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

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Newsletter ~ 17th March 2017 Week 7 Term 1

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A big welcome to Vienna who starts school today.

Congratulations to our swimmers Charlotte, Edward, Aria, Lucy, Leah, Amanda and Kala who represented the school at Featherston last week. Edward and Amanda went through to the Wairarapa Champs on Wednesday.  Unfortunately Edward was unable to participate but Amanda performed well against some stiff opposition.

We have completed all beginning of year assessments.  If you would like to talk to your child’s teacher about the results and next steps in their learning, please phone them and make an appointment to suit all.  Room 3 children have their beginning of year goals in their book bags tonight.  These will let parents know how they can help their child at home. If there are any brag books at your home, could you please return to school on Monday. Thank you.

Buses are going well, thank you for your communication.

We had a blitz on uniforms this week as some senior children were becoming a little casual with their jerseys.  If there is an unforeseen problem please let us know.

Room 2 children are booked in for a Science and Technology Roadshow at Masterton Intermediate on Monday 27th March at 10.30 am.  Could you please fill out the attached Permission/Transport form and return to school Monday 20 March.

Technology at  Featherston School  begins next Tuesday for Years 7 and 8 children.  Please ensure they have appropriate footwear.

On the 30th March the children are having Small Sticks hockey and Rippa Rugby coaching sessions - busy busy!

Have a great week.

Cheers Pat

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| **MARCH** | | | | | |  | |
| **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** | | **SUNDAY** |
| Scholastic book orders due 20 | Y7 & 8 Tech 21  Mboro 11aside  Trials. | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | | 26 |
| Rm 2 only 27  Science Roadshow | Y7 & 8 Tech 28  BOT meeting | 29 | 30 | BBQ @ 31  school 5.30pm – welcome. | **APRIL**  1 | | 2 |
| 3 | Y7 & 8 Tech 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | 9 |
| 10 | Y7 & 8 Tech 11 | 12 | **End of** 13 **Term** | SCHOOL 14  HOLIDAYS | 15 | | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | 23 |
| 24 | ANZAC DAY 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | 30 |
| **MAY** 1  Term 2 starts | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | 7 |

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| **Did you know:**   * **SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** If you cannot do your turn on the sausage roster, please ensure you ring someone off the list and swap days. It is up to parents to find a replacement, not the school. Many thanks. * **A BIG THANK YOU TO….**Sam & Neridee Jones for donating their sheep for our sausage sizzles, Byron Hegglinton for attending to their demise, and Rotopai for paying for the cost of processing. We really appreciate your donation.   https://encrypted-tbn1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQO03iqF8COm2j8rTMWSoOUEXPgsxC61GANe--mwHiJfNo6zjm8  **MARTINBOROUGH JUNIOR HOCKEY 11 aside trials – Tuesday 21 March 3.15pm**  If you are interested in playing 11-aside hockey, please come along to Kuranui turf next Tuesday 3.15pm to 4.45pm for trials. You must be year 4 or older, will need to bring hockey stick, shin pads and mouthguard. Boys and girls welcome.  If there are good numbers, they are hoping to enter 11-aside teams in the A, B & C grades. On look-out for new goalies for teams this year, and successful goalies will attend a valuable goalie training clinic at Clareville on Saturday 22 April before season starts.  \*\*Please let Carolyn Jephson know before Monday so she can pass your info onto Martinborough.  Text: 0276738332 or phone 3078210.  **BOARD OF TRUSTEES STAFF ELECTION RESULTS**  As no nominations were received for the position of Staff Representative on the Board of Trustees, this position remains vacant.  Lynette Batty  Returning Officer.  **WELCOME BBQ**  Friday 31st March at 5.30pm at Pirinoa School to meet Matt and his partner, Monique. Open to school community, grandparents and any interested community members. The BBQ will be running so bring along something to cook and say hello.  **ROOM 2**  Fin the eel – *By Charlotte Jephson*  Hi everyone, my name is Fin! I love to swim in the river and the sea, I also love to swim with my buddies! I swim up and down rivers so when I grow up I can lay my eggs. I do this one time in my whole life.  I love to smell the fresh water when I swim through the beautiful, fresh rivers but sometimes I swim through all mucky and poopy water.  I don’t want to swim through that water, but I have to so I can lay my eggs in the Tonga Trench.  I can see all the little fish that taste delicious, and the big fish that eat me so I have to swim away fast and last but not least nets!  Man I hate nets, so I swim fast when I see them.  “That is nice on my tummy!” I said when I feel the touch of the sand. I hear the other fish saying  “Man I am excited to lay my eggs but I am not excited about dying right after that” and so on.  Finally we get to the Tonga Trench and just in time too!  As we all sank down into the darkness I took a big breath through my gills, in and out again because it is my first time and gonna be my last time laying eggs. After I laid my eggs I say to them “Good luck little babies!” Then I swam off to die.  **ROOM 1 NEWS**  We have been playing fly swat words (see Facebook page) so that we can learn our high frequency words.  Welcome to school Vienna, who turns 5 today and Jesse on Monday.  We made some green and yellow playdough. The students are enjoying making dinosaurs, spaghetti, cars and numbers.  Today is the last day of swimming for Room 1. We are going to have some fun races and a free swim! |

**WEEK 5 LEARNING AWARDS**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:** **KINGSTON LOVE –** For using initiative and manners.

**ROOM 2: Charlotte Jephson** - "Fin the Eel" recount has a very clear personal voice and you describe how the eel feels about her life. You have used paragraphs, included detail and interesting verbs. Well done!

**ROOM 1: VIENNA WEATHERSTONE –** For showing active listening skills.

**ROOM 3:** **HEIDI DIDSBURY -**  For all round excellence.

**PLAYGROUND AWARD: AMANDA JEPHSON -**

Going well at the Swimming championships.

**ROOM 2 NEWS**