



Week 7, Term 4 Principal's Panui - Principal's News  
Kia ora Koutou Katoa, greetings to all school and community families.

I'm sure we all hope that this beautiful weather continues. I've had a few people asking when the swimming pool is likely to open. It has just had the leak fixed and the repaired area has been painted. We should be able to fill it this week. We'll let you know as soon as it is ready to be used.

### Ukulele Festival

We had over half our school participate in the Ukulele Festival last week. I was immensely proud of our Sherwoodians, they were absolutely 'rocking it'. Gine had done a fabulous job of preparing our students, thank you Gine.



The Ukulele Festival was extraordinary. We sang and played proudly and strong, but the look on the parents' faces made me laugh so I had to avoid my mum until the end. It was amazing and fun. [Evie White](#)

The Ukulele Festival was amazing. I loved playing the ukulele. It was great that half of Sherwood School could go. We had our song first, everybody was very nervous but we were extraordinary! [Scarlett Tyler](#)

The Ukulele Festival was amazing. It was so much fun. There were lots of schools I hadn't heard of. I knew one school there that was Hereworth, my brother goes there. We sang 'Let her Go'. It was fun. [Annabelle Hunt](#)

The Ukulele Festival was ..... AMAZING!! I liked doing all the songs like, Rock around the Clock and Johnny B Goode. I loved listening to the other schools' songs, I liked all of the other schools' songs.

On the day half of our school went!! When we did our song I could not hear anything, just the strum of the ukuleles.

[Max Jacobs](#)

The Ukulele Festival was fantastic. I loved doing 'Let Her Go' because it is one of my favourite songs to play. Also, 'Bye Bye Love' was great because of the half strumming which sounded cool. At the end I had sore legs and back and I was hungry.

[Harry Baker](#)

### Start of Term Date - 2025

**Please note - Monday 3rd February is the 2025 Term 1 start date for students. The 2025 finish date will be 17th December.** There will be two Teacher Only days (dates yet to be confirmed) during the year for teachers to attend Professional Development around the revised Maths Curriculum.

### Splash Planet

Please keep bookings for our visit to Splash Planet on Monday 16th December coming in. Linda needs all bookings

Here are the costs; Students \$15 (this is the school subsidised cost, it is normally \$22), Adults \$35, Spectators \$15, 5 year olds and under are free.

### Swap Table - Sustainable Gift Giving

Please start bringing items for the swap table. Please make sure anything you send is clean, complete and in working order. I'll collect them in my office until week 9 when the table/s will be set up. The actual day for swapping will be Friday 13th December. On this day goods on the swap table may be chosen by a student as a gift for someone else (not themselves). The idea is that we make gift giving more sustainable. Senior students will run this event on the day. Students can start bringing things from now on, all things to be swapped must be clean and in tidy condition. Thank you.

### Important End of Year Dates

**Tuesday 10th Dec**

\* Last BoT meeting for the year.

**Wednesday 11th Dec**

\* End-of-Year Achievement sheets will be sent home via Seesaw.

**Thursday 12th Dec**

\* Prize Giving at 1.30 in the hall.

**Monday 16th Dec**

\* Splash Planet visit

**Tuesday 17th Dec**

\* School finishes at 12.30. The school bus will run at that time.

### Cups

Thanks to everyone who has returned cups from last year. If you still have cups please return them this week. Thanks.

### Friday Lunches

Friday lunches are available. Nachos - \$6 for a large serving and \$4.00 for a smaller serving.

Have a great week everyone.

Christine

Room 2 Students had a wonderful day with Mrs Benson, they used the koru to create beautiful art work.



## Tamatea - Central Hawke's Bay Community Christmas Celebrations

### CHB FARMERS MARKET & CONCERT IN THE PARK

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### IMPORTANT DATES Term4 2024

Tuesday 10th December -  
Last BOT meeting

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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