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It has been great to see many whānau return to school this week after being away with Covid. I think there has been some in school transmission. Is it safe to think we have seen the worst? Thanks to parents coming onto site who are wearing masks. I have heard of a terrible flu going around schools, so stay vigilant. We want you at school, but not if you are unwell. ChromeBooks are still taken home, so learning can continue at home for when you are well enough.

It has been a wonderful two weeks at school. Thanks to all those who were able to come to our Passion Projects exhibition. It was very well attended with many positive comments. We start work on our Matariki Lanterns this week. This becomes our Passion Project for the next few Fridays. We received funding to support our celebration of Puaka Matariki from the Dunedin Council. Keep Wednesday 22nd of June aside. The children will be so excited. Join us for a parade to Bland park and back to school where we will share a delicious hangi cooked on site, plus Pumpkin soup and bread. It is a community event, so all are invited. The children work so hard at making their lanterns and it is exciting to have a real lantern with a candle. If you are available to help set the hangi or prepare veggies, please contact the office.



We also celebrated Pink Shirt Day which aims to **reduce bullying in Aotearoa** by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting workplaces, communities and schools to be

safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive of all people. While all people can be the target of bullying, some groups or individuals experience more bullying than others. That is why we are sharing our message on equity - What is fair? Fair isn't everyone getting the same thing, it is everyone getting what they need. Sometimes, children feel like other children get different opportunities than them. It seems unfair. Children are great observers but often poor interpreters. They need us to help them get perspective. Feelings of things not being fair are tough. We want every child to receive what they need. That might look different. Thanks for taking the time to wear Pink and thanks for being aware of others Waitati.

The Year 6-8's are starting their fundraising for Ski Camp next term. They are going to the various market days in Waitati, selling BBQ sausages, raffles and washing cars at the local fire station. Please keep an eye out to support them. We wish them well. Bex and Maria will be leading this camp. The term 2 leadership day is on Thursday 16th June, where the Year 6-8's will be looking at character strengths and taking a trip to Chingford park to play Frisbee Golf. We are also being joined by Purakanui



school's year 4 & 6 students. Then in Week 10 the Year 7 and 8's are off to Duntroun for a camp, visiting sites which are both educational and fun and fit into our projects for this year. Maria and Mikaela will be leading this camp.

It has been great to see a variety of sports being played, hockey, rugby, soccer, and netball. I look forward to watching some of you play. I admire how you support each other in getting children into town. Amazing commitment parents.

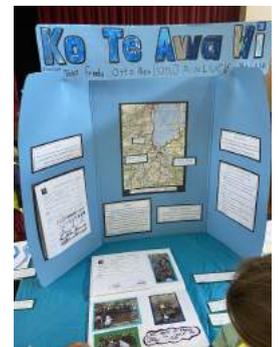
Thank You

A huge thank you to Brad Collet who cut down a dangerous branch from the tree hut tree this week. Those winds have been fierce. Another huge thank you to the two gentlemen who supported another family with firewood last week. Thank you also to the PD guys who come in on Saturdays to work at school. They weeded, and put carpet squares around trees to protect them.

One highlight for me this week was joining Poutama Crossman in learning Te Reo along with a couple of families. Poutama you are an amazing teacher and we had so much fun. All are welcome to join us on our next session this Monday 30th May at 5pm in the kitchen (Koha.) Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to say thank you to our lovely teaching team both in person and via email. The positive feedback is really appreciated. Remember, all feedback is welcome, positive or not.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Passion Project Exhibition



Eli, Enzo and Elayna, working on our Creatives in Schools installation design



What could Papatuanuku look like?



Lunchtime play - gathering together to sort out who is in. Tuakana-Teina in action.



Netball practice.



Cooking Passion Project group on Pink Shirt Day, plus they just baked a huge cookie.



NZ History Project - Sorting out important dates into order. Elizabeth and Olivia.



Kapuka's new Doctor's Surgery, just opened. Note the Doctors wear red high heel shoes. Phone 068684617 for an appointment. Thanks Bex and Haidee and parents for setting up such a powerful play opportunity for our ākonga.





