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SUPPORTING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN

TUI TRUST WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We would like to acknowledge and commend all children, particularly those for whom school presents ongoing challenges. At this time of year, recognition is often given to well-deserved academic achievers through awards and certificates. However, for many of the children we support, the act of attending school consistently and engaging to the best of their ability represents a significant and commendable achievement in itself.

For these learners, cognitive overload can be a persistent barrier, and their perseverance deserves explicit recognition. We therefore take this opportunity to congratulate those children who have reached the end of the school year through sustained effort and resilience. The holiday period offers a well-earned respite from the demands of continuous information processing, allowing time for rest and recovery.

We are immensely proud of these young people and encourage them to continue their journey. The often demanding dedication and effort they show now, no matter

how small it may seem, will contribute meaningfully to their future wellbeing and independence.

The Great New Zealand Handwriting Micro-Challenge

Handwriting continues to be widely recognised as a valuable tool for learning and memory retention, particularly within educational settings. We extend our sincere gratitude to Helen Walls and Christine Braid for spearheading *The Great New Zealand Handwriting Micro-Challenge*.

Schools were invited to document and share the handwriting progress of their students over a 20-week period. While it is often assumed that all children's handwriting will improve naturally over time, this is not always the case for Tier III students or those with learning difficulties. For these learners, additional time, support,

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and explicit instruction are essential to achieving meaningful progress. We are exceptionally proud of all the students who participated and demonstrated persistence and effort throughout the challenge.

