

11 November 2021 - Term 4.

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**SCHOOL CLOSED Friday – 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**\* FRIDAY – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Canterbury Anniversary- Public Holiday**

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November is Canterbury's Anniversary Public Holiday. **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED on that day and will re-open again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Message from our Principal Matt Bateman,**

Kia ora koutou katoa. Hi to you all.

We are almost half way through November already and I can feel that the pace of this extraordinary year will continue.

Individually you will be facing challenges, possibly on many fronts (employment, business financial, personal, health, family, housing) and many of you have multiple stresses.

Please know that we are doing all that we can as a school, to support your child and that we are available to you (for support) as well. Don't hesitate to reach out if circumstances might need you to do this.

Children have been swimming at Jellie park for 30 minutes each day and today is our last day of these sessions. Ahead of summer, these swimming sessions have added a layer of confidence, competence and safety to children's water-skills.

Next week our Year 5 and 6 children will be travelling to Hanmer Springs Forest Camp. The overnight-stay part of these Camps has sadly had to be cancelled, but children will still have the opportunities to go to Hanmer for a full day of activities (Mountain biking, Tree Climbing etc). Unfortunately, Covid restrictions created pressures around several Camp factors (group-numbers for inside dining/ other large school groups mixing on site/ catered dining and numbers inside/ hot-pool restrictions on numbers).

The easy thing would have been cancellation but children (and staff) deserved a "Camp" experience, so we are proceeding with a revised programme. The cost is now \$50:00 per child. Fundraising, sponsors, donations and parent payments have pretty-much cover this cost for all children now, which is great.

All children are absolutely able to attend, so if you have any questions about your child attending, please contact me.

I/we do not want the cost of the Camp experience to be a barrier or to prevent any child from participating with their friends in this opportunity, so please know that all children are able to attend.

Kindest regards  
Matt

## PB4L

On Friday the 5th of November we celebrated Gumboot Friday with a special mufi day and a lunchtime filled with fun activities such as gumboot throwing, gumboot 3-legged races and a colouring-in competition. Gumboot Friday is a day to remind us that **Me he tē**; we are all the boss of ourselves and that talking about how we feel will be respected and valued.

This has been our PB4L focus for the last week, with a special focus on the importance of fostering positive, open-minded attitudes to speaking about how we feel in a respectful manner and actively listening to each other when we are ready to talk.

**Special thanks to our pupil council for organising a wonderful day for all!**



## Piwakawaka



On Thursday and Friday afternoon of week 2 we were lucky enough to have members of the Burnside Cricket Club come to work with our PMP and FMS groups. The kids were able to learn specific striking and fielding skills, before having the opportunity to use those skills in a game context. They had lots of fun and picked up the concept of the game quickly!

## Rep Choir Singers

Fifteen Pukeko children gave up three days of the school holidays and many Saturday afternoons, to attend a "Choir School."

They were selected as the best Year 5/6 children from all schools in Christchurch. The Music Festival itself has unfortunately been cancelled this year, due to Covid, but this special rep. choir is going to be professionally filmed, so that friends and family all over the world will be able to see and hear them.

Well done to these talented singers:

Nina, Neema, Stefannie, Anika, Brietta, Maeve, Biswaditya, Minha, Jasmine, Arthur, Alyssa, Sinel, Alex and – Vivaan and Marin (not pictured.)



## Year 4, 5 and 6 Athletics 2021



Burnside Primary Y4 - 6 Athletics was a successful, yet quiet affair in 2021.

Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to have family and friends at the event AND we couldn't have it at our school because of the rebuild.

Therefore on Wednesday 27th October we all walked to Burnside High who were kind enough to let us use their grounds. Christchurch Avon Athletics also let us use their athletics gear. We thank them all very much for helping us have a great day.

We ran as fast as we could, we jumped higher and further and we threw the shot and discus as far as we could. We all gathered points for our house and the Athletics Shield will be given out at the end of year awards assembly.

Congratulations to all children who ran, jumped and threw to the best of their abilities. Congratulations also to those students who managed to gain a place in the top three in their year group.

Kate Bateman

## Update regarding School Photographs

PhotoLife have advised they expect to email you your child/children's unique ID code by the end of this week (12<sup>th</sup> November). You will then be able to view and order through their website. Delivery will be to the school in early December.

### Room 14



In Rm14 this term we have been working with fabric and fibre during art time. With the help of our lovely student teacher Rhian, we created some foil figurines and these cool pom-pom teddy bears!

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## 2021 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

<b>TERM 4</b>		
Friday	12	<b>School closed for Canterbury Anniversary</b>
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>NOV</b>	
Monday	15	Rooms 13 and 14 Hanmer Camp
Tuesday	16	Rooms 11 and 12 Hanmer Camp
Friday	19	Year 0 – Year 3 Athletics
Friday	19	Rep Choir to Cashmere High School
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>NOV</b>	
Friday	26	Postponement date for Year 0 – Year 3 Athletics
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>NOV</b>	
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>DEC</b>	
Monday	6	Road Patrol Training
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>DEC</b>	
Tuesday	14	Year 0 – Year 4 Outdoor Education day
Wednesday	15	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday	16	<b>LAST DAY TERM 4 2021</b>