



"On A Great Learning Adventure"

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th February 2024 | TERM 1 WEEK 4

Give it a Go, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teamwork

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Wednesday 13th Rata & Kahikatea
swimming lessons at Wai Splash

Monday 18th Country Schools
Swimming Sports and BOT meeting

Tuesday 26th Interschool Swimming
Sports

Friday 29th Good Friday—School
closed

APRIL

Monday 1st Easter Monday—School
closed

Tuesday 2nd Easter holiday—School
closed

Friday 12th Last day of term

Monday 29th Start of Term 2

REMINDERS

- ⇒ MUFTI day tomorrow—house colours
- ⇒ SUN HATS
- ⇒ Easter raffle
- ⇒ Fruit for "brain food"
- ⇒ Please ensure your child/ren bring their own swimming togs and towel to school every day

Waterfall Water Supply

Domestic Water Supplier

Phone 022 317 9767

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ABSENTEES

Please notify the office of your child's absence, either by phoning the office on 3740870, texting 021 0885 9015 or use the "absence" function on Skool Loop.

Principal Chat

This week we are celebrating 'World Children's Day', Te Ra o Nga Tamariki. Unfortunately, we do not have enough parent help to take our tamariki safely to ANZAC Park on Thursday, so celebrations will be at school. Parents are still welcome to come along and share this time with us.

We have incorporated this into a PB4L celebration day and the students will be doing activities in their houses. Students can wear mufti to school in their house colour.

It was great to have more parents at the School Support Group Meeting on Monday. Working together to help fundraise is a benefit for all our students. We will be running an Easter raffle and ask parents to contribute something towards this over the next few weeks.

We are having a continuing saga with unnamed uniform, especially after swimming. Thank you to the parents who are bringing back clothes with names on; it is really appreciated. Please name your child's uniform so it is easier for them to identify when getting changed.

Gumboots and Crocs are making a comeback. For safety reasons, these are not part of the school uniform, so please ensure your children do not wear them to school.

New Government initiatives have mandated that schools must spend one hour on Reading, Writing and Maths each day. Please read the attached Ministry statement around this.

We will swim for as long as we can, as the summer days are starting to get a bit cooler. Please still send togs every day, so we get the most out of our school swimming pool.

Ka Kite,
Angela McQuarrie
Principal



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MUSICAL MELODIES

Piano lessons—both classical and modern are available from Ruth Appleton in Dannevirke. Beginners to advanced. Children and adults. **Mobile: 027 881 0455**

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP

We had our first meeting this week for our School Support Group. Last year over \$16,000 was raised with the prominent fundraising money coming from our Te Miro plant sales, the Take a Kid Hunting competition and the cattle scheme. This money went towards our swimming buses, the new paintings on our court area, discretionary classroom funds for all our teachers and library books. We are currently looking at purchasing a new gazebo for the school.

Our next fundraiser will be an **Easter raffle** and we would appreciate contributions being dropped off at the school over the next few weeks.

If you would like to come along and join this amazing group of parents, the next meeting will be held in the school staffroom on **Monday 8th April at 3pm**

This week's winners of the "Caught being Good" cards, drawn out each week at our Monday morning assembly

Toby Smith for an excellent attitude towards learning and achieving in class time. Well done

Abbigail Bays for a positive attitude.

Shyla O'Brien for a great attitude

Toby Smith a great attitude to morning fitness. Always giving it his all. Well done

JAB RUGBY

I have just been appointed the representative for Norsewood & Districts School for the JAB Rugby in Dannevirke.

Registrations are currently open until the end of March, let me know if you have any questions. For any other queries contact me on 027 471 4291 or j.r.m.smith17@gmail.com

Cheers,
Joey Smith



One hour a day of reading, writing and maths

What's happening?

Starting from Term 1 2024, children in Years 0–8 will be taught reading, writing, and maths for an average of one hour a day in each skill.

Daily teaching, along with a quality curriculum and good teaching practices, has been shown to improve children's progress and achievement.

What does this change mean for my child?

Many schools already spend an hour a day on reading, writing and maths, so this will not be a big change.

The new 'one hour a day' requirement has been designed to be practical and flexible. Schools will still be able to hold events like athletics days and school camps since the requirement is for an average amount of time each week.

What will the lessons look like?

The National Curriculum outlines what your child should be able to understand, know and do as they progress through their school years. Teachers will continue to use the curriculum and teach in ways that best suit the learning. This includes using things like active learning opportunities, group work, investigations, practice, and consolidation activities.

The 'one hour a day' requirement can be broken up into small blocks throughout the day. Your child's teacher will manage these to fit the needs of your child.

How you can help at home

To support the learning they do at school, you can help your child develop reading, writing and maths skills by:

- having your child read to you
- reading to your child and talking about books and stories
- encouraging your child to share what they think about a book (or video game, podcast, or movie), and being positive about the material they are reading, listening, or watching
- letting your child see you enjoy books, audiobooks, podcasts, games, movies, or videos in your first language
- encouraging your child to write, and talking with your child about what they are writing
- showing your child that you write for lots of reasons too, such as replying to an email, filling out a form, or writing an invitation or letter
- involving your child in activities where you use maths (for example playing games with cards or dice, grocery shopping, cooking, and DIY activities)
- encouraging your child to share how they solve mathematics problems (they may use different mental or written strategies to the ones you were taught)
- being positive about your child's reading, writing, and maths experiences, and praising their efforts.

Working with your school

It can be helpful to share your child's interests, languages spoken at home, and cultural practices with their teachers, so they can be included in your child's learning.

You can also talk with your child or their teacher about their progress in reading, writing, and maths and discuss with their teacher ways you can support your child at home.

