ideas to support our tamariki in their learning and achievement. Please take time to consider if this may be something you would like to come on board and be involved with. Our board meets twice a term, and we will happily chat to anyone interested in being on the board. Nominations are now open, so you can nominate yourself, or someone else you may know would suit the role.



We look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,
Jo-anne Twiggins
Presiding Member of the Masterton Primary School Board.
joannetwiggins@gmail.com



GUARDIAN / KAITIAKI

Te Ara Whakamana is a culturally centred, strength-based model for well being and positive change. Gene and I recently spoke at the Ulead conference in Canada about how Masterton Primary School is using this strengths based model with our students. The Mana wheel at the bottom helps us to know the things that our tamariki value on a range of topics from family, to places and things of importance to them. The top half of the wheel has 6 Kaitiaki who are the offspring of Papatūānuku - Earth Mother and Ranginui - Sky Father who featured in previous newsletters.



This week's kaitiaki feature is on Tāwhirimātea

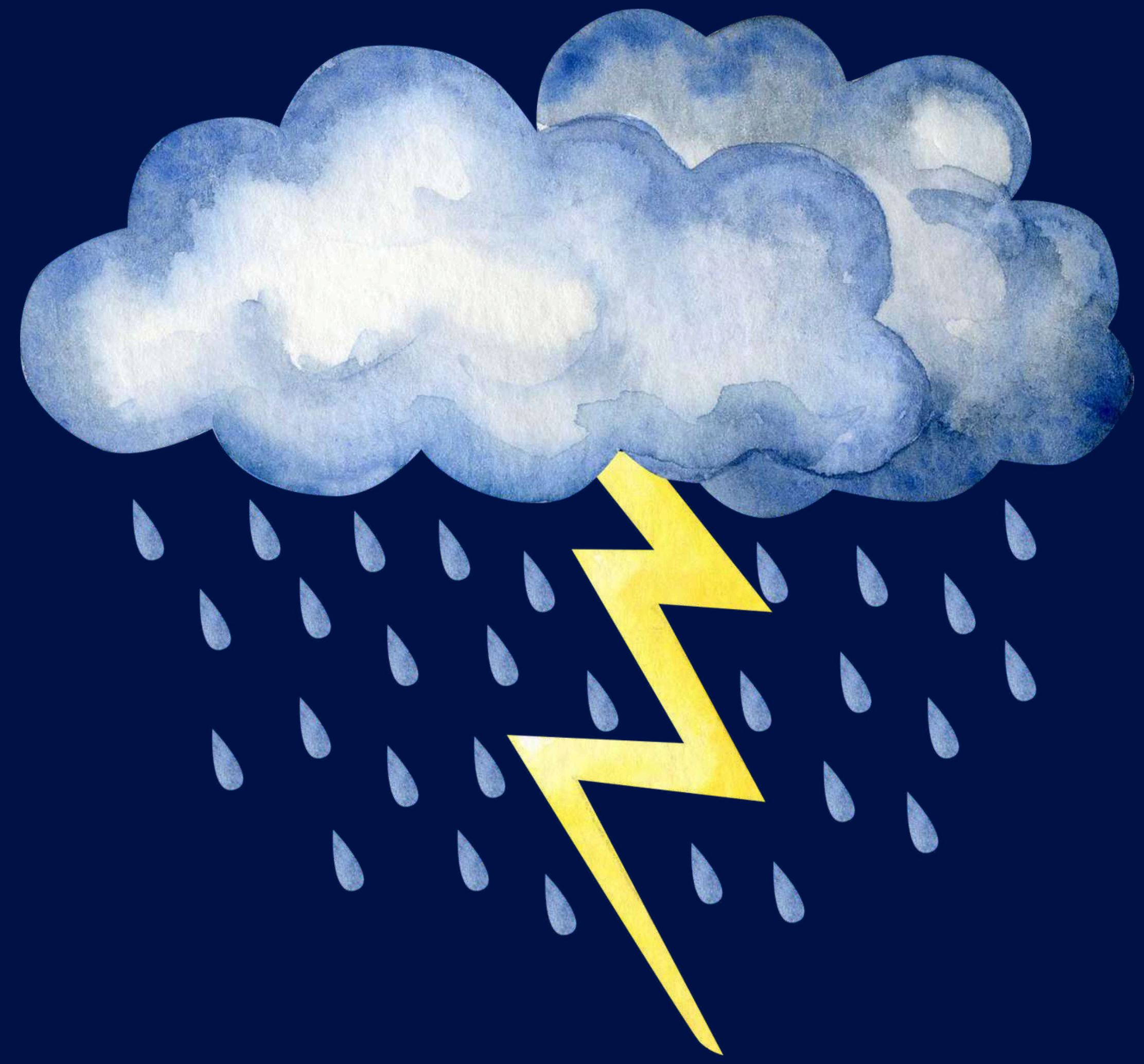


Tāwhirimātea

I am Tāwhirimātea Kaitiaki of the weather. My tamariki are storms, wind, clouds, thunder and lightning. I did not want to separate my parents Papatūānuku and Ranginui so I joined my father in the sky to keep him company. I show my anger by making wind and stormy weather.



