



*Whāia te māturanga hei oranga mō koutou*



*Learning for life and making it count*

## 22nd July 2025 Newsletter

### Celebrating Success

A big congratulations for Ariana Buxton for her wonderful participation in the Frozen production during the holidays after six months of rehearsals. She had experience in several roles such as as a storyteller, cook, dancer and singer. We are proud of how Ariana grew and excelled in her drama and dance skills. Her expression and voice projection, singing harmonies and solos and synchronised dancing with props. Ariana shared with the whole kura her photos and talked about her experience. Mrs Busch, Danica, Kerry, Jayde and Violetta happily attended the various shows, along with Ariana's whānau. They all reported that it was fantastic! Ka pai Ariana and her fellow cast members and crew.

#### *Fabulous Frozen Fun*

In the recent school holidays, I was fortunate enough to star in a Frozen production! It was a really fun experience that included practising for about 6 months. I played five different roles. As the story teller, I learnt many skills such as voice projection, diction and expression. For the singing role, I learnt how to read music and harmonise. For the dancing parts, I learnt how to do synchronized group dancing and use props while I was dancing and singing. I had to order my seven costume changes and carry them out quickly. We repeated the show three times in one day which meant we had to reorganise our costumes and it was very tiresome but rewarding. - Ariana Buxton, Year 6



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### Important Dates To Remember

Wednesday 13th August - whole school visit to Christchurch Art Gallery

Monday 25th August - Friday 5th September - Swimming TBC

#### Christchurch Cities Library Van

Due to the library van failing it's WOF the next visit is now scheduled for Friday the 8th August 2025

## **Help needed...**

### **Swimming Transport Volunteers - Monday 25th Aug- Friday 5th Sept. (2 weeks) 10.30am-12.30pm**

Unfortunately North Canterbury Sport will no longer subsidise our transport cost due to us not actually being a North Canterbury school. We need to get our 29 tamariki to and the pool in Kaiapoi each morning for the above two weeks. Are you someone who could help with this? Time commitment will be 2 hours daily. We'd prefer to have the same people every day but we realise that volunteers may only be available on some days. Please advise Raewyn in the school office of days that you would be available and how many pupils with seatbelts you can take. Cars must be registered, warranted, smoke free and drivers must have a valid drivers licence.

If we are unable to secure enough volunteers, swimming will have to be cancelled due to the financial constraints. The cost of the bus for 10 days would be approximately \$2,400.00.

### **Waimakariri Camp (Wednesday 22nd October - Friday 24th October) - Parent helpers needed**

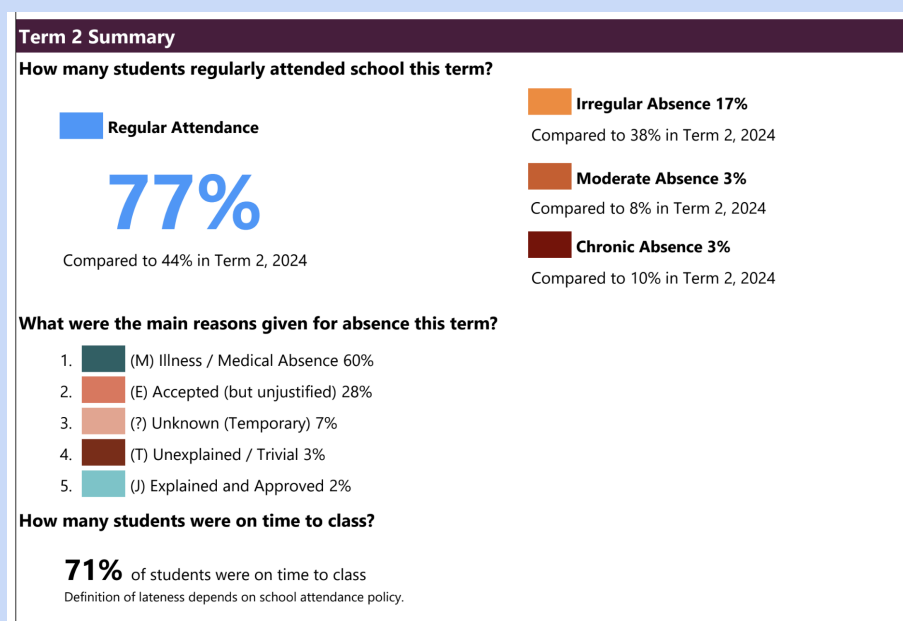
If you are interested in volunteering to be a parent helper at the senior camp this year please contact Mrs Busch by 1st August. Helping includes transporting to/from Living Springs, participating and assisting with activities, cleaning and staying overnight for both nights. We will need to carry out Police Vetting once helpers have been confirmed.

## **School News...**

We are thrilled to share some great news – regular attendance has made an incredible jump from **35% in Term 1** to an outstanding **77% in Term 2!**

This remarkable improvement reflects the hard work, commitment, and collaboration between our students, whānau, and staff. Regular attendance plays a vital role in student success, and it's heartening to see such a positive shift.

