

Kia ora e te whanau.

You are quite an incredible community. Despite the challenges of the current economic environment, the proximity of Christmas, the impending start to school holidays, and all of the associated stresses and tribulations: you still provided absolute truckloads of generosity to make sure our end of year community hangi was a success.

- Fourteen hangi baskets and two kai cooks worth of kai - sufficient to easily feed more than 600 people: and all of it donated.
- Various bits of gear and equipment required - all donated.
- More firewood than we needed - donated
- And while we did have to spend a few hundred dollars to make sure we had all bases covered; that money was donated too!

The generosity of our community extended to the giving of mātauraka, time, and commitment as well. Many of our whanau were here at school this week, elbow-deep in the prep required to ensure success; quite a few taking leave from their day jobs to do so.

In no particular order of priority, we wish to thank

- The meat / vege / stuffing / prep teams
- The bakers (all the bread was made from scratch)
- The hangi pit crew
- The teams that fed and watered the hangi pit crew
- The board, staff, and community members, who organised and led the teams
- Staff and whanau who crewed the five serving stations
- Those who loaned us gear and expertise
- Metservice - perfectly timed weather!



It was particularly pleasing to see multiple generations of families attending on the night - some, having their very first hangi experience ever. The kai was great; so too the community vibe. The perfect Waverley Park end of year celebration; it was also the perfect example of a classic whakataukī in action: “Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi,” (“With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.”).

We sure did - thank you Waverley Park; Ora i te ako.

Reports out today...

The kids’ were sent home with their end of year reports today. If by some stretch of credulity, a passing Labrador somehow removed your child’s report from their grasp / bag / backpack; and tore it to shreds / ate it / ran off with it: please let us know asap on Monday - we have copies!

Included at the bottom of the report is information regarding placement for next year (class / teacher / room). Also in the envelope (**yes** - *they were all in envelopes*): you should find the relevant stationery info for 2025. In the event that the ‘Lab’ was *extra hungry* - we have extra copies of that stuff too...)

Thanks, Harvestfield Church...

Today, the good people of the Harvestfield community dropped off a bunch of Christmas hampers for us to share with our community - two per classroom. Thank you, neighbour! Winners will be notified and results published next week.

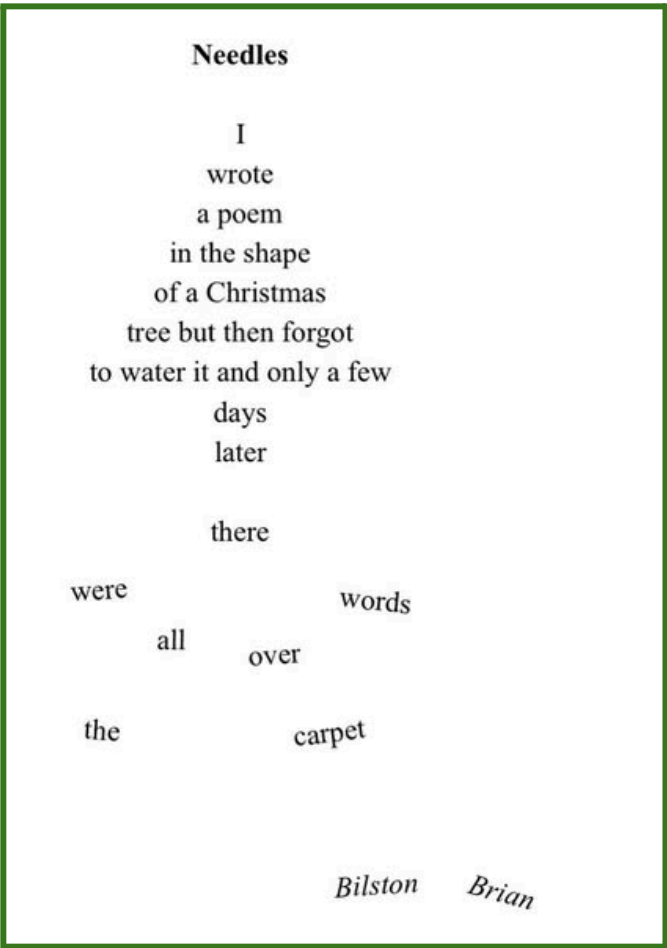


Pastor Peter Necklin - assisted by the Room One hamper-movers.

The calendar...

December 13	Reports sent home - yes, <i>today!</i>
17	Assembly - Kia Manawanui - 10.10am
	Year 6 Graduation - Room 1 - 7.00pm
18	Year 6 Graduation - Room 8 - 7.00pm
19	Year 6 Graduation - Room 11 - 7.00pm
20	Last day of school - finishes 12.30
February 03	First day of school for 2025...

‘Tis (almost) the season...



Yep - believable ...

The heaviest element known to science is *Managerium*. This element has no protons or electrons, but has a nucleus made up of one neutron, two vice-neutrons, five junior vice-neutrons, twenty-five assistant vice-neutrons and; one hundred and twenty-five junior assistant vice-neutrons - all going round in circles.

Managerium has a half-life of three years, at which time it does not decay but institutes a series of reviews leading to reorganization. Its molecules are held together by means of the exchange of tiny particles known as morons.

Until next week - ka kite.
Kerry Hawkins and staff.

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Ka manākitaka, whanau,
Kerry Hawkins and team.

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