

Once again we find ourselves placed into a lockdown situation. We are certainly very good at practicing our value of adaptability as a result! Below is some information about some events that we have or may need to postpone, but first some celebrations!

Swimming Sports:

What a fantastic day this was! The support that our learners gave to their peers was outstanding as they competed in all the events. Such encouragement and genuine pleasure in seeing others succeed. The event takes a lot of organisation and so a special thank you to Mrs Sutton and the rest of the senior team for this. Of course the army of volunteers was once again crucial to the success of the day - thank you! The highlight of the day was the relays and this year our learners were surprised when Mrs Sutton, Mr Glover, Miss Agate and Mrs Redshaw formed a team too! I think there will be some extra training before next year's event as they were beaten by the Intermediates! Congratulations to those who qualified for the ECCS team - you made us all extremely proud! Unfortunately, due to lockdown the Counties event, which some of our swimmers qualified for was cancelled. We are very grateful we had the opportunity to run the previous two days.

Good News Call of the Week!

Congratulations to Leilani S! Leilani has been caught showing our values of poipoi (nurture) and akoranga (learning). Leilani is kind, supportive and always encouraging others. She is also a focused learner. Such a wonderful role model for others! Thank you Leilani we are so proud of you 😊



Learner Led Goal Setting - Postponed:

This event was planned for this coming Monday, March 8th. Due to the current alert level we are postponing this event. We will let you know once we have set a new date. In the meantime, if you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Lockdown Updates:

When we receive a further update from the Prime Minister regarding alert levels, we shall notify you of what this means for our place of learning, our learners and their families. Please check your email inbox regularly and keep an eye on dojo as well. Thank you

We are hopeful that we will be able to welcome back all our lovely learners to school on Monday!

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PTA News:

The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday March 17th. If we are under Alert Level 3, it will be run as a zoom meeting.

Colour Run

The PTA is hoping that this event can still go ahead as scheduled on March 12th as long as we are at Alert Level 1. However, if alert levels prevent this from happening, we will postpone until the last day of term 1 being Friday, April 16th.

Helpers are still required for a few hours in the afternoon of Thursday 11th March and for the morning and afternoon of Friday 12th. Please contact Ange on 021 792777 (angefrench@gmail.com) if you can help out.

Please carry on fundraising, the efforts so far have been amazing! Well done those that have already created a profile and begun already. A really great start!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

On **12th March** we are holding our *School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event! We're holding it to raise much needed money for **upgrading the school sandpit and long jump areas and purchasing a new greenhouse for the garden to plate initiative.**

Are you Fundraising?

We have had a great start to our fundraising campaign with over 30 children creating their fundraising profiles in the first 2 days!! Well done and keep up the great work team. The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising. Go to schoolfunrun.co.nz, create a student profile page and share your online fundraising link via SMS, Email and Social Media.

If you are currently fundraising, THANK YOU! We hope you will continue to share your link and fundraising for the school.

About the Day

The *School Fun-Run* is all about Fun! Your children will get to come on the day and run with their fellow classmates, friends and students... sometimes even the teachers get involved! This will be one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim, so please make sure they attend on the day and cheer the other kids on!

Cash Donations

Students will be able to fundraise until the **26th March**, so please make sure you keep sharing your link after the event. If you have raised cash for the school, please ensure you bring it – along with the back panel of the sponsorship form – back to the school by **31st March**.

Prizes

On top of raising more money for the school, students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! They can start ordering from the **26th March** right through until the **2nd April**. Remember, ordering online is the best way to ensure you get what you'd like, so please get online – even if all your money is raised cash.

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some FAQ's relating to your School Fun Run Event:

What should my child wear to the event?

Bring a change of clothes for your child to change into for the event that are sun safe, and that they can run around in and a towel.

Always remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!

What should my child bring to the event?

A few things you should pack are:

- A Water Bottle
- Hat
- A Change of Clothes
- Gold Coins for “Bomb The Teacher”
- A Towel
- Snacks or money to order lunch from the menu below in class before school.
- Sunglasses (if preferred)
- A pair of Joggers

What if my child has a medical condition? (e.g. Asthma etc.)

For asthmatic children, ensure they have their Ventolin/Asmol and Spacer on them or with a responsible person.

As this is a running event, please notify the teachers on the day of any relevant medical conditions and any potential treatments they may need to know.

This is an all-inclusive event, however, for any reason your child cannot or does not want to participate they are welcome to help out in other areas on the day or just cheer on their fellow students who are running the course. It is totally optional.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Schedule of Events

12.00pm - Lunch

12.30pm - Return to class - roll call - change

12.45pm - Meet in the hall for a warmup and instructions.

1.00pm - Intermediates

1.15pm - Year 5/6

1.30pm - Year 3/4

1.45pm - Year 0/1/2 (with Intermediate support)

While waiting children will sit in classes and be supervised by their teacher.

2.00pm - 2.15pm - Bomb the Teacher

2.15pm - return to class and get changed.

Lunch

The PTA will be putting on a sausage sizzle and tuck shop to purchase lunch on the day. Food orders can be made by the students in their classrooms in the morning. The following will be available:

- Sausage Sizzle (bread, sausage and sauce) \$1.00
- Hot Chips \$2.00
- Popcorn \$1.50
- Cookie Time Cookies \$1.50
- Buffalo Corn Chips \$1.50
- Ice Blocks \$1.00
- Juices (Wildberry/Tropical) \$1.00
- Cool Sips Berry Water (250 ml) \$1.50
- Cool Sips Orange Water (250 ml) \$1.50
- Calci Yum (Chocolate/Strawberry - 250 ml) \$2.00

Bomb the Teacher

At the end of the day the children will have an opportunity to “Bomb” their teachers with water balloons and coloured powder.

\$1 for 2 bombs

\$2 for 5 bombs

Bring a few spare gold coins on the day to have a go!!