

21st March 2019 - Term 1.

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Greetings to you all.

This is a very challenging time for our country. The horrific events that occurred in our city last Friday have scarred all of us. Our Muslim community has been terribly impacted by these events. Thank you all, for supporting our focus on their safety, welfare and healing.

Staff have been outstanding in the ways they have given support of all children at Burnside Primary. We truly appreciate the many ways that you, as parents and whanau, have been working alongside us. Conversations with your children, at home and at school, have been consistent, caring and sufficient to answer children's questions and to protect their young minds.

My thanks to you all, for supporting our "Lock Down" of the school last Friday. I have been a school Principal for 30 years now, across three schools, and this was my first "Lock Down" situation. I looked to follow the protocols that are in place for significant events and we looked to the Police for updates and information throughout this long, stressful afternoon.

Keeping your children safe, feeling calm and comfortable was our first priority. We did our very best to ensure that this was the case. As a parent myself I appreciate that a parent's first instinct is to "protect" their own child, and I/we accepted this responsibility for all of our Burnside Primary School children here.

It was really reassuring to have so many of you, as parents, on site with us throughout Friday afternoon. You supported each other so well and you trusted us to do our best. Thank you all, for the way to allowed me and my team to manage this unprecedented event the way we did.

I would like to thank; our Board of Trustees, our Parent-Teacher association, our community groups and many other external support-groups for their assistance and support, during Friday afternoon and on every day since.

We are all part of a great community. We have a lot of healing to do.

Let's continue to work together, within an environment of peace and understanding, as we do this.

Kindest, Matt.

PB4L News



A couple of weeks ago the PB4L introduced a new behaviour acknowledgement system. Children caught showing AKO (Aroha, Kaha or Ora) are given an AKO Award. These small blue slips are then placed in a team (Piwakawaka Tui, Kahu, and Pukeko) box. The team awards are counted regularly.

Each team has decided on the number of awards required to obtain a reward. The teams have also decided what that reward will be. In the upcoming weeks we hope to share with you photos of children celebrating their AKO goal achievements.

Ako describes learning and teaching. **Aroha** talks of love but also of kindness, compassion and respect for others and our environment. **Ora** encompasses all elements of health and wellbeing - feeling good and doing good. **Kaha** speaks of strength, integrity, and excellence.

News from Miss St John and Room 7

Candy Land ~ Written by Stefannie

In my dream jar I had candy land there were lots of smells. I can see trees made of lollipops, bushes made of candy, grass made of gummy sticks and people made of gummy bears. I can hear gummy bears talking Spanish and the wind. I feel excited, happy and refreshed in the coca cola pool. I can see a store and I try to eat it, it was so good. I can see a portal so I go through it.



The Jungle ~ Written by Arthur

It will smell fresh and damp and it will be awesome. I can see a hypnotised tiger and a monkey. There are heaps of monkeys in one group. There is a volcano with swirling, burning hot lava and echoey sounds.

News from Mrs O'Leary and Piwakawaka Tui



During one of our writing workshops, we visited the library, one of our favourite places at Burnside Primary School. Our writers wanted to get some inspiration for their writing and to choose some of their favourite books for our learning spaces.

Shanaya and Meghna loved discovering the I Spy game that Mrs Stagg made for us to enjoy at the library.

Sadie chose the book "Grandma McGarvey paints the shed" by Jenny Hessel. She confidently shared an amazing book review with her writing group. Here is a snippet from Sadie's detailed book review - *"This book is about when Grandma McGarvey paints the shed, she didn't use ordinary stuff, she uses homemade paint and a brush made out of straw and some old floppy violin strings. I want everyone to read this book and have a chance to laugh. I would like Mr Bateman to read this"*.

Lucas was so impressed to discover a book written in Chinese. He wrote an excellent recount - *"We found Chinese books and Japanese books. If you go to the library, you will be a good reader and you will know lots of words. Piwakawaka Tui went to the library and I felt good because it was calm."*



SHARING ROCK ART

Mrs Brook from Piwakawaka Tui is a talented artist and belongs to the "ChCh Rocks" group. People in this group paint rocks & hide them around the city for others to find –these rocks can either be kept, given away or re-hidden. The rocks bring fun and happiness to those who find them. Many of our children at Burnside Primary are often busy looking for the rocks that she hides around our school.

Thanks Mrs Brook ☺ ☺.



Some of the rocks that have been found by BPS children ☺

New Staff Member – Charlotte Johns.



For those of you who don't know me, my name is Charlotte Johns and this is my first year teaching here at Burnside Primary School. I am the Room 11 teacher.

Prior to teaching Year 5/6 here in the Pukeko Team, I taught Year 7/8 at Cobham Intermediate as a specialist Science Technology teacher. Before this I spent two years training and studying towards a Master of Teaching and Learning (Primary Endorsed with Distinction) at the University of Canterbury. I have also studied a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biogeoscience (Hons First Class) and completed postgraduate research in this field. I am hugely passionate about science education and I look forward to bringing this strength to Burnside Primary school in 2019.

Emergency Contact Details

Next week 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 number – plus emergency contacts.

We also require the names of other "Emergency" people who can collect your child from school in an (earthquake or other) emergency – in case you are unable to get to school yourself.

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 medical or personal), and return it to the office by Thursday 1st April.

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

Scholastic Books

Recently children received the new scholastic book catalogue to take home. Any of the books in the catalogue can be purchased through the school if families would like to – this is optional. Orders are due back to the office on Thursday 28th March.

Please note that 20% of the sales comes back to the school which is spent towards new books for our library.

School Donation

Next week we will also be sending home a separate School Donation notice. At their last meeting your Board of Trustees decided to keep the donation amount the same as previous years - \$25.00 per term for each student. These donations allow the Board of Trustees to continue to provide a range of quality educational opportunities for our children. Donations are Tax Deductible. Thank you.

Swimming Lessons - Term 1

Next Monday 25 March, all children will have the wonderful opportunity to start their 10 swimming lessons, please ensure all children bring their togs and a towel in a named bag.

Children will now only need to pay \$10.00 for their 10 lessons – this is only \$1.00 per lesson !!!

Music Lessons Payment – Term 1.

Payment for the music lessons and hire of instruments is now due to be paid to the office – invoices will be sent home soon to those children who have still to pay for Term 1. Thank you.

Class Photos in the Office

Below is a Kool photo of our **Kowhai Room**, which is on display in the office.



2019 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

TERM 1		
WEEK 8	MAR	
Friday	22	Assembly - Piwakawaka Tui
WEEK 9	MAR	
Monday	25	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Tuesday	26	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes. BOT Meeting – 7.00pm in the staffroom -- <i>change of date</i>
Wednesday	27	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Thursday	28	Newsletter Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Friday	29	Assembly Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
WEEK 10	APR	
Monday	1	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Tuesday	2	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Wednesday	3	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Thursday	4	Newsletter Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes.
Friday	5	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes. Assembly - Room 14
WEEK 11	APR	
Thursday	11	Duffy Books in Homes Role Model Assembly @ 9.30am in the hall
Friday	12	Assembly - Piwakawaka Tui LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - 2019
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ~ MONDAY 15 APRIL to FRIDAY 26 APRIL.		
TERM 2		
WEEK 1	APR	
Monday	29	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2