

Monday 9th March, 2020



Kia ora and welcome to another newsletter. I really can't believe the term is literally flying past so quickly. Remember that school is finishing on Wednesday 8th April as we have a Teachers Only Day on the Thursday. Great time to take an extra day and have a longer Easter break. I am really disappointed to find out that we missed out on entering two teams to the Pokuru School Young Farmer

competition. However, I have been working with a few people and we are going to host our own Ngutunui Young Farmer and we will invite teams from other schools to come here and participate during a school day. I am going to organise this for Term 3. It should be fun. We are also going to put a team in for Junior Tough Guy and Gal for Wednesday June 3rd June. Please let me know if you are super keen and we will get a team registered at the end of this week. I have sent out a registration form, we will do it as a school but have a read of it. Apparently it is a lot of fun.

Swimming Display:

Thank you to all that came and supported the tamariki/children with their swimming last Wednesday. We had a fantastic afternoon and we have a small team heading to Lower Waipa Swimming Sports this Friday at the Te Awamutu Event Centre. We would love you to come along and support our school. The tamariki/children who will be representing our school are:

11 Year old Boys: Archie Anderson

11 Year old Girls: Mia Barron

10 Year old Boys: Lachie Riley

10 Year old Girls: Olivia Crake and Madison Jenkins

9 Year old Boys: Locky Whyte and Harlem McConnon

8 Year old Girls: Dillyn Oldfield

Wheels Wednesday:

We will continue with this until the end of the term. This has proven to be extremely popular and it is great to see all the tamariki out there enjoying their wheels.

Old Tractor Wanted:

If you or anyone you know has an old tractor that you would like to donate to the school we would love to have it for the tamariki to play on. Let me know if you know of anything. Thanks.

Motor X Fundraiser:

On Sunday 29th March in conjunction with Te Awamutu Motorcycle Club we are holding a fundraiser for the school. It will be run on the farm at 340 Ngutunui Road.

Costs:

\$20 adult \$ 15 junior \$ 10 mini

We urgently require volunteers.

Volunteers Required:

- Sell food and drink
- Cook on the BBQ
- Marshalls (4)
- First Aiders (2) – must have a current First aide certificate

Any help would be hugely appreciated. The event runs from 10am till 2pm. All Marshalls are to be there by 9.45am for briefing.

Please see Lee Bennett or myself if you can help. Thank you to all that have already offered help.

Remember it is about fundraising for the children.

Home and School Committee:

We really require some parents to come on board to support our fundraising committee. All you are committing to is supporting the team. We will be having sub teams which will be in charge of fundraising for certain events for example Quiz Night, Ag Day, Motor X etc.

Children Absent:

If your child is absent from school due to illness, family or anything else please let Lesley in the office know. She will try and get hold of you if she does not hear from you. It is all about keeping our tamariki safe. We appreciate your support with this.

Please can you also text her in the morning if your child is not going to be on the bus, this saves Lesley time having to wait in case you are running late.

Weekly Lunches:

Thank you for the support over the last two weeks with lunches. It has been great to get these back up and running. I have written down the names of the parents who have offered to come and help out on these days. This week I am teaching three days as well as away on Friday for Lower Waipa Swimming Sports, so I am finding that I am spending a lot of my nights and weekends catching up on paperwork. So again I do thank you for the support you have offered with the lunches. Many hands make light work my Nana would always say. ***I really need some help for this Thursday, I am so not good at wrapping wraps.***

Week/Date:	Menu:
Week 6 Thurs 12th March	Wraps: Ham or Chicken Helpers:
Week 7 Thurs 19th March	Toasted Sandwiches – cheese or cheese and onion Helpers:
Week 8 Wed 25th March	Chicken Fried Rice Helpers: Karen Crake, Kath Riley?
Week 9 Thurs 2nd April	Cheese burgers Helpers: Lee Bennett
Week 10 Wed 8th April	Nacho's Helpers: Ashlee Anderson

Ngā mihi

Cleonie Whyte

Principal

Term One Dates to Remember:

Fri 13 th March	Lower Waipa Swimming
Mon 16 th March	2.15pm Assembly
Tues 17 th March	BOT Hui 6pm staffroom
Fri 20 th March	Mahi Club
Mon 23 rd March	2.15pm Singing Assembly
Fri 27 th March	Mahi Club
Sun 29 th March	Motor X Fundraiser
Mon 30 th March	2.15pm Assembly
Fri 3 rd April	Mahi club
Mon 6 th April	2.15pm Singing Assembly
Tues 7 th April	The Great Easter Egg Hunt 5pm
Thurs 9 th April	Teacher Only Day
Fri 10 th April	Good Friday

Oto Children's Day and Cycle Path Opening - 15 March 2020

10-2pm

This year we are combining Children's Day with the opening of the Jim Barker Memorial Playground, Cycle Path and Youth Zone. As you are aware, Children's Day is an opportunity for families, and communities to celebrate and nurture our tamariki. We thought combining this with the Project Kiwiana opening of the newly constructed cycle path and youth zone at the Jim Barker Memorial Playground would be an awesome way to celebrate our children. The day is a celebration of children but also an opportunity to engage our people and families, to think about our responsibilities to support the lives of our tamariki in our communities.

Uniform

When we sent out the family/whānau questionnaire we received a lot of feedback about our uniforms. So in this newsletter I have attached a simple form where I would like you to circle the answer that suits you the best and return this to school as soon as possible. I really appreciate your support with this.

School Uniform: Please circle your answer

I would like my child/ren to wear a school uniform everyday

Y N

I would like my child/ren to wear their school uniform one day a week

Y N

I would like my child/ren only to wear their school uniform on trips

Y N

School uniform I would see as the green shirts and either a skort, shorts or leggings for the girls and shorts for the boys.

Any other suggestions:

Thank you
Cleonie Whyte