- Humble**
- Good sport**
- Showing Clarity**
- Compassionate**



CELEBRATION OF GREATNESS - WEEK 1

Rm 2 Elliott Steele For being organised and productive.
Rm 11 Naira Prasad For being organised and reflective.

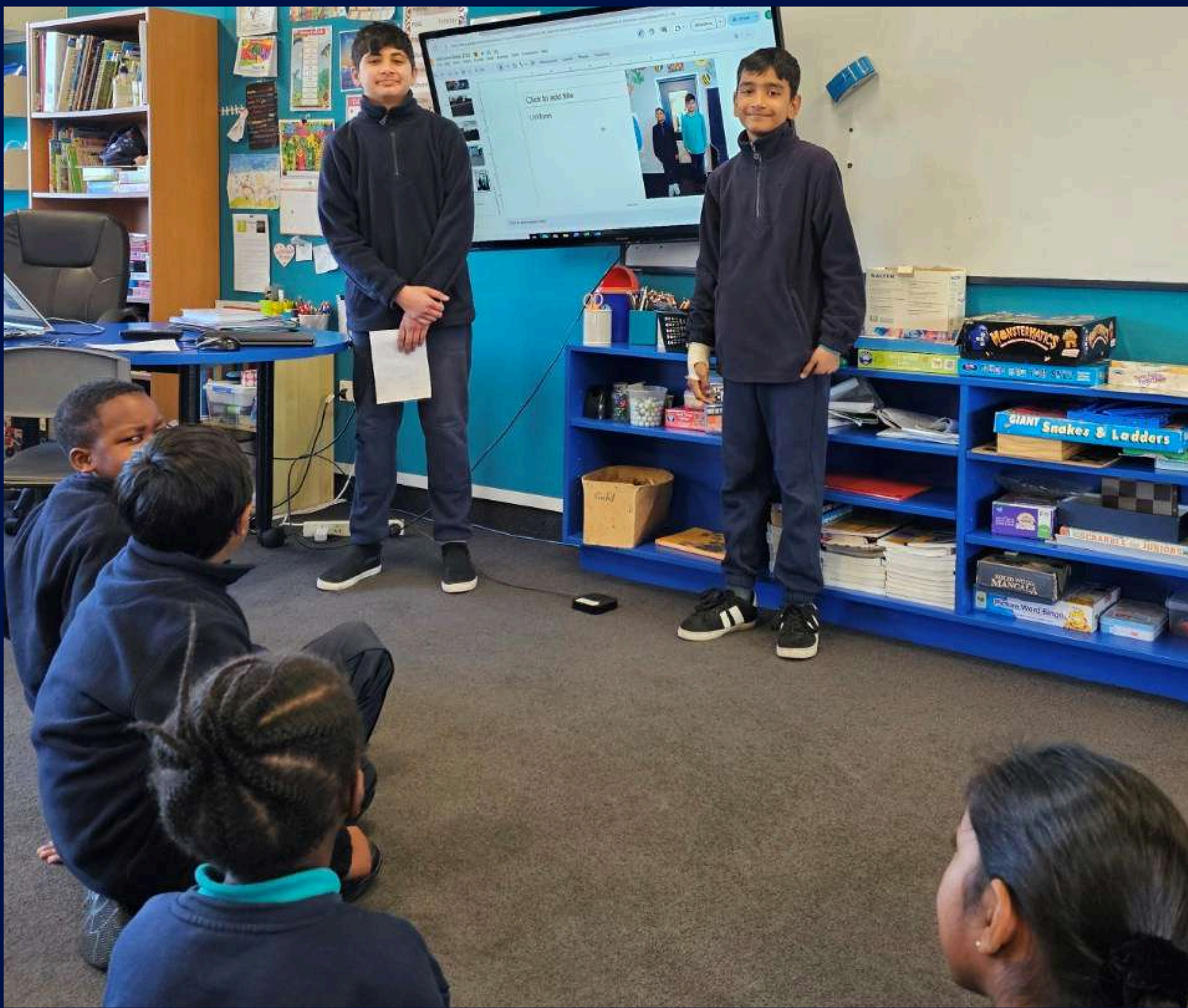


CLASS AWARDS - WEEK 1 ASSEMBLY

MPS Class Awards - Week 1 Term 3 2025		
	Name and reason	Name and reason
1	Beneditte Zigashane - welcome to room 1 and MPS.	Lenny Taylor - awesome sounding out in your reading.
3	Katelyn Hewson Goodin - wow! Your work is amazing. You are learning some awesome art techniques. He tino pai to mahi	Cassie Shepherd - thank you for showing kindness. You are an amazing person. Keep doing what you're doing. It really makes a difference. Kia atawhai.
4	Wynter-Nevaeh Nootai - working hard on her new maths learning this week.	Jade Wall - being active in her learning.
5	Hazel Mahar - working hard on extending your friendship group to include others.	Mila Rose Storey - sharing your ideas and opinions with us. We love it when you are brave.
