

1 April 2021 - Term 1.

No. 4

REMINDER - TUESDAY 6th APRIL 2021, an EXTRA SCHOOL HOLIDAY at EASTER.

For many years New Zealand Schools have had the Tuesday following Easter Monday as a school holiday. The Easter Holidays have often been during the end of Term 1 school holidays, so this day has just been part of the 2 week holiday break.

However, this year Easter is earlier (2 weeks before the end of Term 1). **Therefore as well as Burnside Primary School being closed on Good Friday (2nd April) and Easter Monday (5th April), we will also be closed on Tuesday 6th April.**

School will be open as usual on Wednesday 7th April.

REMINDER ~ LAST DAY of TERM 1, 2021.

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.

KAHU – Room 10 News. From Mr Greening.

I am excited to announce that BPS has started swimming lessons at Jellie Park! The children are learning a broad range of swimming skills, such as water confidence, kicking, strokes (freestyle, backstroke, and backstroke), and a range of other skills. It is important to remember that swimming is a part of the New Zealand Curriculum and an essential skill for children to have, so we encourage all of our children to make the most of this valuable opportunity. Check out our photos of Kahu 8 and 10 enjoying their time at Jellie Park!



PUKEKO – Room 11 News. From Miss Johns

Kia ora koutou. It's been a busy start to the year in Room 11 and the Pukeko Team. We have been busy studying the history of New Zealand and the Treaty of Waitangi, science of the atom with University of Canterbury scientists and learning all about Physical Education with Christchurch Boys High School. On Fridays we are busy singing in choir or caring for the environment and learning how to do things like fix a bike tyre! We are also busy writing letters to our virtual exchange students from a primary school in Michigan State, USA.



Burnside Primary School Uniforms

As the cooler weather arrives, we have noticed several NON uniform items being worn to school, instead of our green and white uniform. Please ensure that your children wear our correct uniform.

Winter Culottes ~

The Burnside Primary School winter culottes are available at Mainland Uniform Ilam. These culottes are an option for wearing in Terms 2 and 3. They can be worn with tights, short or long socks in the school colours of bottle green, white or black.

Girls Winter Tights ~

Please remember that if girls are wearing tights to school in the colder weather – the colours should only be green, black or white. Please do not send your children in bold bright coloured or patterned tights. Thank you.

Named Clothing ~

As the weather continues to change we are again finding many jackets and sweatshirts – with "No Name" written on them. Please write your child's name in several places on their clothing so any lost items can be easily identified and returned to the owner. Thanks.

School Photos

Early Notice - Our 2021 class and Individual photos will be taken in Term 3 - on Tuesday 14 September. We will send home details on how to order photos in Term 3.

Head Lice

As in all schools, Head lice are often found in children's hair. If you discover your child has them please let the office know as soon as possible, so that a general information notice regarding treatment can be sent home to all children in that room. Please remember to regularly check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

HEALTH & SAFETY - Medical Consent and Disclaimer 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 Disclaimer**" 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 Disclaimer form, as we will not be able to give it to them. Thank you.



HEALTH & SAFETY - Emergency Drills

Burnside Primary School has 4 different Emergency Drills and these are practised at regular intervals throughout the year.

The first drill (during school time) is "**Inside - Outside**", where the automated "Evacuate the Building" signal is turned on and everyone leaves the buildings and assembles (via a specific route) on the basketball courts, outside Rooms 10 - 14. Children line up behind their room numbers which are painted on the court. This covers Fire, Earthquakes etc.

The second drill (during lunch or play time) is "**Outside - Outside**", where the automated "Evacuate the Building" signal is turned on and the children stop playing and assemble (via a specific route) on the basketball courts outside Rooms 10 - 14, with staff meeting them there. This covers Fire, Earthquakes etc.

In the event of an Earthquake or other emergency - parents arriving at school, to collect their children, should go to the courts.

The third drill is a "Lock Down" - e.g. a police emergency, a dangerous dog in the grounds, or a poisonous chemical spill on Memorial Ave etc. This is an "**Outside - Inside**" drill when children go from playing outside and return to their rooms. The normal school bell is turned on and left to ring continuously until everyone is accounted for inside the buildings. In an actual event all external doors are locked.

The fourth drill is also a "Lock Down" but is an "**Inside - Inside**". This is if a situation arises where it is unsafe for anyone go outside. The normal school bell is turned on and left to ring continuously, everyone remains inside the buildings until the "All Clear" is given. In an actual event, all the external doors are locked.

Emergency Contact Details

Many thanks to all the parents who have already returned their family's forms – we are thrilled with the large response so far. **Please remember to mark YES or NO on the "Immunisation" section at the bottom of the page.**

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.

PIWAKAWAKA News. From Miss Williamson

At Burnside Primary we start everyday by sharing kai in our homebases. This is a great way to start the day, as it allows the children to settle into the day and connect with their kaiako and peers. We are very fortunate to be supported with this by our friends at Raewood Fresh Tower Junction. Every Monday and Wednesday a teacher goes to collect enough boxes of fruit and vegetables to feed 14 classrooms. A different teacher each morning shares it evenly between the classes, before some very helpful students deliver the kai straight to the classroom.

We are often given a wide range of fruit and vegetables that is in season at the time. It is fascinating to learn what children think of each different fruit / vegetable and their opinions on them. Our worms are also very grateful for all of our fruit scraps!



2021 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

TERM 1		
Thursday	APR 1	Newsletter
Friday	2	SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER FRIDAY
WEEK 10	APR	
Monday	5	SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday	6	SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER TUESDAY – Extra School Holiday
Wednesday	7	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes. Lesson 8
Thursday	8	Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes. Lesson 9
Friday	9	Assembly - Weka Swimming Lessons at Jellie Park Pool - All classes. Lesson 10
WEEK 11	APR	
Monday	12	
Wednesday	14	BOT Meeting – 7.00pm in the staffroom.
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