

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

The end of year is fast approaching and with it lots of activities. I have added many of the dates to the back of this newsletter so be sure to mark these in your diaries.

### Covid Update

We have seen a small number of Covid cases at school over the past week. Hopefully this is just a blip that we can manage for the final three weeks of the school year. Please keep an eye out for symptoms at home and let us know if you have any positive cases in your household.

### Teachers Union Meeting – thank you

Many thanks for your understanding as we covered classes whilst the teaching union meetings took place this week. This allowed the school to remain open for instruction as usual. Thanks also to those families who collected their children a little earlier to lessen numbers needing cover. We appreciate that was short notice and will endeavor to give more notice next time.

### School Structure 2023

Next year we will begin the year with 8 classes. Managing class numbers is always a challenge, but we have managed to arrange the classes in a way that allows each teacher to have manageable class numbers. There are some changes in the way in which we are arranging classes due to the sizes of cohort groups. The school organisation is outlined below.

Kererū Hub: Nadine Duncalf & Melanie Wakeham will teach Years 0-2 in Te Wai (Rooms 1 & 2)

Tricia Hvid and Kate Beaumont-Yee will teach Years 2/3 in Rooms 3 & 4

Korimako Hub: Jim Bashaw & Penny Jones will teach Years 4/5 in Rooms 9 & 10

Alice Gibb & Callum Nicol will teach Year 5/6 in Rooms 7 & 8

We have been working through the complex task of class placements and all other children will find out their teacher at the start of Week 9 when reports and information for next year goes out (we are now in week 6).

### ENVIRO ACTION DAY—Take two!

Our planned Enviro Day had to be postponed due to the weather. We thought we would try again! On Wednesday 7 December from 11am-12.30pm we plan to have an **ENVIRO ACTION DAY** around the school. Any parent helpers would be GREATLY appreciated! Families are welcome to stay on for a picnic lunch at the end of the working bee.

### Board of Trustees— 2023 Activity Fees & School Donations

Our Board of Trustees met earlier this week and considered 2023 Activity Fees & School Donations. While these have not increased for a number of years, the Board agreed to keep both activity fees and school donations the same as this year. A number of factors contributed to this decision including the impact of the increased cost of living and the Boards desire to keep our fees affordable for our families. Although the school is also being affected by rising costs the Board agreed that the school will absorb these increases next year. We hope that we can continue to do this however costs will be reviewed again at the end of next year.

Have a great weekend,

Phillipa

# Key Dates

29 & 29 November	Mawaihakona Stream School trips	9 December	Whole School Fun Day!
1 December	Disco—Christmas Theme		Assembly School - Kererū
5 December	Year 6 Celebration	12 December	Reports out today
6 December	HIBS Roadshow Presentation—2pm	15 December	Poroporoaki—11.45am start
7 December	ENVIRO DAY—Take two!	15 December	Last Day of School—12.30pm finish

## School News

### Term Dates 2023

Next year, our term dates are as outlined below. These term dates are on our website, along with details of school closures due to teacher only days and public holidays. Attendance at school is important for all children, regardless of abilities and therefore we ask that if you are planning holidays, you plan these within specified holiday dates.

**2023  
TERM DATES**

**Term One**  
Tuesday 31 January -  
Thursday 6 April

**Term Two**  
Monday 24 April -  
Friday 30 June

**Term Three**  
Monday 17 July -  
Friday 22  
September

**Term Four**  
Monday 9 October -  
Friday 15  
December

**Public Holidays**  
Waitangi Day:  
Monday 6 February  
Easter: School holidays  
Anzac Day:  
Tuesday 25 April  
King's Birthday:  
Monday 5 June  
Matariki: School holidays  
Labour Day:  
Monday 23 October

**Teacher Only Day**  
Friday 20th October

## Disco

Get your dancing shoes ready, we have a disco coming up to celebrate the end of a busy year! Should be a fun night!

**Thursday 1st December from 6.00- 7.30pm.**



## Congratulations!

Interschool Athletics was on Tuesday last week. 35 of our Year 4,5 & 6 students took part in this event at Trentham Memorial Park. We will have 7 students attending the regional competition in Masterton on December 6th. Congratulations to all the children who participated and did their best. Well done!

## Calendar Art

Personalised order forms for children's calendar art were sent home recently. This is an amazing fundraiser for our school and the calendars, cards, diaries and smencils make great Christmas Presents for family and friends. There is a quick turnaround on orders this year to get these back in time for delivery by the end of term.

Please make sure all orders are placed by **9am on Monday 28th November**. Orders will be back before Christmas.