

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Kia ora koutou

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the excellent learning and achievements over the term. Our students have demonstrated enthusiasm and dedication towards their learning, and it has been a pleasure to see them grow and develop throughout this term. One of the highlights of this term was our "Gunfire Stockade" inquiry unit and trip. The students immersed themselves in this learning experience, and it was clear to see their interest in the topic. They explored some of New Zealand's history through this unit, its impact on New Zealand, and the lessons that can be learned from these events.

I am very proud of our students and their attitude towards their learning this term. They have approached their studies with a positive and enthusiastic mindset, embracing challenges, pushing themselves to achieve their goals, and stepping forward to try new things.

This term, we have averaged 90% attendance per day and had attendance as high as 94% on several days. 66% of our students have achieved "regular attendance" (9 out of 10 days). We know that if children miss more than a day a fortnight, it hurts their learning. So congratulations to these 66% and to the 44 students who achieved 100% attendance this term.

— Stephen Johnston, Principal

Unfortunately, we must bid farewell to Mr Horne, a valuable member of our school family for the past seven years. Mr Horne has decided to pursue a new job opportunity in Australia, and we wish him all the best on his new journey. Mr Horne has been an exceptional teacher and leader and has significantly impacted our students' lives. Under Mr Horne's leadership, we reinstated the school production and participated in the APPA choir. Mr Horne has been a team leader and maths curriculum leader, completed his Master's of Education and, most of all, made a significant difference in the lives of the students he taught. We are grateful for his contributions to our school and will miss him dearly.

We have made an appointment for the Room 11 teacher; however, our new teacher is still working through the immigration process. We hope he will be here for the start of the term. However, if he is not, we have Mrs Jackie Ikiua ready to look after Room 11 for the first week. Mrs Ikiua has been working across the school over the last few weeks, and we have enjoyed having her with us.

As we move into the holiday break, I encourage our students to continue learning and growing outside the classroom. Take the time to explore new things, read books, and spend time with your family and friends. Reflect on what you have learned throughout this term and set goals for the future. Finally, thank you to our students, teachers, parents, and caregivers for your ongoing support and dedication to our school. Your contributions have made this term successful, and we look forward to the next term.

Ngā manaakitanga

## CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT



This week certificates were awarded to:

Kristian Rm 10 Emmanuel Rm 10 Hazel Rm 6 Michael Rm 8 Desandi Rm 8 Sophia Rm 14 Thinaya Rm 4 Erwing Rm 2 Sophia Rm 6 Alyssia Rm 11 Xena Rm 11 Clare Rm 14 Chloe Rm 14 Zee Rm 2 Triszal Rm 3

## **ACHIEVEMENT BADGES**



This week badges were awarded to:

Jan Paul : Academic Red

Badge

Hamza: Cultural Red

Badge

Hongwei: Academic Red

Badge



Amelie Faatui Rm 8 received the top player of the year from Howick Pakuranga Cricket Club under 11 girls player of the year 2023-2024





## School Calendar

29 Apr: Term 2 Begins

## **Cultural Sports Day**

























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## Let's support our teens to balance their screen time!

Come join youth worker Amber to talk all ways we can support our teenagers to have a healthy relationship with their screens and technology



Tuesday 30th of April 7:30 - 9:00 pm

with Q&A

**Bookings essential** balancing-our-teens-screentime

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#### 2024 Dates:

Registrations opens - Wednesday 14th February Registration closes - Wednesday 17th April Fees DUE Wednesday 17th April Team list finalized in Sporty - Wednesday 1st May Thursday 9th May - 29 June Season (10 weeks) Prize giving - Thursday 27th June Rain Savings day - Thursday 4th July

# 6 Things our teens need to



Come join youth worker Amber to talk about supporting our teens to thrive and grow into the amazing people we know they can be



Wednesday 29th of May 7:30 - 9:00 pm with Q&A

**Bookings** essential https://events.humanitix.com/ balancing-our-teens-screen-

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Bucklands Beach Boys 13th Grade Soccer team is looking for players.

Practice is at Elm Park School on Tuesdays and Thursdays and home games are at Lloyd Elsmore Park on weekends.

If you are interested in joining this team, please get in contact with Leighton at:

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Leighton Whitewood

Coach of Bucklands Beach Association Football Club Team Navy 13th Grade

