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## RE M I N D E R ~ END OF YEAR - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Last Day of Term 4** 16<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday) ~ School closes at 3.00pm-next week

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: 16<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday) ~ 1st February (Tuesday)**

**First Day of Term 1 2022** 2nd February (Wednesday) ~ School starts at 8.55am.

### Message from our Principal Matt Bateman,

Tena koutou katoa. Hi to you all.

My very warmest greetings to everyone.

We are getting very close to the end of another year of school and 2021 has been another very challenging year for everyone.

My focus has remained on the health and wellbeing of your children.

Their learning develops and grows much better when they are feeling safe, happy and connected.

Sadly, for many of our school families, Covid19 has created an environment of uncertainty and fear, and this has meant that many children have needed to be supported with extra love and care while at school.

I'm extremely proud of my staff. All of them. They have given so much of themselves, well above expectations, to children this year. Just like you, my staff have families of their own (mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grandparents, children) but they have continued to put Burnside Primary School children and families first.

To give you some examples of their commitment to children, staff decided to proceed, wherever possible, to make events and celebrations happen for children. With Covid19 forcing the "cancellation" of so many events, we can all feel very proud of the fact that Burnside Primary School children still got to take part in so much.

\*Christchurch Schools Music Festival was cancelled (but our 15 children selected in the "special Christchurch schools choir performed and had their performance shared by video)

\*Our Years 5 and 6 Kapahaka Festival was cancelled (but their performance was videoed and is now on our website). A wonderful performance by our Senior children.

\*The NZ schools Chess Finals in Auckland were cancelled (but our Chess team which was only one of two South Island school teams to win through qualifying tournaments to qualify for National Finals, can celebrate that they qualified)

\*The Rock Band Festival was cancelled (but our Band recorded their performance and, although competing against full-primary and Intermediate schools, were highly commended with Wonie Park receiving the "Rock Solid Bassist" award for best Bass guitarist. Congratulations Wonie!

\*Our Winter Sports teams from Year 5 and 6 competed brilliantly, with two of the teams (Football and Netball) winning through to the ChCh Primary Schools finals (which unfortunately was cancelled)

\*Many of our children qualified for the ChCh Central Athletic and Cross county finals (having either won or placed highly in our Zone events) but unfortunately these events were cancelled.

\*A group of our Environmental Science children presented by video-link at a session at an International Conference (on our Boulder-Copper Butterfly recovery programme).

\*Our fantastic Music Tutors (for Violin, Piano, Flute, Cello, Recorder, Drums, Voice, Ukulele, Guitar, Trumpet) continued to deliver lesson on-site as much as possible, and online lessons when necessary.

\*Two of our Trumpet students achieved excellent results at the Brass Band Canterbury Competitions Louis Pageot came second and Namyul Lee was fourth.

\*Our stella Drama tutor has continued to inspire

\*One of our students has been chosen (after auditions) for the role of "Matilda" in a major local production (congratulations Carla Ladstaetter)

\*Our wonderful Language Tutors (Japanese, Chinese, Farsi, Korean) continued to provide language and cultural lessons at school to children from their first-language communities

\*Our school's "Special French bilingual programme continues to go from strength to strength, with over 40 children enrolled and now 2 homeroom classes required for 2022.

\*My staff continued to provide Language lessons on Wednesday afternoons to our Year 5 and 6 children, with each child receiving 5 Wednesday afternoon-sessions in Spanish, German, French and Te Reo throughout the year.

\*Our school Aerobic Dance team members all competed outstandingly at the Canterbury Regional Competition and 5 girls qualified for Nationals. Unfortunately, the National Competition Event was cancelled.

\*Our school's Hip-Hop team placed second in our regional competition. Nationals were unfortunately cancelled.

\*We held a fantastic school Hangi for our school community (thanks Tim Colhoun)

\*We managed to hold a "Spring Thing" after-school-Friday Sale of plants and handmade items. This event offered a re-connection time for all in our community and included a Bouncy Castle, games and food.

\*We managed to deliver Athletics Sports events, with many families able to support these events.

We also managed to continue with our School Swimming programme and Sports.

\*Children were involved in Burnside Primary School teams in out-of-school sports for Basketball and Touch Rugby. Our Basketball teams in Year 5/6 and Years 3/4 were unbeaten all year in their inter-school competitions.

\*Burnside Primary children won the Year 5 and the Year 6 categories in the Rotary inter-school Speech Competitions and placed in the Year 4 section. These are the only 3 categories open to our school, so this was an amazing achievement. (Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> Ashman Chandratray Year 6, 1<sup>st</sup> Year 5 Cooper Murphy, highly commended Louis Pageot)

\*One of our Teacher (Bianca Woyak) was nominated and has now been selected amongst only 5 finalists for the Prime minister's Science Award. Having made the final 5, Bianca was interviewed last week and will be notified of her final placing just before Christmas. Outstanding.

