

15 April 2021 - Term 1.

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

All classrooms / teams are settled and working very well and I'm really enjoying having children share their work with me. It is exciting for me to meet with children, who have produced excellent work. I have been very impressed by children reading, written stories, vibrant art-works and excellent mathematics. Children from almost every team in the school have (I hope!) enjoyed sharing their special piece of work. It is great to see children so confident, enthusiastic and proud of their learning.

As busy whanau, parents and caregivers, your support for your child / children is very much appreciated. Helping your child with reading and writing (listening to them read to you, reading to them and talking to them) is very, very important. Your child's attitudes to learning are shaped by the partnership that we develop between home and school. A positive approach to learning, where children feel nurtured, supported and respected will always lead to better outcomes for them.

I will always make myself available to meet with you to discuss any situation of concern, to help, to support or to celebrate success. My position as Principal ensures that I get to meet with almost every family at some stage, and I am often required to help solve a problem. Occasionally, finding a solution may be difficult to do, but it is always easier when any problem is shared with me as early as possible. Often, at this time of year, I have drawn everyone's attention to our school's Policy on "Complaints". I'm not expecting a rush!!! However, if an incident troubles you and if you wish to discuss this, please use our Board's Policy to assist you.

Our school's website is in the process of being updated at present and a fresh, exciting, new site is emerging.

A Reminder - Our school is not open for children until 8:30am each day. If you need to have your child on site before 8:30am, please ensure that you contact MASH (our before and after school provider), located in our Hall. If this option is not suitable for you to use, please contact me and we can discuss. We are always looking to provide a safe environment on site for children and it is not safe for children to be left unsupervised on site.

I am very concerned that children and parents are crossing Memorial Avenue opposite our "Staff carpark entrance". This is not a safe place to cross with your child. Often, other children who are walking home without a parent will copy and follow parents who are crossing with their own child. **This is an accident waiting to happen!!** Please either park on the school-side of Memorial Avenue or in our main carpark or cross at the proper crossing at the Ilam/ Memorial traffic lights.

Term 1 of the school year ends tomorrow Friday 16th April. Dates for the end of term and the start of term 2 are in this newsletter. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday-break with family. I look forward to seeing you all again next Term. Thanks for your support of Burnside Primary.

Regards, *Matt*

RE M I N D E R ~ LAST DAY of TERM 1, 2021. TOMORROW.

Last Day of Term 1 is (Friday) 16th April - School closes at 3.00pm.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 19th April to Friday 30th April (2 weeks)

First Day of Term 2 is (Monday) 3rd May - School starts at 8.55am.

2021 Year 6 student leaders News - From Mrs Gunn



Our student leaders are responsible, positive and caring representatives of our school. They actively show and encourage involvement in creating a positive whole school community. They are simply - pretty wonderful kids!

Red house captains ~ Miecke Potgieter and Avnoor Balassi.

Green house captains ~ Jasmine Falta and Isak Musliu.

Blue house captains ~ Scott McMillan and Suhhyeon Lee.

Yellow house captains ~ Hetali Naidu and Sinel Jayasinghe.

A leader is one who ... knows the way, goes the way, shows the way.

Our New School. Progress continues for our new school, with foundations for Piwakawaka, Kahu, Pukeko classrooms and the Whare well underway and getting higher above ground level. As well as diggers and steam rollers – the water truck spraying water in all directions throughout the day, is great entertainment.



Piwakawaka Arts Report - From Mrs Penney

Over the last three weeks, Piwakawaka children have been involved in an arts rotation each afternoon after swimming. These rotations have been made up of Visual Arts, Music, Story Telling and Ahuatanga. The children have had three lessons of each based around the story Maise the Monarch

The children have loved the opportunity to be creative and learn a range of new skills. They have also been able to use their prior knowledge about butterflies in these activities. We will be continuing the Story Telling in Term Two. Their artworks will go on display at some stage next term when the children who were away finish theirs. We would love you to encourage your child to share what they have been doing and bring you in to share their artworks.



Predator News! - From Room 9 and Mrs Pageot

In Kahu 9 for the past three weeks, we have carried out scientific research within the native garden, by looking for signs of predators: droppings, eaten leaves, bones, feathers, egg shells etc.

We also made two tracking tunnels, using Nutella as bait. We put the tracking tunnels in two places in the middle of the native garden on Thursday 18 March. A week later, there were no tracks in either tunnel - so we decided to move the tunnels and placed them closer to the fence line alongside the native area.

A week after moving the tunnel, we found predator tracks in both our tunnels. We analysed the tracks, and think that the predator is a hedgehog, and perhaps a mouse, or another baby hedgehog. We will need to think about how to trap these predators to keep our native area a safe place for the native birds.

Watch this space for updates on our predator free school. On the next page is a photo of Room 9 children making a tracking tunnel and one showing the predator tracks.



2021 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

TERM 1		
WEEK 11	APR	
Thursday	15	Newsletter
Friday	16	Assembly – Room 13 LAST DAY OF TERM 1
TERM 2		
WEEK 1	MAY	
Monday	3	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 – 2021
Thursday	6	Junior School Swimming Sports. 12.00 – 3.00pm Pukeko Team - Clean Up" Afternoon.
Friday	7	Assembly - mihi whakatau
WEEK 2	MAY	
Monday	10	Burnside Primary – Cross Country Race
Friday	14	Assembly – Room 9
WEEK 3	MAY	
Monday	17	
Monday	20	West Zone – Cross Country Race
Friday	21	Assembly - Room Whero
WEEK 4	MAY	
Monday	24	
Friday	28	Assembly - Room 12
WEEK 5	MAY	
Monday	31	
Friday	JUN 4	Assembly - Room 7
WEEK 6	JUN	
Monday	7	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday	11	Assembly – Room Karaka
WEEK 10	JUL	
Friday		Assembly LAST DAY OF TERM 2

