

16 November 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Four weeks of the 2018 school year remaining. Where has it gone!!! The last month of the school year is always an eventful month at school (and home). We have lots of achievement milestones to reach and also we want our students to look back at positive memories of their primary years at school.

Classes are involved in trips, celebrations, productions, sporting, cultural, arts events and in between that our teachers and students also have teaching and learning in the core curriculum, reading/ writing/math (no pressure!!!) Students need to be engaged and happy to learn! Creating lots of exciting learning opportunities and experiences help achieve this.

Thank you staff for doing this. Our teachers are very dedicated and have a great team of support staff quietly supporting them diligently in the background. We appreciate all your efforts.

Also I know all the staff and I really appreciate your help and support. The school is blessed with it's caring, responsive and supportive parent community, PTA and BOT. All the best for the end of year. Please remember if you have concerns, we appreciate you discussing them with us.

Nga Mihi

Michael Fitzgerald

#### Term 4 - Significant Dates

November:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

- Interschool Athletics
- NZ Playhouse Performance
- Mufti/Wheels day for Foodbank
- Ruru Team (Rm 5/6/7/8)
- Cloud 9/Esplanade Palmerston North
- Thour Zone (Rm 3/4)
- Big Day In
- Piwakawaka Team (Rm 11/12/13/14)
- (Final Discovery—Wet & Wild)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

December:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Student Profile books home
- Year 6 Operetta—Performance to school
- Tui Team (Rm 9/10/15/16)
- Bushy Park
- Year 6 Operetta—Public Performance 7pm
- Piwakawaka Team (Rm 11/12/13/14)
- Team Celebration
- Year 6 Operetta—Public Performance 7pm
- Mitre 10 Tough Kid Challenge
- Reports Home
- Year 6 Social
- Leavers Assembly 9 → 11.30am
- (All Year 6 students & whanau)
- School closes 12 noon

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 13th

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Welcome to School

A warm welcome to the newest members of our school family.



Thomas Zangel, Sophie Bennetts, Atiria Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder. Great to have you here.

#### School Swimming Pool Can you help?

While our caretaker is on holiday over the summer break we require someone to vacuum our school pool and check on the chemicals. This will be over the Xmas/New Year period. Please contact the school office if you can help.

#### Virtues Awards

Well done to the following students who were recognised for displaying the virtues their teams are focusing on this term.



##### Tolerance:

Hunter Mitchell, Aleah Loft-Angel, Payton Veikoso, Serena Chernoff, Haesol Lee, Toby Young, Julie Stoop, Zara Brown.

##### Perseverance:

Zac Davy, Louie Filer, Cooper McKinnon, Ariella Moyo, Danielle Baxter. **Friendliness:** Devon Grant.



##### Perseverance:

Samara Wong, Sophie Fulton.

##### Friendliness:

Lucy Taylor, Jorjah Penn.

##### Purposefulness:

Katie Curran, Jimmy Ye, Zariah Wong, Tyson Back.

##### Justice:

Jake Banks,

Mitchell Young, Indigo Hall, Phoebe Rickard.

**Reliability:** Emily Brown, Ihaia Cooper. **Commitment:** Jacob Kenny.

#### NZ Playhouse Red Riding Robyn Hood Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Please send \$6.50 to your child's teacher

This very well respected theatre company is once again performing at our school next Tuesday 20th November.



#### Xmas Food Bank Appeal

Mufti/Wheels Day—"Bring a Can" Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Wheels—Scooters/skates/skateboards. (Seniors only drift trikes)

Protective clothing advisable ie: helmets/gloves etc



#### Touch Rugby Success!!

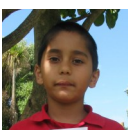
We congratulate the following students for making Whanganui Representative Touch teams to compete in the ISP Tournament on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December in Palmerston North.

Trista Ormsby, Matthias Pa'a, Elizabeth Adrole, Jack Heerdegen, Te Atakura Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder, Jack Bowen, Isla Jones, Ihaia Cooper. Well done.

