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1 November 2018 - Term 4.

No 16

## SCHOOL CLOSED – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November the teacher-unions have signalled “Strike action” in Christchurch. Other regions in NZ will take part in Strike Action on other days during the same week.

**Your Board of Trustees has decided that on Wednesday 14 NOVEMBER, along with almost every other Christchurch City School, Burnside Primary School WILL BE CLOSED. The Board of Trustees request that you make alternative arrangements for your child/children on this day.**

Negotiations are continuing, but IF no agreement can be reached over the next few days, teachers in Christchurch will be withdrawing their labour in rolling strike action.

The issues confronting teachers, Boards of Trustees, parents and schools are; underfunding of schools, an increasing reduction in numbers of teachers-in-training, teacher-salaries becoming relatively reduced which makes teaching less attractive, decreasing numbers of teachers available for day-to-day relieving, increasing work-load for teachers, increasing class-sizes, under-funding of children with special needs, reduced operations funding for schools.

All of these issues are having (and will continue to have) an impact on; our teachers, our schools and especially on the ability of schools to deliver the very best education to your children.

Your Board of Trustees, fully support the action teachers are proposing. Outcomes for your children will improve if teachers and schools are better funded and supported.

For those families that are unable to arrange alternative care for children on this day, MASH the private out-of-school provider, who uses our school hall daily, will be running a session that day. Please phone Craig, the MASH organiser 0800 420 520 if you are interested.

## SCHOOL CLOSED ON FRIDAY – 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER. Canterbury Anniversary Public Holiday.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November is Canterbury Anniversary Public Holiday. School will be closed on this day and will re-open again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## School Choir

Our Burnside Primary School's choir, with over 40 members, performed with the massed schools choir last Friday night. This was a terrific evening of quality performances and our school children were outstanding. They performed beautifully, sounded wonderful and looked fantastic - we were all very proud of you.



## Athletic Sports

Last week, we held our school's athletics sports. Staff were very impressed by the effort put in by all children in all events. Positive behaviour was very evident, with children supporting each other and trying their best.

Some outstanding performances by several children in each age group will see these children selected to represent our school at the "Zone" athletics sports.



*Piwakawaka Tui children taking part in the different sports activities.*



*Congratulations to Heather Abernethy who recently competed in the Olympia Ashburton Junior Stars and she came first in the ropes section. 😊 😊*

## School Camp – Years 5 and 6

Last week we sent home several notices and forms for Year 5 & 6 children and parents to complete. Please make sure you complete and return them to school by tomorrow Friday 2 November.

The cost of camp is \$95.00 per child and we ask that this is paid to the office by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We are happy for the camp fee to be paid off weekly.



## Food at School

Since Term 3 the school has been providing, at 9.00am each day to every classroom, platters of fresh fruit and vegetables for all the children to eat before they start their daily lessons - they have 10 minutes of their morning dedicated to having their healthy snacks and talking to their classmates

The fruit & vegetables are purchased from a local supplier, Raeward Fresh, each day and include avocado, carrots, cucumbers, celery, capsicum, apples, oranges and kiwifruit plus many others. It is cut up into pieces by our staff and some of our senior children and then distributed to every room for the children to enjoy.

This is part of our schools – Play, Eat and Learn programme. It is wonderful to see all of the children enjoying these healthy snacks before they start their day and the children love to try new things. Room 7 children in the photo below with some of their fruit ☺.



Isla

Shanyn

Caleb



1 of Room 7's Food Platters

## Term 4 Swimming Lessons

Our first week of swimming is nearly finished and the children are having a great time and already achieving more confidence and showing excellent skills in the water. Photos below show Room 11 students enjoying being in the water ☺

We request a contribution for these lessons of \$28.00 per child. Many thanks for the payments already received. We are happy for these lessons to be paid off weekly - please see Rose or Lea in the school office if you wish to start weekly payments.



## Lost Property

Our Lost Property bin is again over-flowing with school uniforms. These items are regularly checked by staff to see if they are named so that they can be returned to the correct owner. With the warmer weather, (as well as swimming), jackets and sweatshirts are being taken off all the time and often left out in the playground – unfortunately many items are **not named**.

## Burnside Concert Evening.

Earlier this week, we sent home information about the special "Burnside Concert Evening" on Thursday 15 November at 6.30pm in the Cobham Intermediate School Hall. Please remember to bring your ticket form back to the office and we will give you your ticket straight away. Tickets are Free, with 2 per family, however you can request more in case there are some spare.

## Year 6 Graduation

The 2018 Year 6 Graduation Assembly will be on **THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**, starting **at 1.00pm** in our school hall. This will be followed by a special Afternoon Tea for the Year 6 children and their parents at 2.15pm approximately.

## 2018 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

TERM 4		
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>NOV</b>	
Friday	2	Assembly ~ Countries Around the World P.T.A. Disco – 6.00pm – 7.30pm in the School Hall
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>NOV</b>	
Monday	5	Swimming Lessons – every day this week. All classes
Friday	9	Assembly ~ Room 8
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>NOV</b>	
Monday	12	
Tuesday	13	Zone Athletic Sports P.T.A. Pizza Orders to be returned to the office.
Wednesday	14	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED = TEACHERS STRIKE</b>
Thursday	15	Newsletter Burnside Concert Evening at Cobham Intermediate @6.30pm.
Friday	16	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED = CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Show Day)</b>
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>NOV</b>	
Wednesday	21	P.T.A. Pizza Orders to be collected from the office – from 2.30pm.
Friday	23	Assembly ~ Piwakawaka Year 5 & 6 Camp – Final payment due to be paid.
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>NOV</b>	
Friday	30	Assembly ~ House Assembly
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>DEC</b>	
Monday	3	School Camp at Wainui (near Akaroa) – Room 10 and Room 11
Tuesday	4	School Camp at Wainui (near Akaroa) – Room 10 and Room 11
Wednesday	5	School Camp at Wainui (near Akaroa) – Room 10 and Room 11 School Camp at Wainui (near Akaroa) – Room 13 and Room 14
Thursday	6	School Camp at Wainui (near Akaroa) – Room 13 and Room 14
Friday	7	School Camp at Wainui (near Akaroa) – Room 13 and Room 14 Assembly ~ Countries Around the World
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>DEC</b>	
Thursday	13	Year 6 Graduation - 1.00pm in the school hall
Friday	14	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – 2018. School will finish at 3.00pm</b>

2019 TERM DATES	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
<b>TERM 1</b>	Thursday - 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Friday - 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday - 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday - 5 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>TERM 3</b>	Monday - 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Friday - 27 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>TERM 4</b>	Monday - 14 <sup>th</sup> October	To be confirmed.