8	Tamati Johnston - his enthusiasm and willingness to try new things.	Carter Flutey-McRae - being a happy and helpful new member of Room 8.
10	Elijah Burns - being an outstanding iPad Monitor. Your methodical approach keeps our devices safe, organised, and ready to use.	Ahmad Shahzaib - sharing your journey to New Zealand during our Migration topic. You spoke clearly and confidently. Thank you for your courage and contribution.
11	Elizabeth - Welcome to Masterton Primary School. You show positivity and resilience.	Adeel - for being an organised and responsible tech monitor.
12	Lachlan Wingate - showing great resilience and effort in class.	Aaliyah Roberts - showing great resilience and effort in class.
13	Ezaleigha Rhodes Haeata - effort and ability reviewing time/area/perimeter.	Aaliyah Evsiutina - effort and ability reviewing time/area/perimeter.
14	Andre Tairoa - making positive choices.	

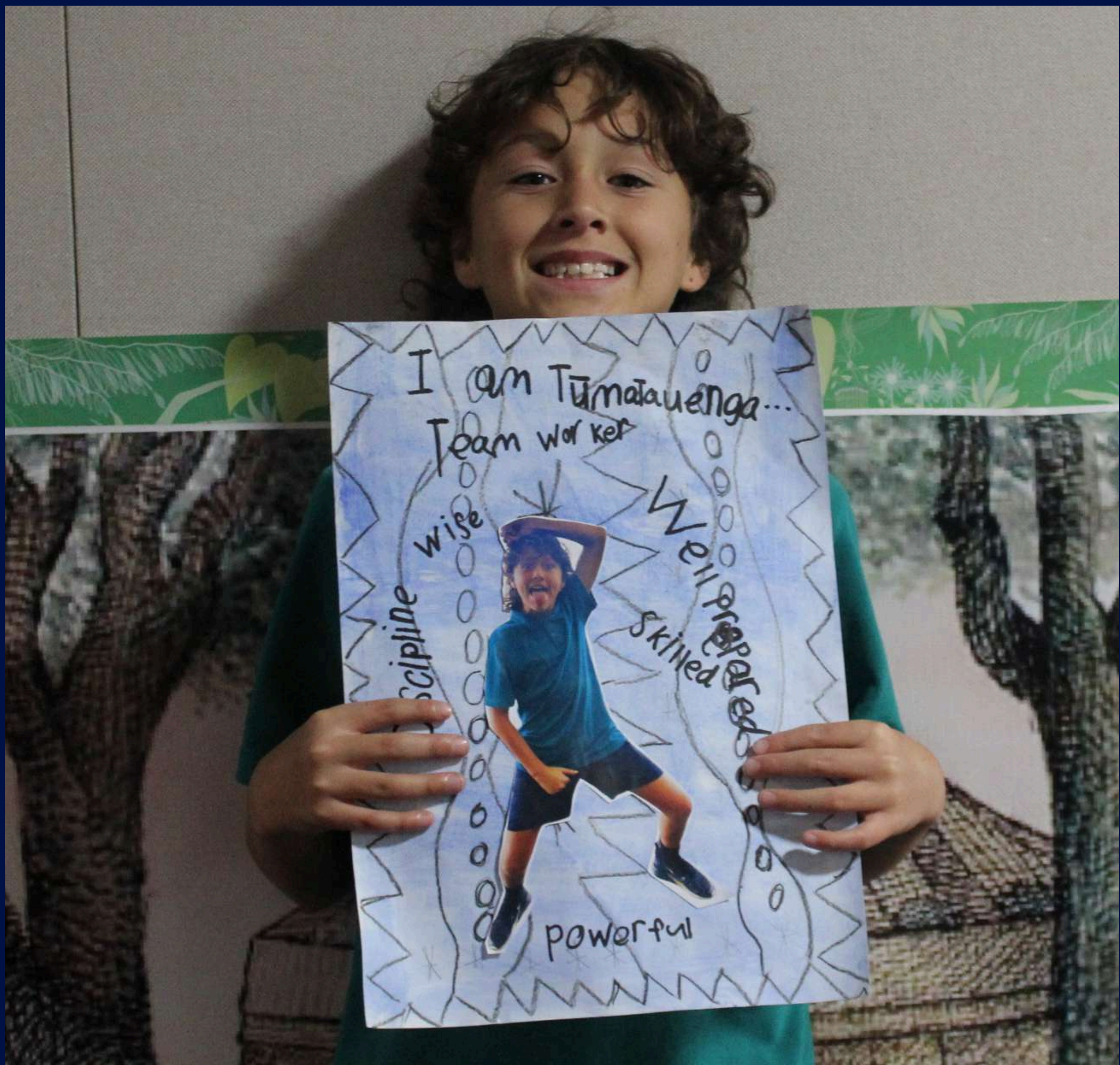
WELCOME TO OUR NEW ESOL REFUGEE STUDENTS