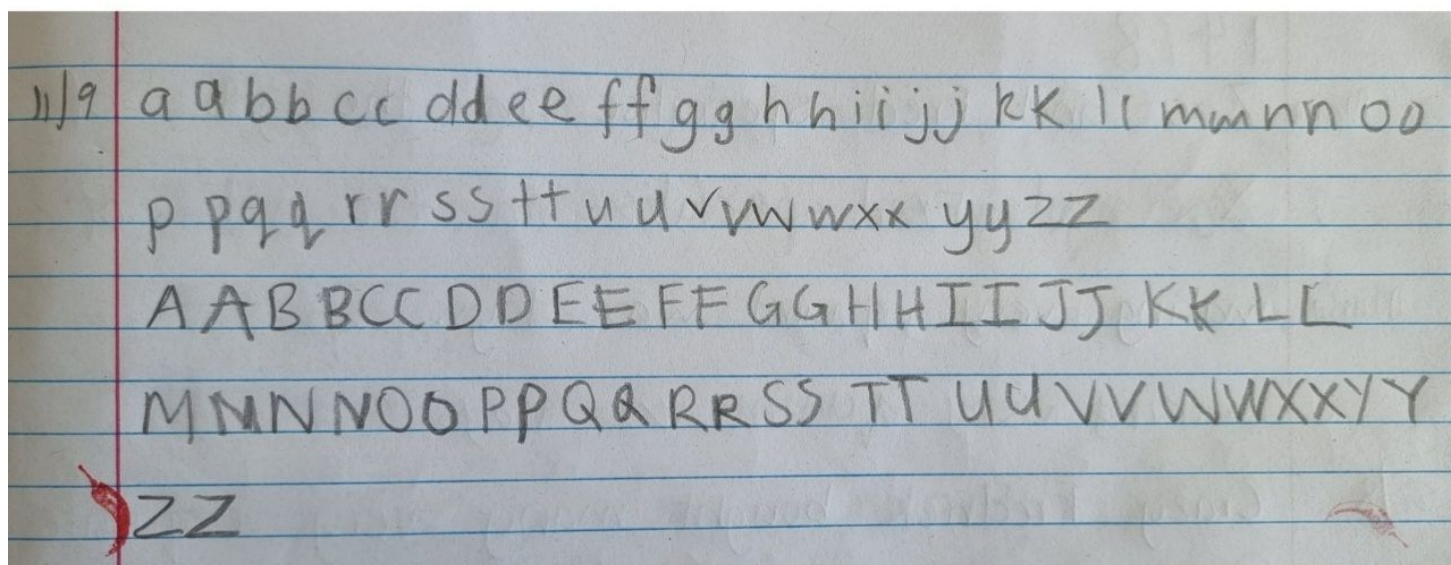
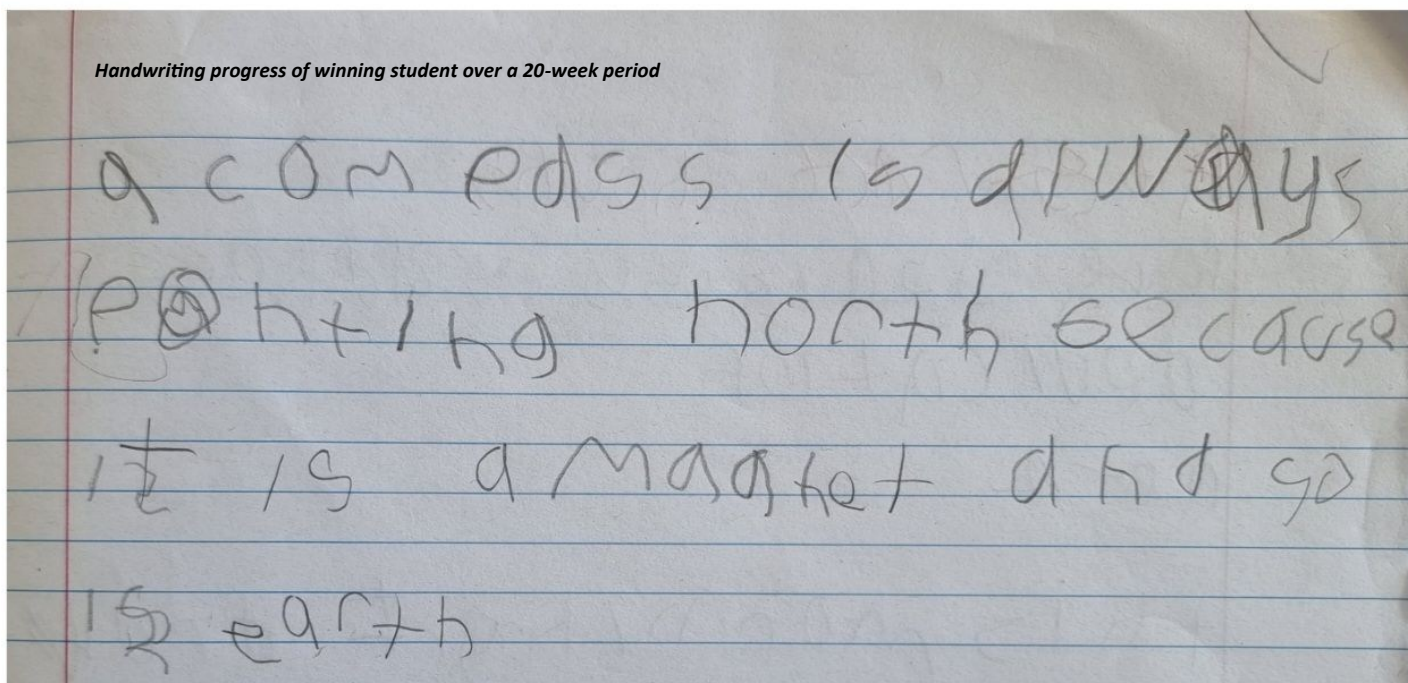
Three winners were selected and their classrooms celebrated in a variety of creative ways, including a Teddy Bears Picnic Party. Students attended school in their pyjamas, accompanied by their teddy bears, and participated in activities such as treasure hunts, pizza, ice cream with chocolate sauce and sprinkles, and water games (soaking wet teacher Heidi pictured left).

Many children described the experience as “the best day ever,” highlighting the positive engagement and enthusiasm fostered through this initiative.

Thank you to everyone who made this year special. We absolutely loved working with all of you. We are especially grateful to our volunteers, sponsors and supporters who enable us to continue our work in our community.

Merry Kirihimete from the team at Tui Trust

Handwriting progress of winning student over a 20-week period





AGM—ongoing mission to support our community

Tui Trust, a Hamilton-based charitable organisation dedicated to enhancing the well-being of children, recently held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Trust Waikato in the Puna Korero Room. The event provided an important opportunity for trustees and team members to collectively reflect on the year’s achievements, review organisational performance, and evaluate the impact of key projects and community initiatives. With the full team in attendance, the meeting fostered thoughtful discussion and strategic alignment around the Trust’s ongoing mission to support children and families across the Waikato region.

As we look ahead to 2026, Tui Trust remains committed to building on the progress of the past year through continued collaboration, transparency, and innovation in programme delivery. The insights gained from this AGM will inform future priorities and ensure that the Trust continues to operate with accountability and purpose, strengthening its capacity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our communities, tamariki and whānau.

Tui Trust is part of a new national Payroll Giving Campaign launched early October 2025. If you would like to support our work see details below.



Photo: taken at our AGM from left Tania, Piki, Fonteyn and Natalie. Lee is behind the camera.

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