

April 5, 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was a shame we had to cancel the Cluster Junior Athletics again last Thursday ☹️ We have changed the Cluster Calendar and put Athletics in Term 1 to try and catch the good weather. It seems like Palmerston North weather just hasn't wanted to cooperate all summer really.

We are really focusing on our charter value, Whānaungatanga, at the moment. *We value positive relationships and communication with each other. We nurture our relationships by working together, and by being honest and conscientious. We are reliable and take responsibility for our actions and choices.* Students have been forgetting our school rule, "Keep your hands and feet to yourself," leading to some rough-and-tumble play, so we've been talking a lot about taking responsibility ... for ourselves and our environment (Kaitiakitanga) by picking up rubbish and checking the Lost Property. I read a great article last week about building resilience in children <http://www.heysigmund.com/building-resilience-children/> Please talk about our values at home as well, to reinforce the message.

PTA

The PTA will be holding its A.G.M. on Wednesday 12 April at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend ... and it doesn't mean you'll get a job!! The general meeting will follow afterwards.

POOL KEYS

The school swimming pool is now closed. Please return all keys to the school office by **THURSDAY** – please note these must be delivered by an adult. Children must not return the keys. Many thanks to Brad Cassidy and Paul Compton who have been managing the pool 😊

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items in the Lost Property basket. Please check these when you're picking up your children. Any unnamed items left at the end of the term will be donated to charity.



ORAL CARE/YUMMY FRUIT COLLECTION

Please keep bringing in all your oral care boxes, packaging, old toothpaste tubes and old toothbrushes and place them in the box at the school office. Also, please keep collecting your *Yummy Stickers*. If you have filled up your sheet, please bring it in to the school office and get a new one.

MOBILITY CARPARK



The carpark closest to the blue gates has become a Mobility Carpark – we ask that you please respect this space.

BOOKS AND GIFTS DIRECT

On display at the office. Money due by Friday (7 April). Please make sure you pay by the due date.

MID-TERM BREAK/SCHOOL PRODUCTION

With some people looking at bookings for the stage show *Matilda* in Auckland in September, I thought it was timely to let you know that the Regent Theatre has been booked for Tuesday 26 September for our biennial School Production. The whole school will be taking part in this – please diary this date now. We will be taking a Mid-term Break on Monday 28 August so that might be a good long weekend for a trip to Auckland if you're thinking of going. And no ... our production isn't *Matilda*!

NUMBERWORKS'NWORDS

have once again donated a voucher to the school for a term's free specialist tuition in Maths or English. If you would like your child to be in the draw for this voucher, please give your name to Vicki or Julie in the office by Friday 7 April.

LUNCH

FRIDAY'S lunch is pizza. Please bring money in a clearly marked envelope with name, what pizza you are having (either Hawaiian or Meat Lovers), and how many pieces you would like (\$2.00 per slice & cookie \$1) by Thursday 9.00am.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Visit TOMORROW (Thursday 6 April). The children who are members can exchange books during these visits. If your child is not a member and you would like them to take advantage of these visits, please see Vicki in the school office for a membership application form.

ANZAC DAY



ANZAC Day once again falls in the school holiday break. I would like two students to represent Tiritea School at the Civic Service (usually a 9.15am start) and to lay our wreath on the Cenotaph please. If you are interested, please let Glenys know.

CONGRATULATIONS



Maata, Isabella, Sean and Arran had their names drawn from the "Squares" at our hui. These students, along with all the others who had their names in the squares, had been noticed by staff members for making the right choices. Well done everyone 😊

AUTUMN STORIES FROM POHUTUKAWA

There are autumn leaves on a falling tree. There are lots of red leaves falling. Orange leaves and brown leaves falling off the tree. There is lots of wind blowing them off the tree. Crickle, crackle went the leaves. The leaves went onto my house and onto Ella's house.

By Izzy J

It was autumn time. The leaves were floating down the tree. They were crunchy and munchy. I like autumn leaves because I like the shapes of them.

By Georgia

I'm catching the leaves while the leaves are falling in the Autumn time. Are you catching leaves while the leaves fall?

By Leah

HUI CERTIFICATES

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RATA:

Star Student
Positive attitude to learning
Super effort & progress in literacy
Welcome



Jethro
Grace
Finn
Grace

POHUTUKAWA:

Star Student
Responsible role model
Showing Mātauranga

Leah
Rosalie
Briar

RIMU:

Star Student
Great attitude
Great thinking

Klara
Benji
Nathan

MANUKA:

Star Student
Thinking about learning
Working with others

Cooper
Sophia
Rosie

TOTARA:

Star Student
Confidence
Responsibility

Hadley
Alexis
Katelyn

MATAI:

Star Student
Improved effort
Improved attitude

Sophie
Noah
Dan

KAURI:

Star Student
Stepping up, showing great leadership
Positive attitude when facing challenges

Kade
Oceania
Tiwai

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:

Story writing

Leah, Rocky,
Briar
Logan, Zoe,
Georgia,
Adam,
Hadley,
Lara

Responsibility & helpfulness

REMINDERS:

- **No Hui this week.**
- Children need to be at school ready for a 9.00am start each day. A bell will ring at 8.55am so that children come inside ready for a 9.00am start. Please use the blue gates and enter classrooms via the driveway and the courtyard, NOT through the main office entrance. Children MUST NOT be dropped off before 8.00am.
- Remember, school does finish at 3.00pm. Please come into the school grounds to collect your child(ren) after school to minimize the risk of accidents in our busy car park area. After 3.30pm, children who have not been collected, and if we've had no courtesy phone call about you running late, will be taken into the foyer for safe keeping.
- Please adhere to the road markings in the car park, especially No Parking on the yellow lines. It is particularly important to observe the 5 minute parking places and NO PARKING by the neighbours' driveways. Stopping on the yellow lines blocks up the turning space at the end of the road.

INSERT

Enclosed with this week's newsletter is a "Code of Conduct" for sports. Please discuss this with your child.



POEM FROM KAURI

This is a poem by Maia about what the walls of Kauri class would say if they could speak:

If these walls could talk...
I stand on wood and dirt.
I watch the kids work.
They sit in rows boys on one side, girls on the other.
I always hear the fire shudder.
Some came to school by foot.
If they were near the fire they would be covered in soot.
The horses would often neigh.
And the kids would sometimes play.
I often wonder, do these kids talk?
All day outside my wall people walk.
The girls would wear a dress and a hat.
In 1895 the children would not sit on the mat.
I loved to hear the bell ring.
Now days it would just ping.
Many teachers come and go.
Many will make you go wow!
Every day I saw 50 kids or maybe more.
Most of them are really poor.
Here I stand proud and tall.
Here I watch the children that learn in my walls.



Glenys ☺



Glenys Murphy

Some dates for you to note:

11 April	Whānau Hui, 5.30pm
	BOT meeting, 7.00pm
12 April	PTA A.G.M. & general meeting, 7.00pm
13 April	Last Day Term 1
1 May	Term 2 commences

BASKETBALL

Tiritea **will** be entering a Year 5-6 basketball team into this year's competition. Games are on Thursday afternoons at the Pascal Street Stadium. There are still a couple of openings for any interested Year 5-6 players so let me know if you are interested. There **MAY** also be the possibility of a Year 3-4 basketball team. If you are interested, please return the form asap. N.B: This is only a possibility as it depends on numbers.

Cheers
Alex

Year 5-6 Basketball: (Name) would like to play in the Year 5-6 basketball team.

Year 3-4 Basketball: (Name) would like to play in the Year 3-4 basketball team