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Tekau-mā-rua Hepetema 2023
12th September 2023

Kawerongo
Newsletter

Kaupeka 3
Term 3

Principal's voice:

As I am sitting at my desk looking out at another day of cold and extremely wet weather! Let's all hope for some improvement soon. I walked past our daffodils the other morning and took a few seconds to just take in the beautiful sight. It filled my cup for the rest of the day! I hope it helps to brighten up your day too!



Our next teacher only day

Our second curriculum refresh professional development day will take place on **Friday 24th November**. The school will be closed for learning.

The teacher only days are to support significant changes in curriculum and assessment. If you would further information concerning the days granted from the MoE please [click here](#).

Te wiki o te reo 11th - 15th Hepetema

We are organising a variety of learning around Te wiki o Hepetema (Te reo week). Our tamariki are constantly improving within Te reo and Te ao Māori. Our staff are in their second year of PD where what they are learning weekly supports the learning in class.

We felt having a Te reo A-Thon made perfect sense. Please take the time to practise with your child each evening and perhaps learn some new te reo yourself.

Speeches

All the finals are now complete . They have all worked hard to deliver their speeches to their peers in class and for some to a wider audience. This is a great skill to have and one that many adults find extremely difficult to do. We are very proud of every akonga and would like to thank their teachers for the hard mahi that has gone into getting the speeches completed.

Congratulations to our finalists:

EDN French speaking

Year 4

1st - Josephine Tillon
2nd - Charlie-Jane Nociar

Year 5

1st - Lilya Shearer
2nd - Maiwenn Guttin

Year 6

1st - Gabriel Hill
2nd - Noah Ledwich

French Speech INTERSCHOOL

Gabriel and Lilya represented BNS.
Gabriel won second place.

Seniors - rooms 5,6 and 8

Year 4

1st – Josephine Tillon
2nd – Eliza Stanton
3rd – Nour Elkharbotly
Highly commended – Kenji Clavier

Year 5

1st – Mila Widdowson-Adam
2nd – Lilya Shearer
3rd – Maiwenn Guttin
Highly commended – Niamh Bradley

Year 6

1st – Gabriel Hill
2nd – Atlas Angelino
3rd – Levi Bruce
Highly commended – Lily Carle



Juniors - rooms 9, 10 and 11

Year 1

1st – Isla Bradley
2nd – Samuel Kim
3rd – Iverson Hiku
Certificate of participation in the Final – Joseph Usumanu

Year 2

1st – Elliot Hoch
2nd – Bear Borman
3rd – Elena Bonesi-Kah
Certificate of participation in the Final – Ophelia Walters and Sioli Tongatea

Year 3

1st – Emile Colin
2nd – Jackson Liu
3rd – Xavier Bruneau
Certificate of participation in the Final – Ethan Halud and Jet Mallard

Mad Scientists strut disco on Friday

This email was sent out at the weekend but just in case you missed it here it is again.

Mad scientists strut Disco Friday 15th September 2023 - 6pm - 7:30pm

THEME - DRESS LIKE A MAD SCIENTIST!!

- We will be holding a disco on Friday 15th September.
- Entrance will be a gold coin donation.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them.
- **This is for Birrkdale North students only.** Sorry, no preschooler or older siblings.
- Please deliver your child to the hall door just before 6:00 pm. Then take yourself off and enjoy one and half hours of freedom while we look after your children for you!
- The main doors will be closed during the disco to ensure your children's safety as it is getting pretty dark by then.
- We will re - open the doors at the end of the disco (7:30pm) and invite parents into the hall to collect their children. Children will be sitting and **will not be allowed outside** unaccompanied. Please do not ask your child to meet you at the gate or somewhere else as they will not be allowed out. Please also be respectful of our teachers and pick them up at the correct time.
- Be assured if your child is unhappy or not enjoying themselves (sometimes little ones get overwhelmed) we will contact you.

It would speed up the process if you could indicate via the google form if your child will be attending:

[Mad scientists strut disco](#)

The end of term 3 and start of term 4

Our last day of term 3 is Friday 22nd September
Term 4 starts on Monday 9th October.

Keeping our tamariki safe at the end of the day.

We are aware that sometimes you may get stuck in traffic or for some reason you do not make it quite on 3pm. If you are stuck in traffic please do your best to let the office know by about 2:45 if possible. That gives Marion and Taryn time to pass the information onto your children and helps us make sure they are where they should be.

We are getting a few children in the office waiting to be picked up and for some it is becoming a regular occurrence. Please make every effort to pick your children up on time as it can get hectic at this time of day and if children are waiting for a while there may not always be an adult available to monitor them. The teachers day does not finish at 3pm, we often have meetings after school.

If you are finding it difficult to collect your child on time we do have SKIDs onsite who may be able to assist you.

Weekly achievement certificates - orange certificates.



Well done to our students who were recently awarded orange certificates:

Noho ora mai rā,

Jan.

Important dates

2023 Term Dates

Term 1	Monday 1st February - Thursday 6th April
Term 2	Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June
Term 3	Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September
Term 4	Monday 9th October - Friday 15th December

Public Holidays - School closed

Monday 23rd October - Labour Day - school closed

Teacher Only Day - School closed

Friday 24th November - School closed

Upcoming Events

Check our calendar on the website for more details.

Monday 11th September - Friday 15th September - Te wiki o te Reo Māori
Friday 15th September - Mad Scientists strut disco 6pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 19th September - Inter School Rippa Rugby
Friday 22nd September - Last day of term 3
Monday 9th October - First Day of Term 4
Wednesday 11th October - Mobile Library visit
Wednesday 18th October - Friday 20th October - Year 5 & 6 camp
Wednesday 8th November - Mobile Library visit
Friday 10th November - BNS athletics
Thursday 23rd November - Inter school athletics
Friday 24th November - Teacher only day - school closed
Friday 15th December - Last Day of Term 4

Public Health Nurses are available on 09 486 8996. Alternatively call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit www.health.govt.nz. The Public Health Nurses are able to help with providing things like nit treatment, action plans for students that have medical conditions and other general health queries.

School Dental services are based at Glenfield Intermediate, Chivalry Road, Glenfield. Contact on 09 444 6160.

Hearing & Vision:

If you have genuine concerns for your child's Vision or Hearing or want to rule it out as a contributor to behaviour and performance in school you can make an appointment at one of the WDHB clinics. Please click on the link below for further information.

<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/child-and-family-services/>

If you are unsure that your child has been tested, all children have been seen either at school or as a B4SCH check when they were 4 years.

The vision screening is for distance only so if you have concerns for Vision you could see an optometrist, they will do a full eye check - Specsavers do free checks for children under 16 years.