

4 March 2021 - Term 1.

No. 2

Kia ora koutou katoa. Hi to you all.

March is here already!!! It is amazing how quickly this year is passing. We have had a wonderful start to 2021 and I truly appreciate the support you give to our school.

The most valuable things that you can give to your child are love, care, positive memories and time. Before you know it, your child will be driving your car down your driveway! Time passes all too quickly, so please make the most of the time that you have with your child.

The "busyness" of school is being emphasised this year as we watch work get underway on our new school. This is an exciting time for the communities of Burnside Primary and for Cobham Intermediate.

The construction-work is safely underway within a well fenced, secure and central piece of our wonderful site. We are all learning a lot about the construction-process, by watching machinery in action and excavation and construction taking place.

Our Music, Drama, Speech, Sports and Language programmes are all well underway. Every "homeroom class" is operating positively and I am very pleased with the way our first month of school has been for children. Our school picnic was a great success as were our senior school swimming sports.

It has been unfortunate that NZ has had to again move up through Covid 19 Alert Levels. We are fortunate to not be in Auckland, where disruption to "normal" life has been more significant.

The challenges we face in Christchurch by; using the Covid 19 Tracing systems, by respecting social distancing, by isolating if we are unwell, by getting tested if we feel this is appropriate and by following government advice, are a small price to pay and are all necessary to ensure that we do not see significant outbreaks here. Thank you for the many ways that you are keeping yourself, your children and our school site "safe".

The information that is provided to you by our school (translated into several languages) is provided to us by the Ministries of Health and Education, so it is reliable and accurate. I am receiving daily updates specifically for school communities and will always provide new information to you all as soon as any required notification comes to me. Please continue to trust this information. I am grateful to you all for doing so.

I hope that for all of us, the summer weather lingers for several more weeks, but already the mornings are a little darker, the dew is more nourishing and the leaves on many of our beautiful school-trees are starting to "turn" as Autumn tentatively signals its arrival.

Please remember that I am here to help you and will make time to meet with you if you wish.

Regards, Matt Bateman, Principal

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## Playing – Eating - Learning.

Burnside Primary is a **PLAY – EAT – LEARN** school. This means that children **play** first before school begins, at morning tea and at lunch times. They then go to their classroom to **eat** and be calmer and ready to **learn** and therefore the learning time that we have is better positioned.

Children go straight out to play at morning tea break and straight out to play at lunch time. At the end of these play breaks children come back inside their classrooms and sit with their teachers as a whanau to eat the fruit provided by the school (at 9.00am), and their own food from home at morning tea and lunch. The aim of this is to decrease arousal levels prior to learning, so the quality of the learning and the ability to focus and concentrate improves.

Research shows the body physiologically responds differently to the two activities – Playing and Eating:

**Playing** – the body response is more aroused and heightened.

**Eating** – the body response is to naturally calm.

The aim is to provide a time to focus on eating in a calm, settled way.

## School Day - Bell Times

<b>8.30am ~ Playgrounds OPEN</b>	
<b>8.55am ~ Eating Starts - Fruit</b>	<i>(Inside)</i>
<b>9.10am ~ Learning</b>	
<b>10.40am ~ Playing Starts</b>	<i>(Outside)</i>
<b>10.55am ~ Eating Starts</b>	<i>(Inside)</i>
<b>11.10am ~ Learning</b>	
<b>12.40pm ~ Playing Starts</b>	<i>(Outside)</i>
<b>1.10pm ~ Eating Starts</b>	<i>(Inside)</i>
<b>1.25pm ~ Learning</b>	
<b>3.00pm ~ School Finishes</b>	
<b>3.15pm ~ Playgrounds CLOSED</b>	



## Emergency Contact Details

Soon we will be sending home with the youngest child in every family, a copy of the “Personal” details we have for every child (in an envelope). These details include medical conditions, parents home, work and mobile numbers, as well the names of people we can call if we can not contact you e.g. Grandparents, Family friends.

We also require details of your child’s access to devices at home for learning, the number of school age children at home and whether you prefer an email or paper copy of newsletters and school notices.

It is extremely important that the school always has, for your family, the most “Up to Date and current” contact details. Please make sure you have seen this information page, made any changes necessary (including adding or removing medical or personal details), and return it to the office by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you 😊

**Please sign and return your form to the office even if there are no changes – so that we know you have seen and checked it. Thank you.**

## Trip to Orana Park

Last week our 4 Kahu classes went by bus and spent the day at Orana Park. The children had a wonderful time learning about many of the animals and were thrilled to see some that they had never seen before – including giraffes, lions and gorillas. The giraffes were very hungry and happy to eat the leaves the children were feeding them, and the BIG black gorilla just lay around – watching the children, who were watching him 😊, while the lion just kept sleeping in the sun. In the photo below Ward from Kahu 9 is standing in front of the lion, and in Ward's family's home language – **Ward means Lion.**

*"We learnt lots - it was the best trip ever" said Salafai Fili from Kahu 7*





Watch throughout the year for different class photos in our newsletter. 😊 😊

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**2021 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School**

<b>TERM 1</b>		
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>MAR</b>	
Friday	5	Assembly
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>MAR</b>	
Monday	8	
Wednesday	10	BOT Meeting – 7.00pm in the staffroom.
Friday	12	Assembly. French Ambassador – Presentation to Burnside Primary School Duffy Theatre Presentation
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>MAR</b>	
Monday	22	
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>MAR</b>	
Monday	29	
Friday	<b>APR 2</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER FRIDAY</b>
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>APR</b>	
Monday	5	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER MONDAY</b>
Tuesday	6	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER TUESDAY – Extra School Holiday</b>
Friday	9	Assembly
<b>WEEK 11</b>	<b>APR</b>	
Monday	12	
Wednesday	14	BOT Meeting – 7.00pm in the staffroom.
Friday	16	Assembly <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>MAY 3</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 – 2021</b>