

Pirinoa School Newsletter 17th November Week 6 Term 4 2020



Kia Ora families and Community,

Week 6 and we are enjoying some much needed sun and weather so it's important students remember hats and sunblock so we don't get caught out not being sunsmart. Remember to pack in a water bottle as we often forget to stay hydrated and run out of steam towards the end of the day.

Some great results from the athletics last week with 19 pupils making it through to the South Wairarapa Athletics this Friday to be held in Masterton. Our students always put it out there and sometimes even surprise themselves. Good luck to our representatives, I'm sure you will do us all proud!



Junior athletics took place today, this was a half day event and 9 of our juniors competed hard! It was a fun morning with the focus on participation and was a great opportunity for our students to mix with other schools.

The school is looking amazing thanks to our students and teachers who worked hard to impress the judges from the Garden Shield Competition last Wednesday, many hours have been spent after school by staff getting those little finishing touches done. Aleesha, Aria, Lily, Emma, Ryan, Ursula and Rakau were fantastic at explaining what we have done with our gardens as well as our future plans. We will wait in anticipation for the outcome!



Classical Stringed Instruments

We are fortunate to have Caitlin Morris visiting us next week, she has recently set up her own company 'Cello Unlocked' and has a passion for bringing music to rural communities and has vast experience teaching this instrument to all age levels. Classes will each get the chance to attend a workshop, it is Caitlin's aim to make classical stringed instruments more accessible, particularly in schools.



Raffle

Thanks to Suzanne Fryer, a Greytown resident who has kindly donated a \$50 voucher for the Pirinoa Country Takeaways Caravan, we are truly grateful for this wonderful gesture. \$2 per ticket, see Jess at the office.

We are well and truly on the downward slope into that crazy time of the year, students have been awesome at returning permission slips and money and we have had an awesome response on the skool loop app, hold tight, it's going to be a cracker end to the term!

Please Help...

Staff have been busy doing DIY transforming what was once a cluttered resource room (behind the main office) into a fantastic library space. We have done so much but need some help to finish it off and are setting aside Sunday the 22nd to complete the painting and fitting out. If you have any time to spare we would really appreciate your help even if it was for an hour. We will aim to start at 9.00 am and conclude at 12.00 pm.

Exciting News:

The Education Gazette will be celebrating 100 years in 2021 and would like Pirinoa School to feature in an article about how things have changed in education, particularly for rural schools and what does the future hold, particularly small schools. I will be meeting with Joy Stephens next week to share some of our insights on this.

We have also contributed to 'The Year That Was' in the Wairarapa Times Age to be featured this month, this includes some of the years highlights, I am unsure what day it will be run but will send out a message on Skool Loop when I know.

REMINDERS:

- **IMPORTANT:** If there are any special circumstances surrounding the day to day care of children or court orders, please make us aware and supply documentation.
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday 18th November – National Young Leaders Day – Year 8's

Friday 20th November – South Wairarapa Athletics

Sunday 22nd November – School Working Bee

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.

Have a great week!

Nga mihi nui

Gene Moore