Maouz and Sohaib delivered an engaging presentation about our school's basics and introduced new students with our Learning Support Coordinator, ESOL team and office staff. Following their insightful introduction, all students were invited to enjoy a friendly morning tea, helping them feel right at home. We're delighted to have our new learners and look forward to supporting them in our school community!



ROOM 12 WORK

Room 12 has been learning about the traits of Tumatauenga - the Atua of War.



LIBRARIANS' BOOK REVIEWS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE KIND? By Rana DiOrio

This book is about being kind. I would recommend it because it has interesting pictures and important words. I really enjoyed it.

If you like being kind or don't know how to be kind, you should read this book.



Rating: 8 / 10
Age: 5+ Years

By Azalea Hawthorn Hickey
Room 14



HOW MY KORO BECAME A STAR

By Brianne Te Paa

This is a story about a young boy who learns the customs celebrating Matariki from his Koro (Grandfather). They watch the stars from the mountain top, preparing the food they offer to the gods.

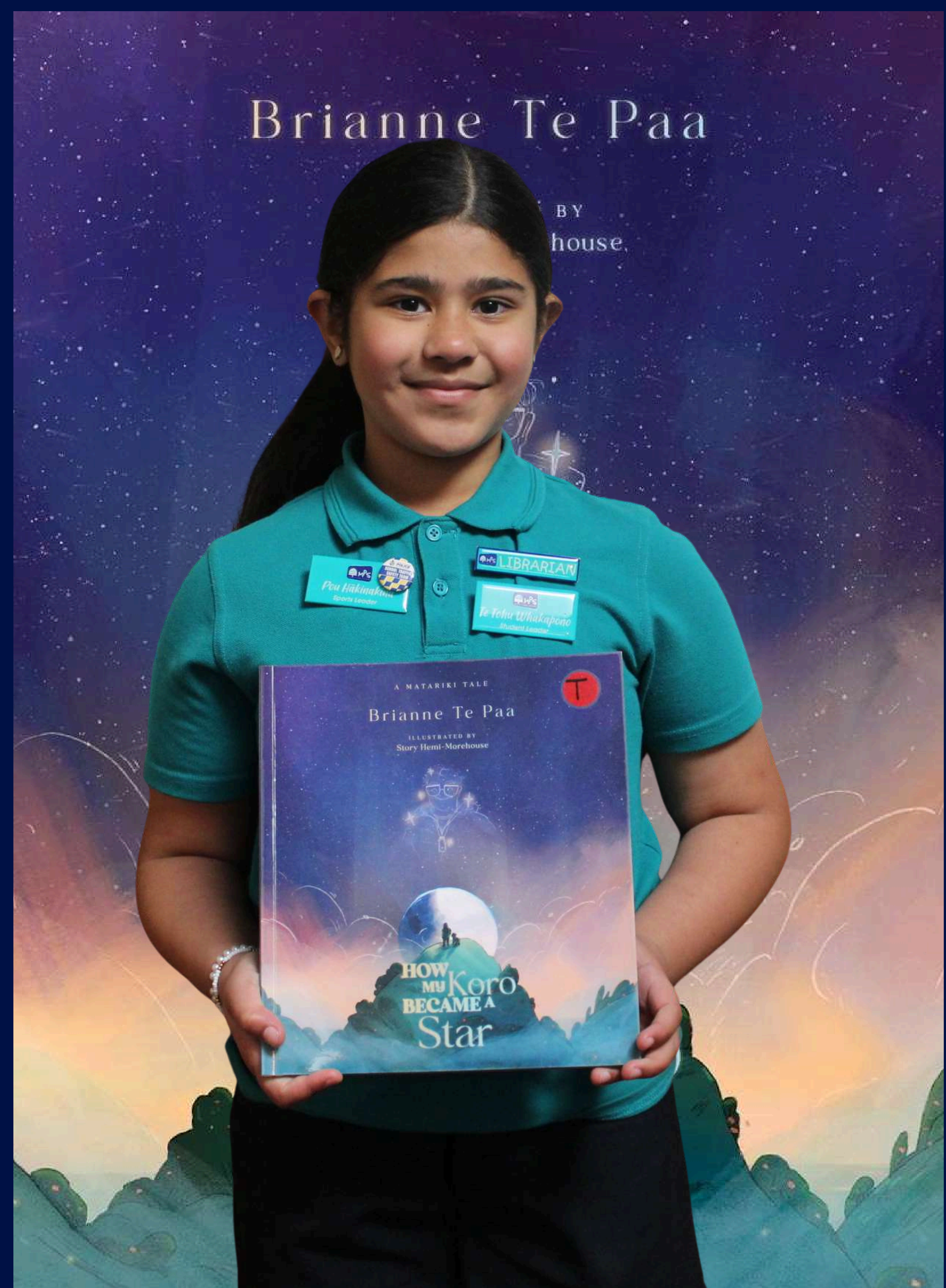
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Read this book to see if the boy manages to do everything his Koro taught him and can he get all the preparation done in time before the Matariki sunrise.