#### Womble of the Week



Emily Brown



Arshy Singh

#### Star of the Week



Alex Beitchef



Solomon Deere

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#### Green-Gold Enviroschool.

EARTH KIDS Education for Sustainability Schoolgen School Health Promoting School



#### Academic Achievement and/or Progress

Congratulations to the following students:



**Aryan Colaabavala**  
**Nick Burroughs**  
**Taylor McLachlan**

**Larson Whittaker**  
**Sophie Taylor**

**Connar Baldwin-Holly**

**Tyson McKee**  
**Liam McCosh**

**Lily Andrews**

**Liam Penwarden**  
**Max Jurgens**

**Harriet Aplin**

**Keanu Joseph**

Excellence in Mathematics.  
Excellent report and explanation writing.  
Excellent attitude and results in Mathematics.  
Brilliant thinking in Algebra!  
Excellent descriptive writing about fireworks—Using all the senses to describe them.  
Excellent progress and achievement in Maths.  
Great progress with his Maths.  
Fantastic problem solving strategies in Mathematics.  
Great progress with her writing and handwriting. Tino Pai!  
Excellent Mathematical thinking.  
Having made great progress with 'words I can write'. Max can write 40 words from memory!  
For fantastic commitment to her reading for the Tui team Superhero readathon reading more than 60 books in four weeks.  
Amazing commitment to Superhero challenge.

#### School Athletics

Thank you to all who were able to support this event on Wednesday. A great day had by all. A list of results will be shared in our next newsletter. All our students gave their best. The day was beautiful and the event well run by all helpers. A special thank you to Glen Howells who co ordinated the day. First time in five years that the students took out the Parent/Staff versus Student relay. The homeward leg had Matthias Pa'a against his Dad Matthew Pa'a. Mathias was determined that he was going to have the edge over his father and had thought of a little 'ribbing' for his Father by presenting a message to read on the homeward stretch!!!

Good luck to our students who will be representing our school at the Interschool Athletics next Tuesday.



#### Term Dates 2019

Term 1 30 January - 12 April  
Term 2 29 April - 5 July  
Term 3 22 July - 27 September  
Term 4 14 October - 13 December

Waitangi Day 6th February, Queens Birthday 3rd June, Labour Day 28th October,



#### BOT Request

Dear Parent Community

We are currently reviewing our School Charter and also our Health programme. The BOT really value the feedback from our school community and ask that you give a little time to two surveys your child will bring home.

Today with the newsletter, you should also receive a questionnaire regarding our Charter Goals and what you perceive the school does well and possible next steps. We ask that you give this your prompt attention and return by next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Next Friday, we will send home our Health survey, which again we ask that over the following week, you can find half an hour to complete and return to school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. The BOT appreciate the community help and support in their role of School Governance and thank you in anticipation to our request for feedback.

Kind regards

Janine Heerdegen

BOT Chairperson

#### Junior Choir Performance — Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Our Junior Choir is performing at our school assembly on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10am. Parents are welcome to attend.



#### Ruru Team Sarjeant Art Gallery Trip

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November students were fortunate to travel with whanau to the Sarjeant on the Quay to look at New Zealand artworks representing native flora and fauna. We took time to describe the artworks and generate our own ideas, inspired by these

pieces we had seen. We used acrylic and metallic poster paint and the tiniest brushes to create fine, delicate paintings on circles of card. We attached a ribbon so our artworks become decorations to hang on our Christmas trees or to decorate our homes.



#### Kapiti Island Adventure

Well, who would have believed we would make it across to Kapiti Island. We had terrible weather leading up to our travel day but the Gods smiled on us and sent beautiful, calm, sunny weather. Many of New Zealand's endangered species were spotted and heard in the beautiful native bush that cloaks the island right to the very top.

##### The Kaka

Like a stone statue the khaki, fearless kaka spreads its talons on Jake's leather hat.

Resting motionlessly the curious kaka is eyeing up Jake's bag wondering what morsels will be inside.

A strong scythe shaped beak hooks out the kaka's face.

Nervously Jake waits for this intense moment to end.

By William Herd

