

13 May 2021 - Term 2.

No. 6

## **SCHOOL CLOSED for 2 DAYS in JUNE (this term)**

### **\* FRIDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Teacher Only Day**

- School will be closed on this day for ALL children, while teachers take part in a Staff / Professional Development Day.
- MASH – Our Before & After School Care provider – will be open in the Hall on this day. 03 366 9408

### **\* MONDAY – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June is Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED on that day and will re-open again on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Absent Children**

Many children are now developing coughs and colds in this cooler weather. If your child is going to be staying at home due to illness or any other reason, we request that parents please notify the school before 9.00am each day, by either –

- Email** - **absent@burnsideprimary.school.nz**
- Answerphone** - **351 9407 (before 8.30am, to leave a message)**
- Phone** - **351 9407 (after 8.30am, to speak to office staff)**
- Text** - **021 104 0800**
- Skool Loop App** - **download the free app and send a free email**

Unfortunately not all families are contacting us, however it is very important that we know where every child is during school hours - to ensure their safety. Our office staff are required to account for every child daily, some days this takes our until morning tea time to contact all families.

Please Note - If we are unable to make contact with a family member or an emergency contact person, then the absent child is marked on the official, Ministry approved, computerised school daily attendance register as **TRUANT**. Unfortunately, this means that some students now show a history of Truancy. Our attendance register is also frequently audited by the Ministry of Education.

## **Safe Play on our Senior Playground**

Parents : please remember the Senior Playground has been safely built for Years 4, 5 and 6.

If parents wish for their younger children to play here they will need to supervise and be responsible for their child's safety.



## Kahu 8' Bird Feeders

In Kahu 8 we have been learning all about New Zealand native birds and we wanted to create a safe place for them here at school.

We learnt about what our native birds like to eat and drink and we decided to make a feeding station. We put a bird feeder with some special food made out of berries in a bird feeder in our native garden and we also made some sugar water for the birds to drink.



## West Zone Swimming Sports

Recently 3 students represented our school at the West Zone Swimming Sports.

- \* Brietta Carran – Year 5 in 50m breast stroke
- \* Isak Musliu – Year 6 in 50m breaststroke
- \* Alex Weng – Year 6 in 50m backstroke

All children passed their personal best times by at least 3 – 4 seconds and represented the West Zones with merit. Well Done 😊

## Operation River Quest

On Thursday the 6th of May, the whole of our Pūkeko team was involved picking up rubbish in and around our local stream - the Wairarapa at Jellie Park. This was part of Operation River Quest where we were one of 25 school picking up rubbish around their local streams. Once we picked up the rubbish we sorted it and recorded our findings which will be shared with the City Council and be able to be compared to previous years. We had lots of fun and loved being kaitiaki of our local stream. The most rubbish we found were soft plastics, like food plastic wrappers. The weirdest things we found were a goat skull, cash register, underwear and couch cushions!





## Pūkeko 12 with Mrs Wray. Little Tags Make a Big Impact - Bread tags for wheelchairs

Have you been wondering what to do with all those bread tags? Now you can help both the environment and disadvantaged people with disabilities by saving up your bread tags and dropping them off in Room 12.

Bread tags come in many shapes, sizes and colours. Made of High Impact Polystyrene, they have a good recycling value and they are sent to South Africa to be recycled. In South Africa, the bread tags are sold to a plastics company which makes seedlings trays, and the funds are used to purchase wheelchairs for those in need.

A bread bag holds 1 kg of tags and it takes 200 kg of tags to bring in enough money to buy one wheelchair. So, save your bread tags and get your families and friends to do so too.

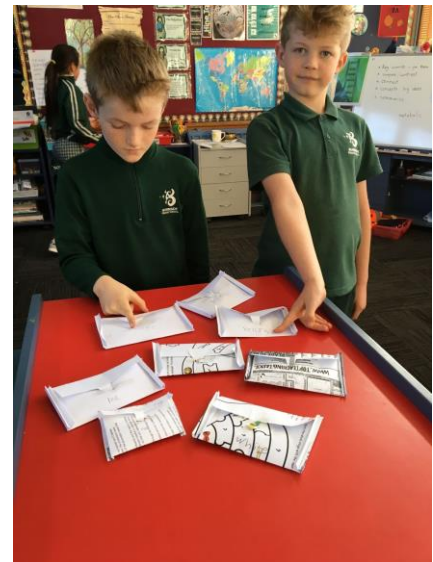
Check out the New Zealand Bread Tags For Wheelchairs Facebook page for more information.



The collection container in Room 12.



Arthur sorting the tags by colour.



The sorted tags are stored in envelopes created by Sam.

### 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 Friday 28 May.

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

## Cross Country 2021

Burnside Primary were excited to hold their whole school cross country on Monday 10 May. The children had been practising well before the holidays and came back to school full of beans. The day, although overcast, was perfect and there were some fabulous performances recorded.

Our racecourse was quite different this year as some of our grounds have become a building site. We are very privileged to have grounds that are interesting and spacious.

All children who ran performed extremely well and all should be proud of their efforts. Places for Year 4 – Year 6 were recorded and Mrs Bateman was able to pick a team of 24 runners who will go onto the West Zones event at Halswell Quarry next week.

Thank you to all the families and friends who supported our children at this event.



Connor crossing the finish line. Viyan & Sam near the end. Well Done – Morne, Cooper & Louie-Emile.

## 2021 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

<b>TERM 2</b>		
Friday	<b>MAY 14</b>	<b>Assembly – Room 9</b>
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>MAY</b>	
Monday	17	
Thursday	20	West Zone – Cross Country Race
Friday	21	<b>Assembly - Room Whero</b>
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>MAY</b>	
Monday	24	
Friday	28	<b>Assembly - Room 12</b> Scholastic Book Club – Last Day to order books.
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>MAY</b>	
Monday	31	
Friday	<b>JUN 4</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – TEACHER ONLY DAY (Children stay at home)</b>
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>JUN</b>	
Monday	7	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Friday	11	<b>Assembly – Room Karaka</b>
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>JUL</b>	
Friday	9	<b>Assembly</b> <b>LAST DAY OF TERM 2</b>