

18th February 2021 - Term 1.

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Greetings to you all. Tena koutou katoa.

With the first 2 weeks of this new school year completed I am thrilled how well the children have settled into their new classes – a great positive start to 2021.

I will always make myself available to parents and families, so if you wish to discuss any matter or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (through our office) and make a time to meet with me. Please feel that you can approach me for a chat as I really appreciate meeting with parents and Whanau.

My thanks to all staff working within Burnside Primary. Many staff worked for significant periods of time throughout January to help set up the school for this new year. This is greatly appreciated. Our 2021 staff are -

Deputy Principal

Ann Dark

Assistant Principal

Nic Rickard

Pukeko Team

Nic Rickard

Tim Colhoun

Room 14 Years 5 / 6

Kate Bateman, Sandy Gunn

Room 13 Years 5 / 6

Helene Wray, Maggie Alley

Room 12 Years 5 / 6

Charlotte Johns

Room 11 Years 5 / 6

Kahu Team

Lyndon Greening

Room 10 Years 4

Susan Pageot

Room 9 Years 3 / 4

Hilary St John

Room 8 Years 3 / 4

Emma Clark

Room 7 Years 3

Jean Chiron, Chrystelle Descamps

Room 6 French Class

Piwakawaka Team

Millie Hooker

Tawa - Room 5 Year 1 / 2

Robyn Penney, Bridget Watson

Karaka - Room 4 Year 1 / 2

Janine Williamson

Kowhai - Room 3 Year 1 / 2

Debra Jackson

Whero - Room 2 Year 1 / 2

Trudi Browne, Elaine O'Leary, Mel Murray Kahurangi - Room 1 Year 1

ESOL & International Teacher

Kay Harris

Reading Recovery Teacher

Fiona Kelly

RTLit Teachers

Debbie Lee Barrett, Rosemary Rankin, Heather Nimmo

Administration, Support & Grounds Staff

Executive Officer - Lea Keen

Office Admin / Reception - Rose Appo

Teacher Aides - Linda Stagg

Roanne Kinney

Heather Stanley

Jill Banks

Yvette Blommaart

Jasna Rimbovska

Mercedes Cotton

Caretaker - Vincent Pageot

Thanks for your support, Matt Bateman, Principal.

Our New School !!!!!!!!!!!

After a long wait of over 7 years – we are very Happy to say **“Our new school is on the way” !!** Finally - work has started on the **NEW Burnside Primary School**. Our fields have been fenced off and the machines have been busy digging out the area for our new Piwakawaka and Kahu classrooms, as well as the Whare.

The children have spent many play and lunch breaks, behind the safety fences, watching all the machines and trucks making great progress.



Assemblies

We have a whole school assembly every Friday morning at 9.00am in the school hall. Parents and caregivers are always welcome to attend whenever they can - they usually last approx 40 minutes. They are designed as a positive & informative opportunity for the whole school.

School Newsletters

Our newsletters are published usually every 2 weeks on a Thursday. They are sent via email to those families for whom we have email addresses, and a paper copy goes to the youngest child in each family without an email address.

Please check your emails/child's bag regularly - as it is a great way for families to keep up to date with school news and information from the teachers.

We are often asked to advertise, items from various community groups – these are sent separately as a link. This is a service we provide but please note the information comes directly from each group, organisation, person and is not endorsed by the school.

Student Absences

It is very important that the school knows every child is safe and accounted for each day.

Please contact the school if your child is going to be absent - either

- **email** - the office on absent@burnsideprimary.school.nz,
- **text - 021 104 0800** (BPS – office mobile phone),
- **answerphone - 3519-407** - leave an answer-phone message before 8.30am,
- **phone between 8.30am and 9.00am** to personally inform the office staff,
- **fill in a green "Student Absence form"** at the office – prior to your child being away.
- **send a letter to school** - if you know in advance.

Please ensure the office has the most "Up-to-Date" contact phone numbers for you and your nominated emergency contacts - in case we need to get in touch with you.

LATE Arrivals.

We have a "**Sign IN**" system for children who arrive at school after 9.00am – when the computerised class morning roll has already been completed. Children are required to come into the office get a "**Late Pass**" to take to their teacher. If your child arrives late – please remind them to go to the office before they go to their classroom. Thanks.

EARLY Leavers.

We also have a "**Sign OUT**" system for children who are leaving before 3.00pm. If your child / children are being collected early – the person collecting them (who you have already nominated as a contact) is required to come into the office and sign out on our electronic system. This is to ensure we know where every child (*who was at school at 9.00am in the morning*) is during school each school day Thanks.

School House Groups

When children enrol at Burnside Primary School – they are put into a House Group (mixed from Year 1 – Year 6) **BLUE** - **GREEN** - **RED** - **YELLOW**, and throughout the year they take part in different House activities.

At the end of each year our Staff selects 8 senior students to be House Captains for the following year. The Burnside Primary School house captains are some of our school leaders. They are students who consistently show our school values, and are great people to go to if you need some help. Some of the jobs that they do are: Welcoming students and families into assembly, organising activities for BPS children and showing visitors around our school.

Annual School Photos

Every year in Term 3 our official school photos are taken by a professional photographer. These are the whole class as well as individual students' photos. Parents have the option of purchasing either or both of their children's photos, if they wish to do so.

A Friendly Reminder - School Car Park for Parents & Visitors. 😊😊😊

Our school community is extremely lucky to have on-site parking for parents - we are 1 of only 2 schools who provide on-site parking for parents. We ask everyone to **please show our school values of RESPECT and INTEGRITY** when using this facility.

For the safety of all of our children, please remember ...

- **NOT to stand at your car and call your children to walk through the carpark by themselves. Please come and collect them from where they are standing by the hall.**
- **You can only stop, park and leave your car in a proper parking space "the ones with white lines painted on each side".**
- **NOT TO PARK in the "Round-about" Area – this is just a "Stop and Drop", where children get out of the car and walk by themselves to their classroom. Please DO NOT get out of your car and leave it parked there.**
- **YELLOW LINES - Please DO NOT STOP or PARK on these yellow lines up the driveway – this blocks all traffic behind you, causing "Traffic Chaos" problems and long queues out on Memorial Avenue.**

2021 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

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| TERM 1 | | |
| WEEK 3 | FEB | |
| Friday | 19 | Assembly |
| WEEK 4 | FEB | |
| Monday | 22 | |
| Friday | 26 | Assembly |
| WEEK 5 | MAR | |
| Monday | 1 | BOT Meeting – 7.00pm in the staffroom. |
| Friday | 5 | Assembly |
| WEEK 6 | MAR | |
| Monday | 8 | |
| Friday | 12 | Assembly. French Ambassador – Presentation to Burnside Primary School Duffy Theatre Presentation |
| WEEK 8 | MAR | |
| Monday | 22 | |
| Wednesday | 24 | Kahu 7 and 8 - Trip to Orana Park |
| Thursday | 25 | Kahu 9 and 10 - Trip to Orana Park |
| WEEK 9 | MAR | |
| Monday | 29 | |
| Friday | APR 2 | SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER FRIDAY |
| WEEK 10 | APR | |
| Monday | 5 | SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER MONDAY |
| Tuesday | 6 | SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER TUESDAY – Extra School Holiday |
| Friday | 9 | |
| WEEK 11 | APR | |
| Monday | 12 | |
| Friday | 16 | Assembly LAST DAY OF TERM 1 |
| Monday | MAY 3 | FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 – 2021 |