Rating: 8 / 10
Age: 5+ Years

By Jasleen Lemalu Room 13



I didn't have time to be sad though,
As I anxiously looked at the moon.
There were lots of preparations I had to make,
As the marama would be in Tangaroa soon.

TERM 2 INQUIRY - ROOM 10

During Term 2, our inquiry focus was Earthquakes. The children came up with their own research topic and then formed groups with those who were interested in exploring similar topics. These were

Group 1: How can we care for and support people who are hurt or affected by earthquakes in New Zealand and around the world?

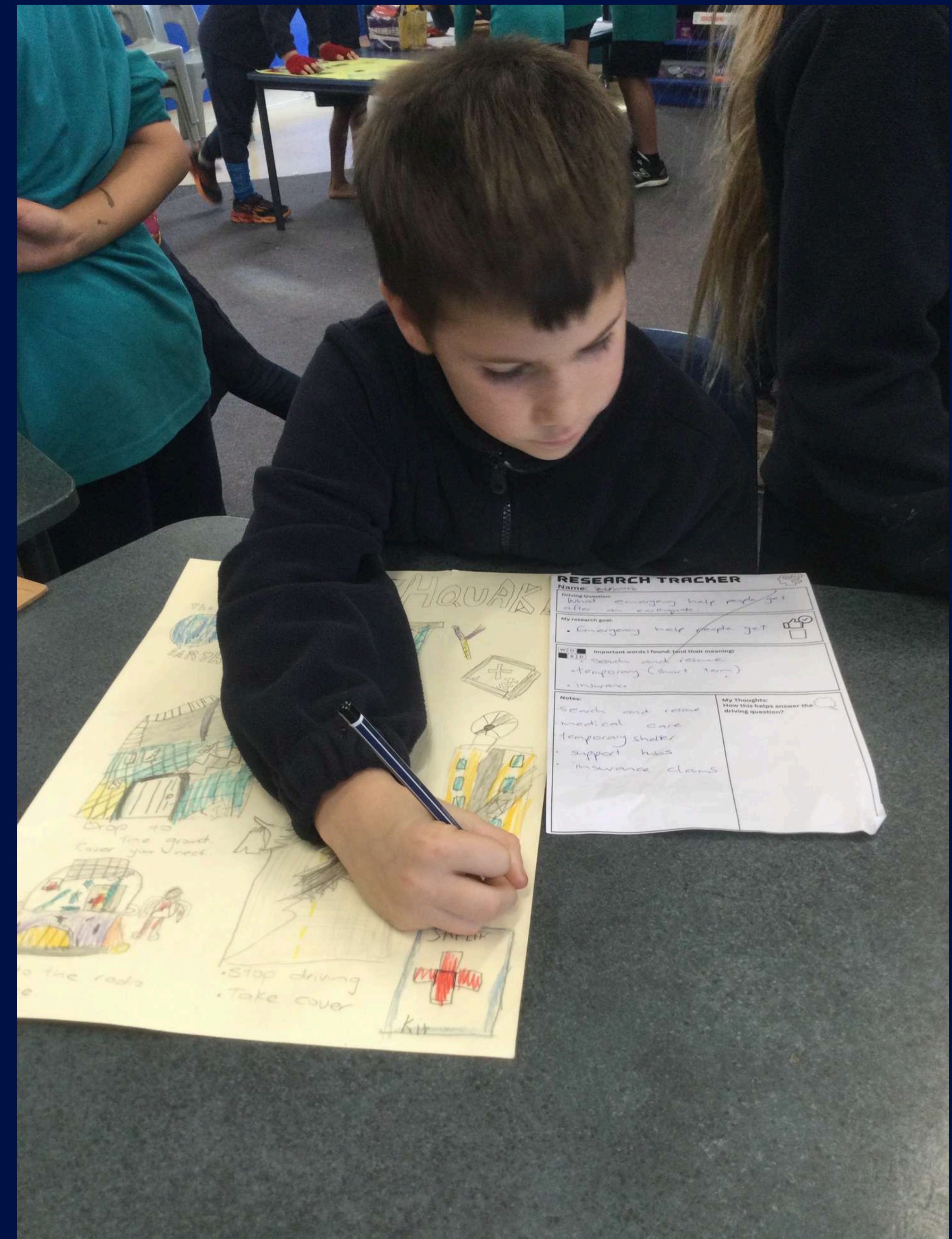
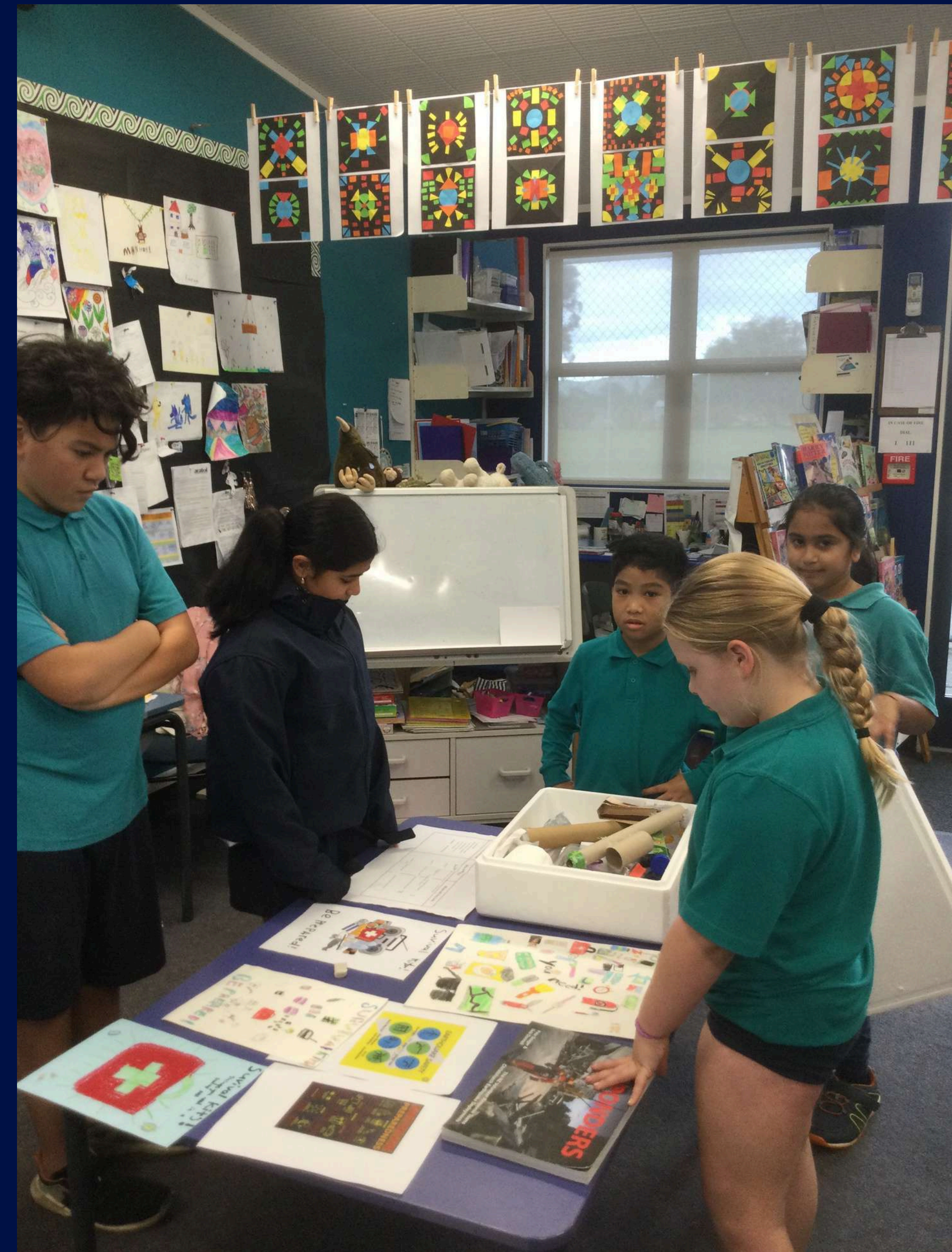
Group 2: How do earthquakes change people's lives and the places they live, both in New Zealand and other countries?

Group 3: How do earthquakes of different sizes affect buildings, and how can we build safer ones to be better prepared?

