



1st October 2021

Congratulations on making it through Term 3 with all its challenges and joys of learning at home and school. Thank you for your cooperation. We can't wait for Term 4 and all the learning we will be doing. Hopefully we will be back in Level 1.

We have seen learning breaking out all over the school. With Kapuka and Mihiwaka working on their science projects, the level of engagement is super high. Huatea is bubbling over with confidence with reading and writing with children learning new skills every day and finally Mapounui, who are working out how to hatch an egg and build a nest. It is motivating to see the enthusiasm and engagement with learning that our children are showing. This doesn't happen by chance, we work really hard in partnership with you to create an exciting and engaging learning environment.

Over the holidays Kapuka is being refreshed, with new windows and a deck. During Christmas time, Mapounui and Huatea will have a complete makeover. It's super exciting to go into 2022 with some new environments. Our Ceramics Studio is nearly finished and ready for an official opening. We have made an application to Creatives in Schools to fund a local artist to work at school alongside our ākonga. Fingers crossed we get accepted!

Term 4 don't forget that it is sunhat time again, most of you should have hats, but if you need to purchase one, they are available from the office. We will also be applying sunscreen again.

Happy holidays whānau.

Tara O'Neill

SCHOOL CALENDAR

For our Online Calendar [Click Here](#)

Sat 2nd Oct - Mon 18th Oct School Holidays

Term 4

Week 1

Mon 18th Oct

SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Only day TBC (Back up day for local power cut if the one on 11th October doesn't go ahead)

School photos scheduled for the first week back.

Thursday 21st of October - parent workshop on structured literacy. Come and find out more about our new approach to teaching reading and writing. Two sessions - 3-4pm and 6-7pm.

Week 2

Tue 26th Oct

3 Peaks Athletics in Palmerston if in Level 1

Friday 29th Oct

Halloween School Disco for Year 1-6 and 7&8 ākonga are invited to help run this event.

Week 3

Monday 1st Nov

PTA AGM

Vision and Hearing Screening at school TBC

Week 4

Mon 8th Nov

5.45-7.45 BoT Hui at Waitati School

Week 5

Friday 19th November Teacher Only Day

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Gemma from ReThink teaching Mihiwaka and Huatea skills in self-regulation.



Mihiwaka planting out the Pa Harekeke during activity week.



Huatea art project



Ski Camp 2021: another great ski camp at Coronet Peak! The year 7&8s had a great week away skiing and spending time together as a class. A massive thanks to our parent helpers Tania, Beatrice, Rachel, James, Steven and Logan. Also a thank you for the financial support from the PTA and Port Otago Shipping.

PTA

The PTA are arranging for the annual school photos to take place at school in the first week for Term 4. 15% of the costs of these will go directly to the PTA.

NOTICES



Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe School Lunch

Term 4 will see the Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe providing lunches every other week. Please still place your order at the Cafe and they will deliver directly to us. A menu will be sent out in week 1 for delivery in week 2.