 **Pirinoa School ~*Vibrant and Successful learning***

***Te kakama, te momoho o te ako***

Newsletter ~ 8th December 2017 Week 8 Term 4

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Kia ora koutou. We are now on the home straight and finishing off a busy year!

Over the last two weeks we have had lots of activities to keep our students busy. We have had a visit from the Life Education bus to teach us about working together and respecting the differences we all have e.g. interests and ability levels. Our year 8 leavers have participated in the ‘Moving On’ conference and experienced a range of practical and hands on activities. Not surprising to myself, our team of agricultural students came in first place for a competition they were in. Well done Charlotte and Kala! This Tuesday we had 5 of our top athletes compete in the Wellington Regional Athletics. It was great to hear all of the positive stories that eventuated from the day. Especially hearing that Maralyse came first place in the quoits.

After a long wait, we now have a full and safe pool to swim in! Thanks to all of those who have helped make this possible. Our students get out most days for a swim, so please ensure that your child is organised with their named gear and suntan lotion. It is also great to see students wearing hats when they are outside playing.

As there is only one week to go and we want to keep things as positive as possible, please ensure your child gets to bed early, is organised for school, and has a hat to wear every day.

Events coming up:

* Year 7/8 Big Day Out – The seniors of the senior room are going on an adventure to Wellington this Monday. They will be challenged to overcome their fear of heights, tested with their skills in bowling and laser tag shooting, and taken out for lunch.
* Year 7/8 Technology – Tuesday 12 December.
* End of year prize giving – Next Wednesday at 6.30pm – please bring a plate to share.
* Water fun day next Thursday.
* Last day of school next Friday! School finishes at 3pm and buses are running as per usual.

If I don’t get a chance to talk to you, I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Look forward to seeing you back in 2018.

Ngā mihi,

Matt Jackett, Principal.

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| **DECEMBER** | | | | | |  | |
| Yr8 “Moving on 4  Conference”  Garden judging. | Yr 7/8 Tech 5 | Reports go 6  home | Parent 7  interviews | Parent 8  interviews | 9 | | 10 |
| Yr 8 BIG Day Out 11 | Yr 7/8 Tech 12 | Prizegiving 13  6pm | 14 | **End of T4** 15  3pm | HOLIDAYS 16 | | 17 |
| **JANUARY 2018** | | | | | |  | |
| 29 | 30 | TERM 1 31 |  |  |  | |  |
| **FEBRUARY** | | | | | |  | |
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| 5 | WAITANGI DAY 6  School closed | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | 11 |

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| **Did you know:**   * **SCHOOL BANKING:** If you would like your child to take part in school banking, please see Lynette. * **SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Make sure you check it out so you can be up to date with activities your children are involved in. * **POOL KEYS:** Pool keys are available for hire over the swimming season. A contract must be signed by person responsible and present with swimmers. The cost is $50 with $10 refundable bond upon return of key at the end of the season. See Lynette **before** Wednesday next week if you wish to purchase a key. The funds raised from this go towards maintaining our school pool. * **2018 STATIONERY:** Our stationery list is available on the website. Purchases can be made online through Warehouse Stationery and OfficeMax. Links will be put up on the school website. Easy as!!   **TERM 1 , 2018 COMMENCES** at ……  9am on Wednesday 31st January. Please ensure your children arrive at school with all their stationery ready to get learning. Thank you.  **SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING – Wednesday 13th December at 6pm at Pirinoa Hall.**  \*Would all students please be at the hall no later than 5.50pm in their clean, full school uniforms.  \*Would all families please provide two plates for the supper, one for adults and one for children?  Each year we ask that four families help out with the dishes and tidy up please. The following families are due to help this year: Telford, Terry, Tiopira, Wells.  (Families are rotated on an alphabetical system each year, thank you for your help.)  **NEWS FROM OUR JUNIOR ROOM.**  This week Rms 1 & 3 have been learning about symmetry. We have been drawing the other half of the object and cutting objects in half. We have been enjoying swimming in this very hot weather. The children have been learning to float, breathing at the side, and swimming lengths to build up their stamina. Rms 1 & 3 would like to thank all of the parents that have come in this year to support the children’s learning. A very special thank you to Trish Mines who has been coming in over the whole year to help with the children’s progress and learning.  I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school in 2018!  **FROM ROOM 2** -  Hi I’m Bella, and if you don’t know much about seals you should read this information. So should we get started on the information? If you're afraid of seals I don’t blame you because they are pretty scary. They can go 5 miles an hour on land so they’re pretty fast on land so you probably wouldn't be able to outrun a seal. If I was you I wouldn't want to get too close to a seal because they have razor sharp teeth. I wouldn't want to get bitten by a seal. There are 65 different types of seals in the whole world. Did you know that when some breeds of seals think it's the right time to have their babies they dig holes? Baby seals are actually called pups. Pups will stay on land until their waterproof coats grow. Seals have their pups around about February to July. I know that's quite a long time right? If seals don't get eaten by sharks or drown or something like that, they should live longer than 30 years old, so they can live pretty long.  **A STORY FROM ROOM 3 – *By Katie.***  Once upon a time there were two boys, they went to the movie theatre and they watched a scary movie. They got a fright from the movie. A dragon came out of the movie theatre. Everyone was terrified, except for the two boys. Everyone ran out of the movie theatre, then the boys ran away. |

**WEEK 8 LEARNING AWARDS**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:**

**EDWARD WEATHERSTONE –** For showing total respect with resilience by helping out with the sausage sizzle and staying on task during learning time, even when the going gets tough!

**ROOM 2: NAKCHA ROBINSON –** For being honest.

**ROOM 3: WILLOW MACDONALD –** For excellent problem solving in maths.

**ROOM 1:** **MELESIA ENE –** Trying her best.

**YEAR 8 PLAYGROUND AWARD: NAKCHA ROBINSON –** For being helpful to Ms Pickering.



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**ROOM 2 NEWS**