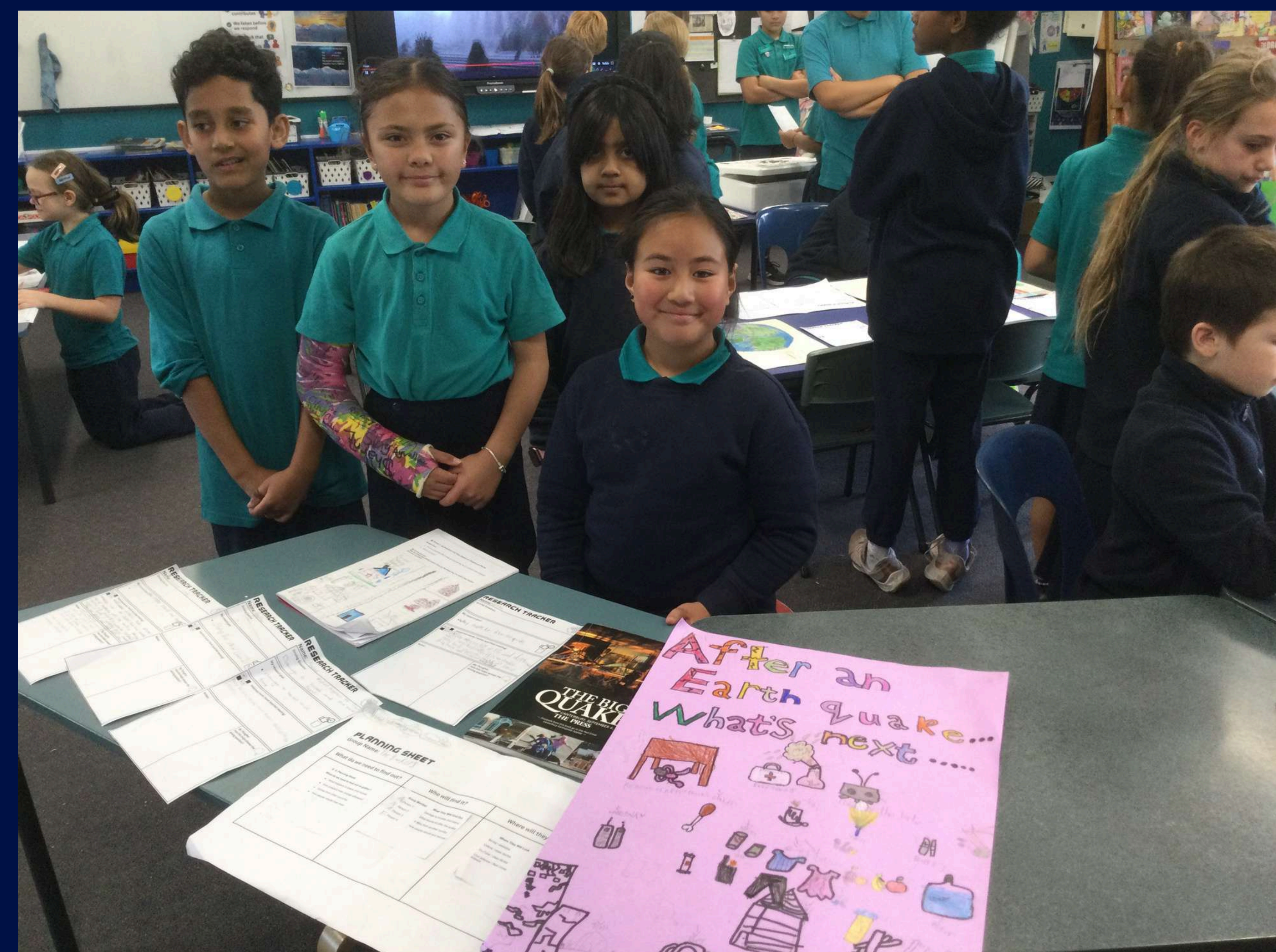
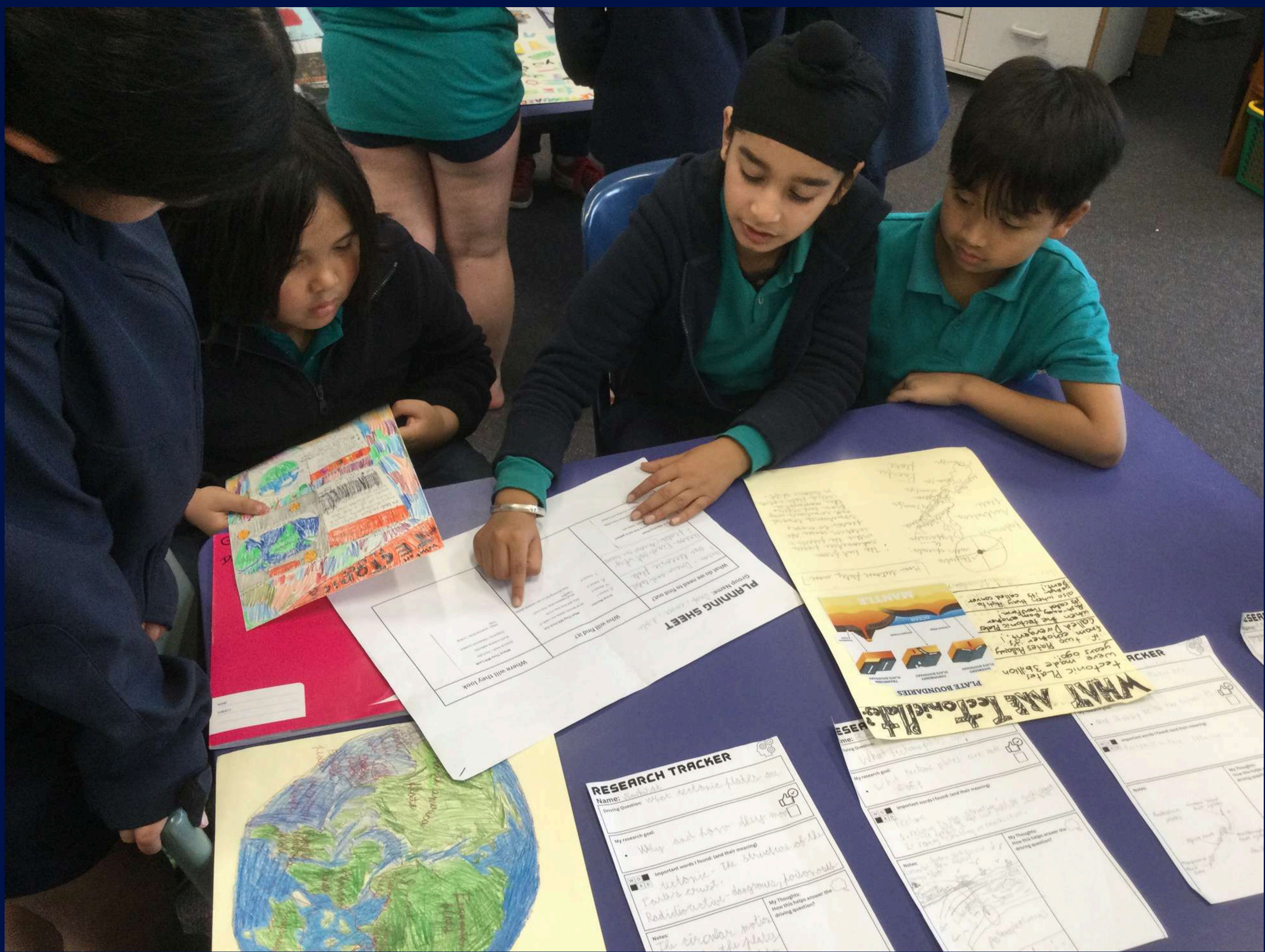
Group 4: What can we do at school and home to stay safe and be ready for a big earthquake?

