

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## WEEK 3 TERM 2 2024 PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Tena Koutou,

This week we are celebrating the amazing job our support staff make in our kura. We have teacher aides who support individual students with literacy and numeracy and students with high health needs. Our support staff manage our library, office and school grounds as well. This team is crucial to helping our school succeed. We are immensely appreciative of their hard work and thank them for everything they do for our students. If you have the chance please pass on your thanks as well. We have really enjoyed seeing our students play in the new sandpit by the Davies Lane entrance. This project was funded through our Fundraising Committee. It is always great to see the money raised by our whanau benefits the students currently enrolled in our school. The committee met on Monday night to discuss the next projects and ways to fundraise. It would be great to see more of our school whanau helping out with this committee.



## WRITERS TOOLBOX TEACHERS ONLY DAY

**On Friday 24th May we will be having a teacher only day.** This is a day set aside by the Ministry of Education for school's to work on curriculum development. Our Education Review Office highlighted the need for us to look into ways to improve writing across the school. We have been using Writers Toolbox to support schoolwide professional development in this area. We ask that all students are at home that day so our staff can continue working with the team from Writers toolbox.

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## INTER SCHOOL SPORTS

This term we will have our sports exchanges for the senior teams. This year we only have netball and football. We did not have enough players to enter a rugby team.

We have been drawn in a pool with Stratford, Bell Block, Oakura and Puketapu. The dates of these exchanges are below. It is away great to host teams and whanau are welcome to come and cheer on our students.

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# SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL

Next week is Road Safety Week. We have had some issues with the behaviour of drivers near the school. The Bonithon Ave roundabout has become really dangerous with cars being parked over the footpath, on the yellow lines, at the actual roundabout or in the middle of the exit from the staff carpark, awaiting pickups for children at the end of the day. This means that our children are having to go onto the road to get past cars that are not parked as they should. The same applies for Davies Lane where drivers are awaiting their children coming out from school by stopping in the middle of the driveway or the end of the lane, parking in driveways of residents which we get complaints about or parking over the footpath while waiting for their children to leave at the end of the day.

While we realise that parking is at a premium on both sides of the school and has always been an issue that has no quick fix, the actions of some drivers are making it very dangerous for all of our children who are leaving school at the end of the day.

We have had several near misses late last term with parents parking their cars incorrectly while waiting for their children. The staff car park at the end of Bonithon Ave is not a pickup area, as we have lots of children exiting on both sides of the carpark and again is dangerous if we have multiple cars trying to back out.

If you are wanting to do a personal pick up on Bonithon Ave, park your car in the hall carpark and walk up to school.

If your children exit from Davies Lane, there is plenty of parking around the side streets where you can walk up to get your children. They are crossed over the supervised Kea Crossing by staff.

If it looks like it is going to rain, a coat or an umbrella will keep them dry for the 100m walk to school from the end of Davies Lane or the Bonithon Ave Hall.

We appreciate your support in making it safe for our children when entering and leaving the school grounds.

On thursday we are having a "Been Seen" day where students can win prizes for wearing bright clothes, so they can be seen by road users.

# DATES AND EVENTS

2024

Term 2

15 May	Support Staff Day
21 May	Inter School vs Stratford (H)
22 May	Gym Sports Waitara
24 May	Teacher Only Day
30-31 May	Parent Interviews
3 June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
4 June	Swim Safety Week (SNR school)
11 June	Winterfest performance
14 June	Inter School vs Oakura (A)
	Mid Year Progress Report (HERO)
19 June	Inter School Bell Block (A)
25 June	Inter School vs Puketapu (H)
26 June	Jumping June
28 June	Matariki Public Holiday
5 July	Last day of term 2

HERO has a calendar which has all of the school's important dates. Please make sure you check what is coming up.

## PARENT INTERVIEWS

On Thursday 30th and Friday 31st of May we will be holding our Parent conferences. This is a chance for you to make an appointment to meet your child's teacher and discuss their progress and achievement.

These conferences will be starting at 1.30pm on both the Thursday and Friday. Can you please **collect your children from school at 12.45pm.**

Please contact the school office if this is a problem for you and your whanau.

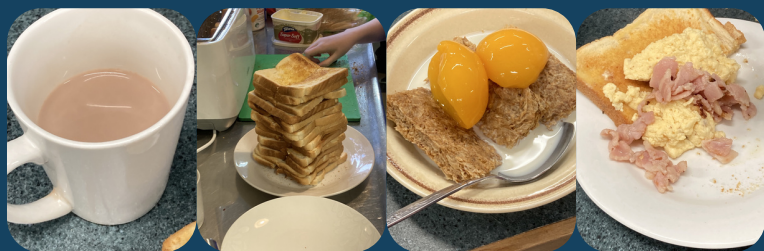
We expect our students to attend these conferences with you. Each meeting time is for 10 minutes. If you have more than one child in different classes you might want to give yourself time between bookings.

You will have received a message about booking a time through HERO. As this is the first time we have used HERO for booking there could be a glitch or two. Please be patient with us and let us know what is not working for you.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

A huge thank you to all those who helped top up our Breakfast Club supplies. We are eternally grateful for your donations to help keep the 'extras' running for our tamariki. This week we had a super treat – bacon and scrambled egg with toast! Lucky kids.



## PINK SHIRT DAY THIS FRIDAY

This Friday is Pink Shirt Day. We are taking part and encourage all our students and staff to wear pink. The kaupapa of Pink Shirt Day is to stand up to bullying. We encourage our students to be an Upstander, not a bystander. An Upstander is a supportive bystander who uses words/actions that can help someone who is being bullied. All students need to feel safe and welcome in life, not just in school. We are asking for a gold coin donation to be donated to the Mental Health Foundation. If you want to support in another way you can purchase an official Pink Shirt from Cotton On.



This year our school is taking part in Jumping June. This is a sponsored event where students raise money via sponsorship for prizes. Jumping June used to be called Jump Rope for Heart. All students will be learning how to skip and get heart fit by doing so. The sponsorship money goes to the Heart Foundation and depending on the money raised by each child they will get to choose from a prize list. As a bonus the school gets new skipping ropes for teaching the students how to skip.

Next week more information will come out on this. Our Jumping June event is on Wednesday 26th June.

## STARTING SCHOOL AND CHANGING ADDRESS

If you have a pre school child who will be coming to our school in the next few years, please make sure the office are aware. This will help us with our planning.

If you have moved recently please remember to keep us informed.

We currently have out of zone places available in year 1-3 for students who do not live in our area.

## SCHOOL DESKS

We have an excess of wood school desks available for purchase. If you would like one for home please let the office know.

Each desk is \$10 cash payable to the office.

