



Week 9, Term 4 Principal's Panui - Principal's News  
Kia ora Koutou Katoa, greetings to all school and community families.

The school year is fast coming to a close, we have started swimming, students are loving being back in the pool.

### Prize Giving

Please remember that Prizegiving is this Thursday - 12th December at 1.30 in the hall. Everyone is welcome, it's always good to see parents, grandparents and community members at this important event.

There will be afternoon tea afterwards, please bring a plate. Thanks.

### End-of-Year Achievement Information

Your child's End-of-Year Achievement information will be posted on Seesaw this afternoon.

### Splash Planet

Linda has booked the tickets for our visit to Splash Planet next Monday. There is no need to come to school first, we need to meet outside the main entrance at 9.50 to be ready to go in together when they open at 10.00.

### Swap Table - Sustainable Gift Giving

There is a growing collection of goods that have arrived for the swap table. Please keep them coming! We'll be 'swapping' on Friday 13th December. Goods on the swap table may be chosen by a student as a gift for someone else (not themselves).

### Shared Lunch on Friday

We'd love for the students to have a shared lunch on Friday. If each family could bring something to contribute that would be fantastic.

### Last Day of School

School finishes on Tuesday 17th December at 12.30. The school bus will run at that time. Thank you all for your support during the year.

### Year 8s 2024



We are farewelling Eva Pedersen and Lucy Anderson and their families, Lucy and Eva have both done all of their primary schooling at Sherwood and they are both the youngest in their family. So, it is particularly significant that they are moving on to the next stage of their schooling. We wish them the very best.

### Start Date for Term 1 2025 and Term 1 Class Organisation

School will start back for students on Monday 3rd February. The class organisation for 2025 will be different to what we have had in the past. Next year's Year 4 students will be in Room 2 with Mrs Poulton, not in Room 1 as has happened in past years. This is mostly about numbers. There will be 7 Year 4s next year and also we'll have a big group of 8 Year 7 students.

If these groups were in the same class next year it would mean there would be 23 students in Room 1 and 8 in Room 2.

This is not a workable situation hence the reason for keeping the Year 4s in Room 2. Staff will work together to make this arrangement work.

I will review the arrangement with staff, parents and students mid-year.

Have a great week everyone.

This is obviously the last newsletter for the year. I wish you all a very Happy Xmas and a great summer break, see you at prizegiving.

**Christine**

Room 1 students have been writing their own myths.

### Story of Midas

This story takes place in Grasstopia. There is a population of 80 people. Midas, his wife, son and daughter live there. His daughter's name is Lacie and his son is Jack, his wife is Lucia.

One day Midas leaves the village, hungry for money. Midas was homeless and he had no food for his family. After Midas leaves he goes to the woods...

Later at night while it's thunder storming Midas finds a temple, he goes in and finds a bunch of treasure. Midas grabs all of it and walks out. He tries to find his way back, but Midas gets struck by lightning. Later he wakes up and he knows his way back. He finds his wife and kids happily and hugs his kids. But then his kids turn to gold! He gets frightened and thinks it's a joke. His wife says, "It's not a joke" and he hugs her thinking it is, but his wife turns to gold. He's now depressed, he climbs a mountain and floats his wife and kids up in the sky, creating gold flecks in it. He is so amazed by this he shows his friend Caleb, But then, because Midas is so full of grief he touches himself and slowly turns to gold. Caleb knows what to do, he floats Midas in the air and Midas lights up the world as a star. One big star. That's what we call the sun today.

**Riley Ryder-Dempsey**

Room 2



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Today I made a bird feeder. If you want to make one, here's what you need:  
Bird grain, cow fat (container), pinecone.

Step 1: Grab a pinecone

Step 2: Smudge bird grain into the fat.

Step 3: Coat the pinecone in bird grain.

Step 4: Tie string on the pinecone.

Step 5: Wait

Step 6: Play!

**Takiri Lanauze**



But not as you know it.

# CHRISTMAS CAROL

Written by **Patrick Barlow** Adapted from the story by **Charles Dickens**

Directed by **Lindsey Bishop**

**5<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Tickets available from Betta Electrical or [eventfinda](#)

A Community Theatre production of A Christmas Carol by special arrangement with Samuel French and The Play Bureau.



## Sherwood Playgroup

### Ashley Clinton/Makaretu Hall

Join our friendly bunch every Friday from 9 to 12  
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welcome.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**Term 4 2024**

Thursday 12th December -  
Prize Giving 1.30pm

Monday 16th December -  
Splash Planet

Tuesday 17th December -  
Last day of Term 4  
(12.30pm)

**Term 1 2025**

Monday 3rd February -  
First Day of Term 1

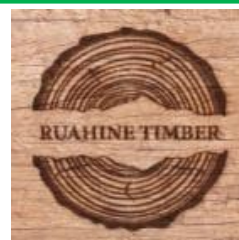
Thursday 6th February -  
Waitangi Day

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New Year's Day - CLOSED

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