Group 5: What are tectonic plates, and how do they cause earthquakes when they move or collide?

Working in groups helped the students understand their topic better and also taught them skills like teamwork, sharing ideas, and doing research. All the students collaborated well and were able to confidently share their findings. I was so impressed that we invited the other classes from the Rangitumau syndicate to come and view their work.



TERM 2 INQUIRY - ROOM 10



BRICKS AND WHEELS CHILDREN'S LEGO COMPETITION



Pre-advance notice that Alzheimers Wairarapa are organizing a lego competition for all lego fans. Competition winners will receive free tickets to the Brick and Wheels show which will be held at Wairarapa College Hall on Sunday 19th October. To enter School or clubs (you can create a family club) need to submit their lego build to the judges at an agreed date in advance of the show. Best builds will be displayed at the Bricks and Wheels show.

Winning entries will receive free passes to the brick and wheels show for up to two adults and three children. For general information please contact **Amanda Taylor** or **Emma Ballantyne** at Masterton Primary School. For specific details please contact the organisers directly: tony.dragicevic@gmail.com (Tony) m.slykhuis@xtra.co.nz (Marianne)

BRICK SHOW IS BACK

Sunday 19th October 2025

We are excited to announce that this year's Brick Show event, now named Bricks & Wheels, will be even more fun! Scheduled for the 19th of October 2025, this highly anticipated one-day event promises an unforgettable experience for all.

We are thrilled to introduce that our Bricks & Wheels event will be held at the Wairarapa College Theatre Hall and field. The venue offers more space and improved facilities for our vendors, ensuring a more enjoyable experience for our whanau. Our expanded layout will allow for a greater variety of vendors showcasing incredible lego-builds, big trucks and much more.

Mark your calendars and join us for a day filled with fun, creativity and community support. We will continue to update our community through our facebook page and other media platforms with more information.

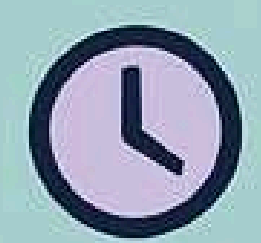


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