A massive thank you to everyone who has contributed to this progress – let's keep up the momentum as we continue to support our learners to be present, engaged, and thriving at school



**Warming food for tamariki** - while we thought this would be something nice to offer the tamariki over the cold winter term unfortunately after checking our Health & Safety policy this is not something we are able to do. Sending food in a thermos already warm is a great alternative!


## Subsidised home internet for our school community

We are excited to share that your family may be eligible for subsidised home internet through EDOS - at just \$6 per week for fast, reliable fibre, no strings attached.

EDOS and GCSN also have other affordable options for those that aren't eligible for a \$6 subsidised internet service.

This is an exciting opportunity for families who need a more affordable internet option. No lock-in contracts or hidden conditions, and it's super simple to set up. Scan the QR code below to see if you are eligible. If you are unable to scan the code, please see Raewyn and she will check for you.

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Manaiakalani, our digital learning partners, are collecting data around the learning that your child has been doing using the Learn, Create, Share philosophy of Manaiakalani. Please click on the link below and complete the quick Google form to add your voice:

[2025 Whānau questionnaire](#)

### A couple of practical reminders:

- **Subway lunches** continue to be available on Tuesdays and can be ordered via [ezylunch](#).
- Learners with long hair below their shoulders need to be fully tied into a ponytail. Half up/half down hairstyles need to be tied up completely please.
- Please cross the road at the school crossing at all times

## A word from...

### News from Waimakariri - Mrs Busch Year 5 - 7



#### Kia ora and welcome to Term 3!

We're so happy to be off to such a positive and exciting start. Our classroom is buzzing with curiosity and cooperation as we dive into our new theme, **Outer Space**! We kicked off the term with some fabulous artwork using soft pastels. The walls are already bright with colour and creativity, and it's been heartwarming to see students sharing positive feedback about each other's artistic efforts.

We are also focusing on being **Cybersmart** as we learn how to take good care of ourselves, our Chromebooks, and our **digital footprint**. As part of this journey, we're continuing to develop our

blogging skills and will soon be inviting whānau to explore our class blogs! If you **do not** wish for your child's image to be shared online (eg, on blogs, learning updates or newsletter), please email the office so we can update our records.

To keep up-to-date with what's happening in Waimakariri, please follow this link: [Take Me To The Senior Blog](#) and see the place to put your email address into and press **subscribe (on the right hand side)**. You'll receive a **verification email** and after accepting this, you will receive notifications whenever new content is added. This will be a regular source of information specific to your child's classroom and learning journey.

Lastly, a reminder that **homework continues each and every week**. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child stay organised and engaged with their learning and belongings.

Here's to a fantastic Term 3! - Mrs Busch

### Pūharakekenui / Kā pūtahi - Mrs Thom and Mrs Newey Year 1 - 4

#### A Stellar Start to Term 3!

Kia ora whānau,

We've had a fabulous start to Term 3 and are already fully immersed in our exciting space inquiry! Learners are asking big questions, exploring fascinating ideas, and showing curiosity about our universe. It's shaping up to be a term full of discovery.

Later this term, we are hoping to be heading off to the pool for our swimming lessons. Now is a great time to support your learner by ensuring they can confidently dry and dress themselves independently after swimming. This helps the sessions run smoothly and supports their growing self-management skills.

As part of our commitment to future-focused learning, our school is proud to be part of the **Manaiakalani** programme. This term, we are developing interactive online classrooms to help learners stay connected to their learning, whether at school or at home. Learners are also beginning to explore safe online practices as we learn about blogging and what it means to be smart in the wide cyber world.



If you **do not** wish for your child's image to be shared online (eg, on blogs, learning updates or newsletter), please email [Sarah Thom](#) or [Leann Newey](#) so we can update our records. We absolutely respect and value the different preferences of our families and will ensure your wishes are honoured in our classroom online spaces.

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Ngā mihi nui,  
Sarah Thom and Leann Newey

## Lisa Hewitt, Acting Principal

I was excited to celebrate **five tamariki** who achieved **100% attendance in Term 2** – more than double the number from Term 1! These dedicated students earned a special reward trip to McDonald's for a McFlurry, to recognise their incredible commitment to being at school every day. Ka pai tō mahi!



It's wonderful to see more of our learners reaching this milestone, and we wonder... **how many will be joining the reward trip in Term 3?** Let's aim even higher!

That being said, we know Term 3 can be challenging – winter bugs and illnesses often mean tamariki need to stay home to rest and recover. We completely support that – **if your child is unwell, it's important they stay home** to get better and to help protect others.

At the same time, when students are well, **attending school every day makes a big difference**. It helps them stay connected to learning, build friendships, and develop strong routines. Every day really does count!

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students succeed. Let's keep encouraging great attendance while looking after everyone's health and wellbeing.

## Big Thank you to the PTA

Thank you to the PTA for arranging another fantastic school disco. Just about every child in the school attended and along with their friends and siblings the PTA raised \$230. A massive thank you to Ray for stepping up and bringing the energy and fun as DJ for the night.

