



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 23rd November 2023 | TERM 4 WEEK 7

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

Principal Chat

Our seniors had a great time on camp and didn't let the damp weather stop them from participating in all activities and enjoying each other's company. Thank you to Colin, Renee and Cinnamon for helping at camp and making memories with our seniors.

At school this week, some students worked in their classes for next year. This was a great chance to learn about another classroom and get to know another teacher and 2024 can start positively.

Please remember our Prizegiving is on Wednesday 13th December, starting at 5.30pm. There will also be a BBQ afterwards and some community consultation with the Board. This is a celebration time for our students and also an ideal opportunity for whanau to get together and help us plan for the future.

Accounts for stationary and technology need to be paid by the end of term. We have decided to go ahead with book packs again for next year. However, the school cannot afford to have so many outstanding stationary accounts. Accounts for next year's book packs will be sent out before the end of the year so families can start paying these off over the next two months. Hopefully this will make it manageable for everyone. If a direct debit is not started up, we will not be issuing any stationery. Please let the office know if you have any difficulty with this as we may be able to apply for funding for a handful of our children. Book packs mean all students get the same start to their learning.

A reminder that the school grounds will be closed to everyone over the school holidays while the builders remove the asbestos. This is a major job, but all going well, we hope to have the decontamination done over the break, and completed before the new school year. This has meant we need to pack up our library again so could parents please have a look at home for any library books so they can be returned to school as soon as possible.

Ka Kite
Angela McQuarrie
Principal



REMINDERS

- ⇒ Stationery and technology accounts—please pay asap if you still have these outstanding
- ⇒ Last day of school is noon on Thurs 13th Dec
- ⇒ School grounds will be completely closed for the summer school holiday period

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Thurs 30 Ki-O-Rahi tournament

DECEMBER

Mon 4th Beach trip - whole school

Thurs 7 Community Consultation

Wedn 13 School prize giving—5.30pm

Thurs 14 Last day of term—1.00 pm finish

On a GREAT Learning Adventure

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.

CAMP RANGI



On camp, we all co-operated to complete our activities. We also worked together to make a fire. We had to collect dry wood and sticks which was really hard, as it was wet and a little bit rainy. But in the end we all got through it and made some bonfires! The camp was a great experience and also had some great opportunities. We worked together in groups to build a bridge that was only made out of string, tape and newspaper. Then we had to make a stretcher out of the same material and it had to hold 8kgs while taking it through chairs, tables and couches. We did a fern walk hike at the Totara Reserve Park, which took around 2 and a half hours. Overall, it was really good. **Year 7/8's Rata students**

I enjoyed going hiking, because it was fun. I heard lots of bird sounds, even a Tui. I liked playing Spotlight in the dark with the torch. I liked going on my school camp. I had so much fun. **Hannah**

