

## Tuakana-Teina

We are currently developing Tuakana-Teina relationships between the students to specifically support reading and writing development. Tuakana/teina refers to the relationship between an older (tuakana) person and a younger (teina) person, where the tuakana is a role-model for the teina and helps to support their learning and development. This initiative is grounded in many years of research and is proven to help accelerate learning. Each Maharahara student (tuakana) has been allocated a Wharite student (teina) to read with on a daily basis. Their teina must read a few books from their book box (they must take home one of these books for that night's reading) and then the tuakana reads a picture book to them. If you could take the time to read the book they bring home each night it would be much appreciated. Sometimes they may bring two books home, one they have read to their tuakana and one they have been working on with their teacher. Please remind your child to bring the books back to school on a daily basis for others to read.

## Early Childhood Centres Visit

On Tuesday last week the Year 8 Leaders visited Ashhurst Kindergarten and Learning Adventures to drop off some information about our school. They had a great time painting and playing with the children.



## Kaitiakitanga

Today Sarah from Horizons came to run the students through the first of our Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship) lessons - Tracking & Trapping. Maharahara students will be engaging in Kaitiaki Projects this term to develop their knowledge and understanding of 'Systems' in our world, how we influence them as well as how they influence us. The students have placed tracking tunnels around the school to monitor pests.



## Upcoming events this week

Monday - Sarah from Horizons taking Trapping & Tracking lessons

Tuesday - Two teachers from Manakau School visiting

Thursday - Friends of Awahou (Fundraising team) meeting 5:30pm ALL WELCOME, Board of Trustees meeting 7pm

## National Young Leaders Day

Tim and Trudi will be taking the Year 5 to 8 students to the National Young Leaders day at The Regent in Palmerston North on Tuesday 21st May. Please ensure they wear their school uniform. The students will be able to listen to inspiring and motivational messages from people such as Ronnie Taulafo, Kings, and Dr Lehan Stemmet.



**RONNIE TAULAFO**

Ronnie is best known for his role as a presenter on What Now, and is currently working on his first feature length film. He's passionate about seeing young people in Aotearoa reach their full potential and we know he'll bring authentic and inspiring messages to NYLD.

Strike  
Wednesday 29th May  
The school will remain open.