It has been very difficult for me, for staff, for children and for parent to not be able to have weekly Assemblies where we could celebrate your children's successes with you. This has made the year hard.

We are having to end 2021 without parents attending our Awards ceremony tomorrow, and with parents unable to attend our Year 6 Graduation next week on Wednesday. These are terribly upsetting decisions that we must follow. Through two wonderful contacts and supporters of the school (Wayne and Liz of CobiDigital) we will be Live streaming the Year 6 Graduation to family. It's the best we can do within the Covid Response Framework.

On a personal note, I would like to wish you all a safe, happy and positive Summer. Thank you for trusting our us to care for and nurture your children. It has been a challenging year for them, as well as us, so remember to give them plenty of love and attention throughout their summer break.

Kindest regards  
Matt

## News from Piwakawaka

This week we have begun our Art rotations that focus on Sculpture, Ahuatanga, Oracy, Music and Kapa Haka. These are based around our Oracy focus book this term: Where the Wild Things Are. Take a look:



## Year 3/4 Basketball

We have had another very successful Mini Basketball Season this term. Massive Congratulations to Burnside Stars and Burnside Whetū for their focus, determination and impressive teamwork. Each week, both teams were listening and actioning feedback, gaining more confidence and improving their play each week. Thank you for the support from their families. We are all super proud of these developing teams.



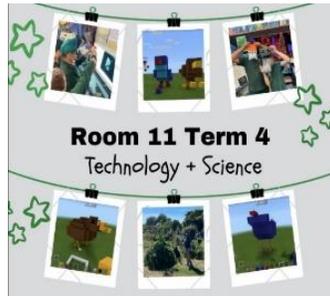
## Korean Language Classes

Last week, the children learned about Korean traditional bowing and experienced wearing Hanbok.



## Room 11

"Pukeko Room 11 has been busy this term exploring science and technology! Here are some pictures of our learning in action..."



## PB4L

Our whole school celebrated reaching our goal of filling up a tube with beans for showing Aroha, Kaha and Ora in our interactions with each other during play times this Term. Everyone enjoyed splashing about, swimming, sliding down the hydro slide and interacting with their peers and kaiako. One ākonga made a heart-warming comment "All this fun for free from a small bean." which summed up the fact that at Burnside Primary school we are focussed on building positive relationships and showing Mahi tahi as a team so that we can all experience fun through learning and playing together collaboratively. We were so proud of our ākonga and how committed they are to being the best version of themselves as Burnside Shining stars.

## Pūkeko Day Camp

This year the Pūkeko team headed away to Hanmer Springs for a day camp. We were lucky enough to get to complete the tree climbing and the mountain biking while we were there. Seeing the bravery, courage and determination to succeed in our learners was fantastic.

Tree Climbing was an activity where the children climbed trees of various difficult, while belayed by their teammates. Everyone found a tree that was at their level and succeeded to the best of their ability.

When our children were mountain biking, they were zooming through the forest, zipping through mud puddles and racing down hills. So much fun!



## Bandquest

Last week we received the results of the bandquest regional contest. Our band BEATS PER SECOND was an outstanding entry alongside many intermediate school bands. We are very proud of all our band members for their quality work and performance. It is with great pleasure that we announce that WONIE PARK was awarded the ROCK-SOLID BASSIST AWARD. Big congratulations to Wonie.

A special thanks to Chris Butler for organising the audio-visual recording not only for our band, but also the two Cobham bands. Above and beyond!



## Uniform Sale

Please note our PTA will have a uniform sale during the holidays on Wednesday 26 January from 10-11.30am in the Staff Room.



## Community Picnic

As part of the Family Picnic, there will also be a School Fun Run. This will be a fundraising event. Please watch out for more information to come in an email to start your online fundraising.



## Beach Education 2022

In Week 2, Term 1 2022, we are very lucky that our whole school will be attending Beach Education. This will be an interactive day that will teach our tamariki practical water skills in a real beach setting.

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## 2021 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

<b>TERM 4</b>		
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>DEC</b>	
Friday	10	<b>9AM SPECIAL ASSEMBLY Y6</b>
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>DEC</b>	
Tuesday	14	Year 0 – Year 4 Outdoor Education Day
Wednesday	15	<b>1PM Year 6 Graduation Cobham Intermediate Hall</b> <a href="https://www.live-stream.co.nz/bpsgrad2021">https://www.live-stream.co.nz/bpsgrad2021</a>
Thursday	16	<b>LAST DAY TERM 4 2021</b>

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## 2022 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Burnside Primary School

	<b>JAN</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>PTA 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale</b>
<b>TERM 1</b>		
<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>FEB</b>	
Wednesday	<b>2</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of School @ 8:55pm</b>
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>FEB</b>	
	TBC	Beach Education
	11	Welcome Community Picnic and School FunRun@ 3:00pm