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Jimmy

Hiya kids... welcome back!

Hi there super savers! I hope you all enjoyed your Autumn break. I watched lots of the Commonwealth Games on TV – weren't they awesome. So proud of our Kiwi athletes!

I've been hearing a lot about electric cars lately so decided to find out what they are all about. They are going to be the only thing we drive in the future, so pretty soon you might get one at home – wouldn't that be cool! I hope you are inspired to enter our competition to design your own electric vehicle – you could win \$50 for your savings!

Stay cool super savers!

Electric cars

ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EV'S) WERE SOME OF THE FIRST KINDS OF TRANSPORTATION BUILT IN THE 1820'S. BUT THEN THE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE (USING PETROL OR DIESEL) WAS GREATLY IMPROVED, AND CARS THAT USED THOSE ENGINES COULD GO MUCH FARTHER AND FASTER THAN EV'S. TODAY PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT ELECTRIC VEHICLES AGAIN AS A WAY TO REDUCE POLLUTION AND USE LESS FUEL.

WHAT ARE PURE ELECTRIC VEHICLES?

Electric vehicles are vehicles charged from an external electricity source. If they are powered solely by electric batteries they are known as pure electric vehicles.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT ELECTRIC CARS?

Electric cars are better for the environment, simple! The world needs to reduce emissions – and cars produce lots of CO₂ exhaust emissions into the air. Electric cars have no emissions! Also, because in NZ we produce plenty of renewable power to power electric vehicles, we wouldn't need to bring in huge amounts of petrol and other fossil fuels from elsewhere in the world. 80% of NZ's electricity is generated from renewable sources like wind, hydro and solar. **That's good for the planet!**

They are cheaper to run! The cost of charging works out about the same as 30 cents per litre for petrol. Petrol is around \$2 a litre!

Charge up at home - EVs can be charged anywhere there is a power point, just like charging your cellphone. You can wake up to a 'full tank' every morning by plugging in at home, and never have to go out of your way to a petrol station again. There are charging stations popping up all over NZ so you can charge your car if you are away from home. They are also super quiet!

*Look out for cars with an EV sticker!
That means they are electric!*



HOW FAR CAN AN ELECTRIC CAR GO BEFORE THE BATTERY RUNS OUT?

100km
AT LEAST!

90%

OF ALL JOURNEYS IN NZ ARE UNDER 90KM!

THE AVERAGE DAILY CAR TRAVEL IN NEW ZEALAND IS
29km!

design an electric vehicle & win!

Now that you have learnt a bit about electric cars, how about you design your own electric vehicle? Return your completed picture with your school banking passbook, bring it in to a First Credit Union branch, or post it before Friday 29

JUNE 2018 to
PO Box 585,
Waikato Mail
Centre,
Hamilton.

a lucky
people will
WIN
\$50
for their
savings!



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congrats!

Congratulations to the winners of our 'Year of the Dog' colouring competition - **Saxon Winstanley-Mounsey** from Ohaupo School and **Maia Horn** from Glenview Primary.

Awesome colouring guys - **you've both won \$50 for your savings!**



◀ Maia

◀ Saxon

Hey mum! Hey Dad!



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final funny...

Q: What part of the car is the laziest?



A: The wheels, because they are always tired!

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