

Newsletter Term 1

Wk 7 2024



Friday, 15th March 2024

Kia ora e te whānau.

Illness:

There have been an increasing number of students (and staff) who are either staying at home or are going home due to a range of illnesses that are doing the rounds at the moment.

These illnesses have the potential to spread quickly within classes and around the school. I would like to thank you for keeping your children at home if they are unwell or coming to pick them up if they are feeling sick during the day. We understand that parents are busy with work commitments, but we want to minimise the spread of these illnesses and keeping children at home helps with this.

We appreciate that sometimes children might be a bit under the weather but still well enough to be at school, which is fine. What would be really helpful for teachers is that you try and communicate this with your child's teacher to give them a heads up. This way teachers can be flexible if the children are a bit below their best.

Teachers paid union meeting - Wednesday 20th March:

On Wednesday 20th March at 1.30pm teachers will attend a paid union meeting.

As part of the teachers' collective agreement, they are entitled to attend two paid union meetings per year. Wednesday 20th is the first of these meetings.

As the majority of teachers at Pāuatahanui School are union members school will finish early at 1.00pm. If you are unable to collect your children at this earlier time, can you please fill out this [supervision form](#) so we can arrange appropriate supervision. Skids and school buses will run as normal on this day.

Sushi can still be ordered as this gets delivered before 1.00pm.

Easter Tuesday:

This year Easter is not part of the school holidays. This is a reminder that all schools are closed on the Tuesday 2 April

Ngā mihi

Caine Webster - Principal

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HIGH FIVE

Congratulations to the following fabulous junior students who received certificates at our assembly last week:

Zoe
Harry

Harrison
Jade

Henry
Oliver

Greer
Connor



FROM THE OFFICE

Scholastics/Lucky Book Club The latest brochure would have come home with your child this week. Please either use the Book Clubs Loop app to order or send in your paper orders with cash before the 21st of March.

Spring Bulbs Order Don't miss out on our fabulous spring bulbs. Here is the link to the order form <https://forms.gle/xHG8YBrhwKDBAb1C7>

Orders close this weekend!

CAM 2024 Kiwi Competitions The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam. The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance. These are available through your school. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions are to be administered at school under exam conditions and supervised. All participating students will receive a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student nationally in each competition. If two or more students share the same top score, then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy. NOTE: Our policy is not to release test papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource. Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam <https://forms.gle/AZ1oLALbG3GRnzT47>

Our beach day indoors

Room 1,2,3,4,5 enjoyed our visit with Natalie Packer from Porirua City Council last Tuesday. We explored the beach indoors - crab habitats, observational drawings of shells, feather identification, and using a microscope. Thanks Natalie.





Maths In **TAINUI**



Games are an important part of our maths learning. Some games support our maths knowledge through recognising numbers on a dice, counting and encouraging quick recall of basic facts. Others encourage us to use problem solving and logic, which are important skills when we are faced with more challenging maths problems. Most importantly though, all the games allow us to have fun and work with our friends!



Raukawa & Whitiireia

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the senior school! We have been busy testing water quality down at the stream and refreshing our Road Patrol knowledge - keep your eyes out for us on patrol at the crossing!



GRIP

LEADERSHIP



15 year 7 & 8 students spent the day at Pititea Marae and Function Centre learning about key leadership skills and strategies. The conference was AMAZING and all the students are looking forward to putting their new knowledge into action (I've already seen them doing it around the school! They are so inspired!)

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