



Andy was on dinner duty at Awakino and treated everyone to one of his latest creations, inspired by skills he picked up while working at TK EatZ. On the menu was a delicious bacon, egg, and hash brown burger that was an instant hit with the household. It was definitely a crowd-pleaser and, judging by the empty plates, it's a recipe that may have to make a return appearance soon!

On Sunday, some of the crew jumped in the van and headed off to Kerikeri for a day out. Along the way, they stopped at the Matakana Chocolate Shop, where they treated themselves to some well-earned goodies and a few sweet delights. With beautiful weather and great company, it was the perfect day for an outing, filled with smiles, laughter, and a little bit of chocolatey indulgence.



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Monday 15th June saw Ollie, Lloyd, and Chris setting sail on an amazing adventure aboard the R. Tucker Thompson—and what a day it was! It was an early start, leaving Dargaville at 6:00am, but everyone was buoyed by the excitement of the day ahead. We met up with some of the Special Olympics crew in Opuia and jumped aboard the car ferry with them before making our way to the wharf at Russell to await our ship.

Before long, the mighty R. Tucker Thompson sailed into view, and we were welcomed aboard with open arms. With smiles all around, we cast off and headed out onto the sparkling Bay of Islands.

The weather couldn't have been better if we'd ordered it ourselves! There was barely a cloud in the sky and the sea was as calm as as calm could be. The sails were hoisted high, although there wasn't enough wind to fill them, so the motor helped keep us on course. No one was complaining though, we were all too busy soaking up the sunshine and enjoying the view.

We cruised over to an island where we dropped anchor and shared some delicious kai together. There were plenty of opportunities for adventure, with some choosing to climb the mast while others took the plunge and went for a swim.

Ollie was keen to lend a hand and helped raise the mast, giving his muscles a good workout and proving he was quite the sailor. Lloyd also got involved with the crew and later struck a different chord by playing guitar for everyone onboard. His music had the whole crew smiling and really helped keep spirits afloat. Chris thoroughly enjoyed the voyage, taking in all the sights and making the most of every moment on the water.

As if the day wasn't already shipshape, we were lucky enough to spot penguins and plenty of fish along the way. Every time we turned around there seemed to be something new to sea. There was laughter, teamwork, sunshine, good company, and unforgettable memories. By the end of the day, we were all in the same boat, it had been an absolutely fantastic experience and one we'll be talking about for a long time to come.

A huge thank you to the incredible crew of the R. Tucker Thompson for helping us navigate such a wonderful day. It was truly oar-some!



Whats on

- 20th June - Basketball Practice DIS
- 27th June Basketball Proactice DIS
- 3rd July - Greenways Depot is closed for the day
- 4th July - Special Olympic Prizegiving

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