



CANNINGTON SCHOOL | 1 MARCH– 2024

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, and friends of the school.

As we sit here in the class, we can already see the leaves starting to turn on the trees out the window. Fortunately, the grass has been slow growing for us and Paul can work on the grounds rather than just mowing. We've already had the heater on this week but hopefully, we can put that off for another few weeks yet.

Harold – Life Education

Harold visited us today and please be ready for all the bad jokes that your children have learned today from Harold. As always the Tamariki get excited to see Harold and Amy and enjoy the messages that he comes with. Today he was all about how to cope when things are hard, who to go to if you need help, and what you can do if you are feeling worried.

Swimming Sports – Tuesday 12th March

Swimming sports are on the 12th and if you would like us to enter your child in specific events or not in specific events, please contact us at the school and we will do this. I have to get the entries in by next Thursday so please contact us before then if you want to talk about this. Thank you to those who have already responded to the consent form as this allows us time to arrange alternative transport to and from the event if needed.

Trip to Airport – Tuesday 5th March

Thank you for filling out the permission form on School Loop and if you haven't already can you do that before Tuesday morning that would be great. Remember that we are going to the Pleasant Point Pool as part of the trip and this is to get our students used to the larger size of the pool and also to practice diving for some of our students. Please ensure they have their swimming gear with them on Tuesday.

Assembly – Wednesday 6th March from 2:15 in the classroom, all welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Teacher Only Day - 28th March and Easter - 29th March – 2nd April

A reminder that over Easter break the school will be closed for six days, on 28th March returning on the 3rd of April. Thursday is a teacher-only day where all Mackenzie Primary teachers are meeting to discuss moderation and show how that would look across our schools. This year has an Easter Tuesday in the Education system.

Harvest Festival – Friday 22nd March

A night here at the school for all the families and the community. Starts at 5pm Dinner from 6:30. Please if you can bring something that you grew for the dinner, we already have some desserts coming on the night from berry patches.

The Potato in a Bucket competition will be judged, and then eaten. Also, bring your Pumpkin in for the Weigh-Off. Bring your recorded heights of the Sunflower and the beans you have grown for judging as well. This night we will be having a presentation from Shelly from St John's who will be taking and demonstrating what to do in accidents on the farm and in secluded locations.



Authors Day – Tuesday 19th March

On Tuesday 19th March from 9am to 9:45am we have four New Zealand Authors visiting the school to talk about what they do and what makes a great writer. Melanie Dixon (Science Books), Giselle Clarkson (Small Science Expeditions), Vanessa Hatley-Owen (Children's Fiction), and Juliette MacIver (Children's Fiction). Each of the Authors is giving a short presentation with a reading and then taking questions.

Working Bee

We have a planned working bee on Thursday 4th April. We would appreciate as many volunteers as possible as every hand makes a difference.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
THURSDAY 4TH APRIL FROM**

IMPORTANT DATES

31 January 2024	First Day Term 1
6 February	Waitangi Day
5 March	Flight Field Trip
6 March	Assembly
12 March	Fairlie swimming sports
19 March	Authors Day
22 March	Harvest Festival
28 March	Teacher Only Day – PACT Day
29 March	Good Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
2 April	Easter Tuesday
4 April	Working Bee
12 April	Last Day Term 1
25 April	Anzac Day



29 April

Term 2 Begins

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