

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

Tena koutou katoa

Spring is in the air! A taste of warmer weather, birds’ dawn chorus and bulbs beginning to bloom; all sure signs that spring is imminent.

Over the last two weeks I have been observing and interacting with our akonga (learners) in the playground, playing happily and peacefully, having fun and creating childhood memories. I have noticed some excellent examples of students bucket filling –showing kindness, being friendly and giving compliments to other children and adults. Our peer mediators are almost redundant! Seriously, our peer mediators do a wonderful job sorting minor disputes in the playground, using skills they have learned to mediate. Mediations usually result in a win/win situation for all.

In our learning spaces, our akonga are immersed in learning with open mindsets, involved in learning from others and sharing the learning, being problem-solvers and finders and critical thinkers - asking questions and being challenged. Reflection time, where everyone reflects on what is being learned, is an integral part of the learning process.

Our staff work tirelessly to create a challenging, nurturing and inclusive environment for akonga. Their common goal is to instil a genuine love of learning and make a difference in your children’s lives. Thank you for showing sincere appreciation to our staff with your kind words and actions.

I look forward to connecting with all of you over the next five months.

Nga mihi

Alison O’Hara

Bucket Filling

Bucket filling encourages positive behaviour by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show children how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by “filling buckets.”

When you treat others with kindness and respect, you fill their bucket. When you fill someone’s bucket, you fill your own bucket, too. You feel good when you help others feel good.

Perseverance

What is perseverance?

Perseverance is being purposeful and steadfast. It is sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop you.

A good example is the story of the tortoise and the hare. Even though the tortoise was slower than the hare, he won the race because he persevered –he didn’t let anyone stop or distract him. He kept on going.

How do you practise it?

- By committing to someone or something
- Stick to it –keep at it
- Pace yourself
- Be persistent – never give up!
- Take one step at a time
- Stand by your friends or loved ones

A special welcome to the following new students and their families.

Mathilde & Alma Erstad, Jax Houlahan, Harrison Ward.
We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.

Virtues Awards

Well done to the following students who were recently recognized for displaying their virtues.



Respect: Ivan Adams, Lucy Wilkinson-Smith, Amber Cooke, Tayla Scrivener, Emily Ye, Harry Richardson, Ryleigh Dorricott, Paddy Rickard, Asta Norman. **Creativity:** Blake Smith. **Perseverance:** Valentina Salas, Eva Kavanagh, Grace Ivory. **Co-Operation:** Taylor McLachlan. **Courtesy:** Liam Cox.

New Chickens

Chicken replacements have arrived! A dozen day old layer chicks have taken up residence in Rooms 1 and 2. They will be loved and nurtured over the next 5 months until they become the ‘school chooks’, living and laying in the chook house. Please note that the older chickens, who will be into their second year of laying, will be looking for new homes out in the community. Place your orders with Kevin at the office or Room 1 so that you don’t miss out (\$10 per chook). They will be available during the last week of the school year.



Quiz Night

A HUGE thank you to all our sponsors and individuals who kindly donated items for our Quiz Night auction, raffle and spot prizes. We are very grateful to have such a supportive community. Thank you also to our wonderful PTA and helpers for organizing this great event. We appreciate the contribution from everyone who generously supported this event which raised \$6000 towards our swimming pool redevelopment.

Star of the Week

Ashton Baxter

Womble of the Week

Jacob Hagan

Reminder to get your pie orders in by Friday 18th August.

Academic Achievement and/or Progress

Congratulations to the following students:

Chelsea Jones	Displays diligence, commitment and hard work in all areas.
Harrison Gorringer	Powerful language in cameo & recraft writing.
Sienna T-M	Using powerful imagery in poetry writing.
Hunter Giltrap	Poetry from the heart!!
Valentina Salas	Working hard in maths with fantastic progress in number knowledge.
Lucy Reid	Writes thoughtful, detailed and creative sentences. Puts a great picture in her audience’s mind.
Eden Patterson	For making both a huge effort and improvement in her reading.
Bella Jean Fantham-Houia	For making excellent progress as a writer by using exciting vocabulary and adding detail.
Hunter Mitchell	Fantastic use of adjectives in your writing to add more detail and interest for the reader.
James MacPherson	Writes thoughtful and detailed writing.
Lily Hayward	Writing by herself and sounding out words.
Zara Brown	Great progress with her writing.
Milly Vivian	Great progress using reading strategies to work out unknown words.
Melissa Lister	For excellent use of speech marks and exclamation marks in her writing.
Alex Beitcher	Being a creative writer who is able to express his ideas using descriptive language.

Which one are you?

Fixed Mindset	Growth Mindset
<p>‘I can’t grow my brain!’</p> <p>I want to be the BEST!</p> <p>I do well because I am clever.</p> <p>Mistakes mean I am a failure.</p> <p>I ignore comments on my work.</p> <p>I only try what I know is easy.</p> <p>I give up if it doesn’t work.</p>	<p>‘I can grow my brain.’</p> <p>I want to get better.</p> <p>My hard work brings me success.</p> <p>Mistakes help me learn.</p> <p>I check my comments – they give me ‘next steps’.</p> <p>I love trying new and hard things.</p> <p>I try different strategies and never give up.</p>

Whakatauki



CORRECTION

School Cross Country

Tuesday 5th September

⇒ 11.30am—12.30pm
5, 6 and 7 year olds.

⇒ 1.30—3pm
8, 9, 10 and 11 year olds.

Green-Gold Enviroschool
EARTH KIDS Education for Sustainability
Schoolgen School
Health Promoting School

Teacher Only Day

There will be a teacher only day on **Monday 4 September**, which our Board of Trustees have approved. **School will be closed on this day.** Teachers are visiting schools outside the Wanganui District to view best practice in collaboration and digital technology. Visiting and observing teaching practice and networking with schools is an important means of Professional Development and for teachers.

School Birthday Timetable—Friday 25th August		
9.10am	Grand Parade of book characters	
9.45am	Classroom visit by grandparents	
10.10am	Monster Read—School wide reading	
10.25am	Class birthday cakes	
10.30am	Morning Tea/Visit Book fair	

House Singing

Rehearsals are now in full swing with all children meeting every week for half an hours practice. House leaders are learning many new skills of organisation and communication with both adults and children. This work will culminate with a show for our family community on Thursday afternoon of the last week of this term followed by the House Singing competition on Friday afternoon.

KEA CROSSING

The Kea Crossing on Great North Road opposite the Virginia Lake Aviary is still operating every morning. We thank those parents who are electing to drop their children off at the aviary so that they can safely walk to school thus helping to reduce the congestion at the school gate. I suggest that the parents who are driving past the crossing in the morning consider dropping their children off so that the wardens, assisted by a trained adult supervisor, can cross them safely followed by a short walk to school.
Kevin Booth DP

New Zealand Playhouse production of Puss ‘n’ Boots.

Out of the many visiting groups we have had over the years, NZ Playhouse are by far the best. Three actors entertained our children with a top class performance once again. It is great to see quality stage craft on our stage. The children loved it. The staff enjoyed it while taking notes about the use of props and costuming; great professional development.

Term Dates

Term 3: Last day, Friday 29th September

Term 4: Monday 16th October—Friday 15th December

Powerco and Sparky have been in to visit us this week to share their power safety messages. Please look at their website www.sparky.co.nz to learn more.