

22nd February 2018 - Term 1.

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Greetings to you all. Tena koutou katoa.

What a positively exciting first month of school we have had to start the 2018 school year. There have been plenty of opportunities for our community to meet at; our school-assemblies each Friday, our school/ PTA picnic and our school swimming sports. The Senior swimming sports were a great success, very well organised and were well supported, unfortunately due to the weather the Junior swimming sports had to be cancelled. My thanks to all staff, particularly Kate Bateman for their effort and organisation. It has been fantastic to meet with so many of you. I, and the staff here, have a real focus on the "Wellbeing" of your child and we are very appreciative when you take time to discuss your child with us.

"Learning" is greatly enhanced for children when they feel positive about; school, about having friends, about their teacher and about your support for them. The partnership between "home" and "school" is something that I am wanting to continually improve, and I value your support. By us all working together, we can make Burnside Primary School an even more positive school where every child feels safe, happy and enjoys learning.

Our school opens for children at 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 – if they arrive before 8.30am.

School closes for children each day, officially at 3:15pm. After 3:15pm, staff will not be available to supervise children. Please ensure that children have left the school grounds before 3:15pm. Discuss the safest arrangements for this with your child's classroom teacher.

Thanks for your support. ***Matt***

Term 1 Swimming Lessons

In just over 3 weeks' time, (14 – 29 March) all children will have the wonderful opportunity to take part in 9 swimming lessons at Jellie Park Pool. These are taken by professional instructors, and cater for all different swimming levels depending on each child's ability.

We request that all children bring their swimming costume and towel to school every day so they can take part in these lessons. It is very important that all children are taught to enjoy swimming and to learn to be confident in the water.

The school has been extremely lucky to receive a wonderful grant to help pay for each child's lessons. Due to the amazing generosity of the organisation providing the grant we are thrilled to inform you that this term our children will not need to pay anything for their swimming lessons – there is no charge 😊

A timetable and information notice will be sent home with every child home soon.



School Uniforms - NAMED CLOTHING

We ask all parents to please **check that their children are wearing their "own" named sweatshirts and jackets**, as recently we have had several items of "clearly named" uniforms lost or misplaced.

In this change-able weather children take off their own sweatshirt or jacket and often accidentally pick up another child's clothing, after play or lunch times, and take them home by mistake. Parents do not realise their child actually has (and are wearing) some else's clothing. Please check the names (on labels, around the bottom hem etc), and return any other child's items to the office. Thanks

School Car Park for Parents & Visitors.

Unfortunately we continue to have problems in our parent carpark. 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 "with white lines painted on each side of the car-park".**
- **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 out on Memorial Avenue.

Our school community is extremely lucky to have on-site parking for parents. Recently 20 Christchurch schools were contacted and 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



Name Art - Pukeko Room 10 have recently done some amazing art work to decorate their classroom walls. The 4 corners of each square includes a child's name.
Can you see these names ???

Shikaya
Finn

Jonny
Darcie

Mohamed
Kineka

HEALTH & SAFETY - Medical Consent and Dis-claimer Form.

When children have been unwell and away from school, they often return before they have finished all the medication that has been prescribed by a Doctor. Sometimes parents then ask our school staff to give their child the medication while they are at school.

Our school has a **"Medical Consent and Dis-claimer" Form** that parents need to complete with dosage, frequency etc - BEFORE we can give out any medication. Therefore if your child needs to take anything at school, please see the office staff and complete a form. Please Do Not just send medication along with your child, without signing a form, as we will not be able to give it to them. Thank you.

Muffi Day (2017)

At the end of last year The Piwakawaka Team held a Muffi Day to raise funds to buy a Friendship Seat – this is a seat that children can sit on, if they are feeling lonely and other children can come along and then play and talk to them.

The Piwakawaka Team would like to thank Mitre 10 Mega in Hornby who helped us with our purchase of our friendship seat. They were super generous and have actually supplied us with two Jack and Jill Seats for just the cost of the money we raised with our muffi day. Tahlia, Sanuli, Charli and Sadie visited James at Hornby Mitre 10 Mega to purchase our seats. The seats are now near the sandpit in the junior school.

We would also like to thank Mr Bateman and Mr Bell for helping us to collect them and then put them together.



HELP SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE COASTLINES MOBILE PHONE APPEAL IN OUR SCHOOL

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and the environment benefits too by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School.



2018 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

TERM 1		
WEEK 4	FEB	
Thursday	22	Newsletter
Friday	23	Assembly - Blast from the Past - showing past class reports of some of our Pukeko children when they were only 5 and 6 year olds
WEEK 5	MAR	
Friday	2	Assembly - Pukeko Room 10
WEEK 6	MAR	
Thursday	8	Newsletter
Friday	9	Assembly
WEEK 7	MAR	
Thursday	15	West Zone Swimming Sports.
Friday	16	Assembly
WEEK 8	MAR	
Monday	19	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Tuesday	20	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Wednesday	21	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Thursday	22	Newsletter Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Friday	23	Assembly Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
WEEK 9	MAR	
Monday	26	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Tuesday	27	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Wednesday	28	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Thursday	29	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Friday	30	SCHOOL CLOSED. EASTER – GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
WEEK 10	APR	
Monday	2	SCHOOL CLOSED. EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday	3	SCHOOL CLOSED. EASTER TUESDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Thursday	5	Newsletter
Friday	6	Assembly
WEEK 11	APR	
Friday	13	Assembly LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - 2018

Monday	Apr 30	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 - 2018
Friday	July 6	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 - 2018
Monday	July 23	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 - 2018
Friday	Sep 28	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - 2018
Monday	Oct 15	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 - 2018