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My very warmest "hello" to everyone.

Our first school term of 2019 is almost over and, for the next two weeks, families will be able to spend more time together.

This has been a term of contrasts, with so very, very many positive events but also with a very obvious negative one.

I'm wanting to dwell on the positive and wish to express my appreciation and thanks, on behalf of my staff, to you all; parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, our school Board of Trustees, our PTA, our local Church groups and the many community-friends of Burnside Primary. Your children are very lucky to have all of this support and encouragement around them. We all are.

Children have had some great learning opportunities this term. Drama and Dance lessons, Music opportunities (choirs, orchestra, instrumental tuition), Kapahaka, Science (fresh-water studies), our school Picnic, gardening and growing fruit and vegetables, our bee hive and our honey, painting and other creative artistic activities, Kiwi-Can lessons, exciting Mathematics, our stunning school Library, creatively writing stories, our sports and physical activities, our wonderful playground, lots of fun and games, reading and discovering new things.

Your children have focussed on our school Values this term and they are all learning the importance of manners, of saying "thanks", of caring for others and a lot about managing themselves. I'm really proud of the staff here at Burnside Primary. The extra work and dedication to your children, displayed by all staff here, is unbelievable.

Everyone at school had a wonderful time yesterday having a "Heart" photo taken, a copy is included with this newsletter. A huge "Thank you" to Wayne & Liz from Cobi digital – who took the photos for us, for no charge.

Have a great two weeks with family. Thanks again for all that you do.

Matt Bateman, Principal

School Trustee Elections will be held next term. Elections are held every 3 years

Boards of Trustees play an important role in our school community helping creating a bright future for our children.

You do not need to have an education background to be a trustee; abilities in finance or bookkeeping, health and safety, community wellbeing or management, to name a few, are all valued skills within a Board of Trustees.

If you would like more information about being a trustee, or the upcoming election, please pop into the office and talk to our principal Matt Bateman.

Georgie Carran (Chairperson BPS Board of Trustees)

**** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - 15th April (Monday) to 26th April (Friday)**

