



Pirinoa School

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Newsletter ~ 30th October 2020 Week 3, Term 4

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Week 3

Tēnā koutou families

Term 4 is a great time of the year as we head into summer and strangely enough, time speeds up and we find ourselves incredibly busy. We know it's hard to keep track of events and trips, permission slips and gear lists etc so I just want to encourage our families to make sure you are connected to our skool Loop App, it is an amazing tool that will definitely make life easier and allow you to check what's going on. You can log absences, complete and return permission slips and read up to date notices. It's free and you can get it on your phones by following this link [Skool Loop App](https://www.skoolloop.com) or www.skoolloop.com.



School Photos

Thank you to everyone for getting photo orders in and assisting us getting our students through on the day, the proofs we have seen of the classes look awesome, big thanks to Lucy from Pete Nikolaisen who came to our aid at the last minute to get us these great images! We will get them out as soon as they come in. Next year we would like to offer families the option on a separate day to have family portraits.

Pet Day

This annual fixture certainly lived up to my expectations, the weather was incredible and the work that went into student creations and the care of the various animals was nothing short of outstanding. We had fantastic support from our community, this event is such an integral part of what a country school is all about and it was awesome to see past students of Pirinoa come and share in the fun, no doubt many fond memories of past pet days were relived. Thank you to our judges who took time out to be a part of our day, your skill and expertise was much appreciated. A big thanks to **FMG** for sponsoring prize packs, **North Fuels** who supplied the mobile BBQ, sausages and bread and **Rival Wealth** for not only supplying more sausages but also the lovely ladies who cooked them for us! An EXTRA big thanks to **Jess Donges** for all the work she put into the coordination and organisation of Pet Day 2020 and of course, the teachers who encouraged, supported, coaxed and worked feverishly in the classrooms and behind the scenes on the day, thank you for your tireless effort and enthusiasm team!

Welcome

Two new students have joined our Pirinoa family this term, a big welcome to Alexas in Room 1 and Enoka Love in Room 2. It's great to have you here with us!

Teacher Only Day

This will be on Monday the 9th of November, we will be using the time to relocate our school library to what is currently the resource room between the school office and Room 3. We believe in the importance of having a dedicated space to teach our tamariki how to read for purpose, how to search for and find information and to simply promote the enjoyment of reading a book. Our current library space is not conducive to the vision we have for creating a vibrant, fun and engaging learning area and we have no doubt our students will benefit greatly from this. Sadly, in this day and age, many schools are opting to choose to disestablish their libraries for various reasons such as needing more teaching spaces, the cost of resourcing the books, having extra staff to issue and maintain the library itself or simply because it doesn't fit with their specific educational journey. The staff at Pirinoa School believe it is hugely important to keep this amazing resource alive and we know our students will treasure not only the space itself, but the learning that comes with it.

Ngā mihi nui
Gene Moore
Principal

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Ko koe ki tēnā, ko ahau ki tēnei kiwai o te kete
You take that handle of the kete and I'll take this one



AWARD WINNERS:

ROOM 1: Rakau Watson-Morrell for his help and organisation skills around the school.

ROOM 2: Enoka Love for working hard in maths and settling in well.

PRINCIPAL AWARD: Enoka Love for his patience at Mary Poppins.

BUS AWARDS: Enoka Love for the north bus and **Blair Dean-Wilson** for the south bus.



VAN PURCHASE

It is with great excitement that I would like to advise our school and community of the decision by the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of our very own school van! We are currently searching for a 10 seater van and have narrowed it down to two likely options. It will be fantastic to have this to enable the transportation of students to events and lessen the pressure on our parents and families who so willingly provide us with assistance. Some of the money comes from successful grants that were applied for last year. The opportunities of having such an asset are numerous, expect to see this with our school name and logo around the district in the coming weeks!

REMINDERS:

- Staff have noticed a resurgence of cell phones being brought to school. There is no need for students to bring cell phones as a matter of course. Should there be a need (such as students going to after school activities/sports in order to make contact with parents/caregivers) it must be handed into the school office upon arrival. The school will not be responsible for the loss or damage if the procedure is not followed. Please ensure students adhere to this.
- The 'YUMMY' sticker promotion saw our school receive \$60.00 towards new sports gear! Thank you for all those families who supported this initiative. Sports gear can be expensive and doesn't last forever so it's always great to have a cash injection of any size!
- A reminder that the final day of school this year is Wednesday 16th of December finishing at **12.00pm**. The bus will be running at this earlier time. Students return to school on Wednesday February 3rd 2021.

ROOM 1 NEWS

This week, Room 1 have been learning about frogs. We learnt about how a frog grows into a tadpole and then we looked at New Zealand frogs. We have 4 native species of frog. Our frogs don't croak and are born as small frogs instead of tadpoles. Native frogs are green and brown coloured. Frogs have long tongues which they use to catch flies.



ROOM 2 NEWS

Room 2 have been busy making their bee friendly garden! Bee sure to watch this space.



HOUSE POINTS: Rata - 691 Matai - 720 Kowhai - 721

ROOM 3 NEWS

On Wednesday the 28th of October, the year 8s left school at 10 past 8 in the morning to go learn about science at Carterton School. When we got to Carterton School the three ladies introduced themselves to all the kids. The first thing I did was sorting out land and water and putting what they are next to the photo. The second thing I did was making volcanoes out of kinetic sand. I got taught there are lines on the volcano that, if the lines are close to each other it means they're steeper and if the lines are further apart the volcanoes are flatter on the sides. The thing I did next was filling out a sheet and measuring stuff. The last thing I did was playing with sand, a projector was shining colours on the sand. The lowest bit of the sand would glow blue and we made a mountain in the middle of the sand box, the top of the mountain was white.
By Aleesha

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

Thursday 5th November – Cluster Athletics Years 3-8

Monday 9th November – Teacher Only Day – School closed.

Tuesday 17th November – Junior Athletics

Friday 20th November – South Wairarapa Athletics

Monday 23rd November – Cobblestones Trip – Whole School

Wednesday 16th December – Last day of school, Finishing at 12.00pm.

Wednesday 3rd February 2021 – School starts back.