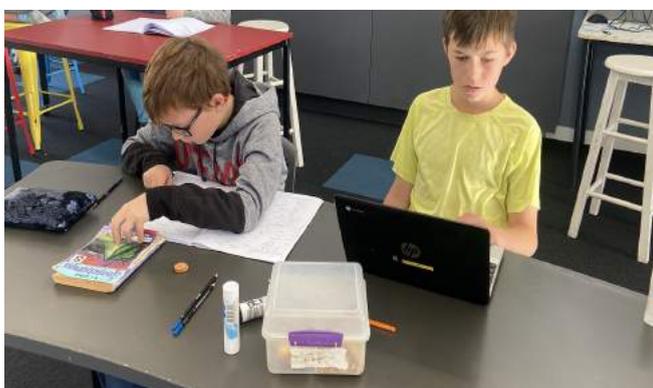
Powerful carpentry. Hand eye coordination, planning, overcoming disappointment when the nails won't go in straight.



Matariki display in the window of Mihiwaka. Thanks Olivia for organising this. Look out for the rest of the school's windows.



Writing during the Literacy block. Enzo, Joy and Josh, amazing student agency, working on your goals.



Writing and reading during math time. Ka pai Jeremy and Koa. Really great student agency.



Handwriting, sounds and form. Tino Pai Kiara, fabulous focus.



Ka pai Kaea, amazing focus this week.

Creations made during Powerful Play.



PTA

Raffle Tickets

Thank you for all your hard work selling raffle tickets for the PTA. Please keep those tickets coming into the office. The draw will be announced on Thursday 2nd June.

Remember there is a warehouse voucher for the family who sells the most tickets.

Beans' Pie & Sweet Fundraiser

Next up will be a Beans' Pie and Sweet fundraiser, order form will be coming home after the long weekend.

Save the Date ! Sunday 12th June - Scrap Metal Fundraiser

If you can make the PTA meetings, then please do pop along, even if you can't commit to every week, every bit helps. Follow what's happening on their FaceBook page [here](#)

CALENDAR

Term 2

For our online calendar: [Click Here](#)

Week 5

- Mon 30 May Swimming. Afternoon sessions.
*Te Ae Maori 5-6.30pm at school
- Tue 31 May Lunch orders in by midday
- Wed 01 Jun Tech DNI
- Thu 02 Jun Lunch orders delivered to school
- Fri 03 Jun **Teacher only day - Queen's Birthday weekend - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Week 6

- Mon 06 Jun **Queen's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tue 07 Jun Lunch orders in by midday
- Wed 08 Jun Tech DNI
- Thu 09 Jun Lunch orders delivered to school
- Fri 10 Jun Kapa Haka with Poutama Crossman lunchtime 12.30 - 1.30pm

*Date change for Te Ao Maori with Poutama. Now on Monday 30th May, 13th and 27th June.

Teacher Only day Thu 23 Jun. Matariki Public Holiday on Friday 24th June- SCHOOL CLOSED

NOTICES

Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe - School Lunch

Please remember to place your orders by midday Tuesday for a Thursday delivery. You can place your order at the cafe and pay there in the usual ways or if you cannot make it to the cafe, then you can drop an order form and cash payment into the office.

This week's menu: Chunky fries \$4.20, cheese toasties \$3.90, raspberry & white chocolate muffins \$3.50

Next week's menu: Spaghetti Bolognese \$5.50,

Vege lasagne (gf & df on request) \$5.50, banana & choc chip muffin \$3.50.



Swimming on Monday.
Don't forget your togs, towels and goggles!



Play with Clay

Tara will open up the studio on 22nd May, 12th & 26th June. 4 - 5.30pm

Families and community members are invited to Play with Clay afternoons at Mahi a Ringa, Waitati Ceramic Studio. Come and get stuck into your own creative projects.

This is a koha event to cover the cost of clay and firing
RSVP as there is a limit on numbers
Remember to please wear a mask

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Blueskin Out of School Care - Operating 5 Days a week from Term 3 out of the Blueskin Playcentre. We are taking enrolments now. Please contact Stacey Kennedy on 0277662545 for more information. Breakfast Club is from 7:00am -8.30am and our Afternoon Sessions run from 3.00pm -5.30pm.