



# NEWSLETTER

Monday 3 February 2025  
Term 1, Week 1

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## Term Dates:

**Term 1:** Monday 3 Feb - Friday 11 April  
**Term 2:** Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June  
**Term 3:** Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September  
**Term 4:** Monday 6 October -

## Important Dates:

- **Thursday 6 Feb** - Waitangi Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- **Wednesday 12 Feb** - Open Evening at school, 5.15pm
- **Wednesday 19 Feb** - BOT meeting
- **Tuesday 25 Feb** - Senior Camp
- **Wednesday 12 March** - School Swimming Sports
- **Friday 21 March** - Interschool Swimming Sports

## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

Welcome back to all of our tamariki and whanau as well as new students and whanau.

This is a reminder we have a short week as Thursday is a public Holiday for Waitangi Day.

Also it is important in this hot weather that every child has a sunhat and also swimming togs, which is a compulsory aspect of our health and physical education programme.

The pool will now be open for the next 7-8 weeks with children getting lessons about 3 times a week and free swimming at lunchtimes for middle and senior school.

Following the swim period we will have our school and interschool swimming sports.

Our lunch programme starts today which is provided by Manawatu College and fruit will start from next week onwards.

We wish to welcome two locals to our staff. Shannon Chambers, who has children at our school, is a new teacher in Room 6, while Francis Watson (Franco) starts as a Teacher Aide in Room 7.

We also have a number of new children either starting school for the first time or moving from other schools.

This Friday at 10.00am we have a Powhiri to welcome all new children and whanau followed by morning tea in the staffroom.

Next Wednesday night 12th February we have an open night to meet and greet new staff and children and whanau, play some games and wander around the school and meet the teachers. Whanau are welcome to bring in a picnic meal or purchase from 3 food vans including Thai, Turkish and ice creams.

We will finish the evening at 7.00pm.

Congratulations to a number of our students who played basketball at the Maori national tournament in Rotorua over christmas and came away with gold, silver and bronze medals.

*Peter Kemp* - Principal

## Welcome to ...

**A warm welcome to our new students and their families:**

**Room 2** - Tipene Norris

**Room 3** - RJ Lowe. Tamati McLeod

**Room 4** - Te Wairua Tama-Graham

**Room 5** - Lucas Whittaker, Cohen Johnstone, Ariane McLeod-Whareaitu

**Room 7** - Levi & Lucas Preston, Jahmayne Hakaraia, Jessie-Lee Inwood, Porter MacErlean, Ryder Hetet

**Senior Hub** - Levi Donaldson

## 2024 CLASSES

Room	Year Level	Teacher
1	Year 3/4/5/6	Sam Downey
2	Year 3/4	Kirstin Buchanan
3	Year 4/5	Sue Savage
4	Year 6	Amanda Buchanan
5	Year 2	Katie O'Donnell
6	Year 1/2	Shannon Chambers
7	Year 1	Samantha Hatsell
Senior Hub	Year 7/8	Tina Maclean, Nicola Taylor

## Positive Behaviour 4 Learning Focus of the Week

### PB4L Focus of the Week ...



- *Making our new students welcome*
- *Enjoying being back with our classmates*
- *Including everyone in our games and activities*

# School Notices

- **POWHIRI**

To be held this Friday at 10am to welcome new students, staff and whanau. Our school community is welcome to attend and this will be followed by a morning tea.

- **MORNING TEA**

A reminder to send morning tea and a water bottle everyday.

'Fruit in schools' programme will start Monday 10th Feb, in the meantime please include fruit in your child's snack box.



- **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

The school lunch programme provides a healthy and nutritious lunch every day for your child.

- **ABSENCES**

Please contact us if your child is not coming to school, whatever the reason! We need to know they are safe, so we appreciate your call or you can leave a message on the absentee message option.

The Ministry of Education requires us to mark your child as **truant** if **parents do not contact us** with a reason for their absence.

- **HATS ON FOR TERM 1**

The School operates a Sun Safe Policy. This requires children to wear sun safe hats during the summer months (Terms 1 and 4). Children are only permitted to play outside if they are wearing a sun hat. **Please bring a hat from home and name it!**

Sun block is provided in all classes.

We ask your support and assistance in encouraging children to be sun safe – i.e. to wear **sunblock and sun-hats**.



- **OPEN EVENING - Wednesday 12th Feb, 5.15pm**

We have an open night to meet and greet staff and children / whanau at 5.15pm at school.

Whanau are welcome to bring a picnic meal and there are also food vans available for the purchase of Thai and Turkish meals and an ice cream truck for purchases.

There will be an opportunity to play some games with your children, see our new playground in action and wander around their classrooms and if you wish, make an appointment time to meet the teacher. We finish the evening at 7.00pm.

- **SCHOOL HOURS**

**Bell times:**

**Class begins at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm.**

Interval is from 10.45 – 11.15am.

Lunch Break is 12.45 – 1.30pm

Finish at 2.45pm





We officially opened our fantastic new playground, with senior students Esta and Tatum cutting the ribbon and Whaea Sam reciting a karakia, so the children can enjoy their new facility.

