



WEEK 8 , 22 March

Term 1, 2024

Message from our Principal, Justin Perriam

Kia ora koutou,

I am starting today's newsletter by informing you that Elaine O'Leary, our much loved Weka and Piwakawaka teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this term. Elaine has been a much valued kaiako at our kura and while we will miss her greatly, we wish her all the best with her next adventures and know that she will always be a part of the Tuia Burnside whānau.

At this stage we have not made any staffing appointments to replace Elaine, however we are hopeful to have this completed by the end of next week. Once we have a confirmed replacement we will communicate this to you.

NZEI Union Meeting - Wednesday 3rd April

A reminder that teaching staff will be attending a union meeting on the 3rd of April. This means that school will be closing for instruction at **12:30pm on Wednesday 3rd April** to allow teachers to attend the meeting. We ask that if possible you please collect your child at this time on Wednesday.

Supervision will be provided at school for those children unable to be picked up until 3:00pm. If your child is not being picked up at 12:30pm please let the office know ASAP.

Easter Break

A reminder that school will be closed next Friday and then the following Monday and Tuesday for our Easter break.

Ngā mihi nui,

Justin Perriam

Tumuaki of Tuia Burnside Primary School

Important Reminders

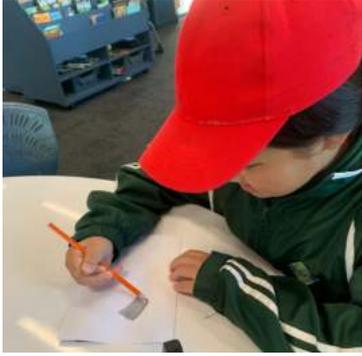
- Lunchonline will **not be** available on Wednesday the 3rd of April as this is the Teachers Union Meeting.
- **Easter Dates (school closed for the below dates/days)**
 - Good Friday 29th March
 - Easter Monday 1st of April,
 - Easter Tuesday 2nd of April
- Scholastic book club Due back by the 5th of April
- NZEI Union Meeting Wednesday 3rd April 12.30pm, please advise the office if you need supervision at admin@burnsideprimary.school.nz

Ko wai au? Who am I?

In health education this term, we are valuing 'who we are' as individuals. We have learned that everyone is unique and special and we all have similarities and differences.

Of course, a difference that we all have is in our fingerprint patterns! Thanks to Elina who showed us a novel way of capturing our prints, we were all able to gather these and compare them with each other.

How to take a thumbprint

<p>1. Heavily shade an area with pencil lead.</p>	
<p>2. Rub your thumb over the shaded area until it turns grey from the pencil lead.</p>	
<p>3. Put sticky tape over the area of your thumb with the pencil lead.</p>	
<p>4. Peel off the sticky tape to reveal your thumb print!</p>  <p>Thanks Jihyeon!</p>	

P4 may all be heading for careers in forensic detective work!

Weka 1

Weka 1 : Our self portrait!

The past two weeks, we have been learning about self-portrait and how to draw our own face with the right measurements. The Weka children had so much fun looking at the shape of their face, position of their eyes, nose and ears. We learned how to put our features at the right place which was a challenge for some of us but we managed to do it and look at our artistic skills and wonderful results :



Can You Help?



This **Sunday the 24th of March from 9:30am** we are looking for strong volunteers to help us in our new native butterfly and skink habitat for a couple of hours. We need to spread the piles of stones out evenly, so we are ready for planting in June. Can you help? Please bring a shovel (there will be a few available to borrow if you don't have one) and a water bottle. We will be by the orchard trees and pile of rocks.

Science Extension- Butterfly Pinning



A couple of weeks ago 6 of our Science Extension tamariki from the B5 group were able to learn the science of pinning insects. Brian Patrick- leading entomologist (insect scientist) for butterflies and moths in NZ came in to run the practical lesson. We learnt why we pin insects- so we can correctly identify them and see the difference between species. We learnt how to do this humanely- either use dead insects or put your insect in the freezer. And we learnt how to put a pin through the thorax,

spread the wings on the pinning board and leave it to dry out for 3 weeks. Our next step is to put these in the special pinning box and scientifically label them. Thank you so much to Brian for sharing your expertise and knowledge. Once completed we are going to use specimens to educate tamariki and the wider community on our unique native butterfly species.



Our Science Learning

This year our Science focus is learning about Waitaha/ Canterbury in the past, present and looking forward to how we want it to be in the future.

This term we are focussing on Waitaha in the past specifically before people arrived. We have looked at the formation of Aotearoa and how the landscape is continuously changing over long periods of time due to tectonic plates (we made oobleck to represent how something can be a solid and liquid and represented the Earth as a boiled cracked egg). We made a model of the Canterbury Plains and looked at the unique creatures that live in braided rivers like the boulder copper butterfly.

We created our own fossils and learnt about how fossil evidence shows us what life was like in Aotearoa before people came and the fact that we had extraordinary birds like the Moa and Haast Eagle here in Waitaha/ Canterbury. We also studied fossilised teeth from the mosasaur and megalodon that used to roam our waters. We became botanists and learnt how to press our own plants, do scientific drawings and observations just like Joseph Banks.

Next term we'll be learning about how the arrival of Māori and other groups of people affected te whenua/ the land in Waitaha.





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At our last meeting we decided on an upcoming fundraiser of foil, clingwrap and baking paper. More information about how to order this will be coming out this weekend so please keep an eye out in your emails! We'd love you to share this with your work mates, relatives, churches, etc so that we can widen our funds reach! This will be our only fundraiser until Term 3, apart from lunches.

We hope your children enjoyed the latest pizza lunch. We hope to run two different lunches each term based on the feedback we received last year that this is something you would like offered. We will be investigating other items for next term as well as our pizza option. If you have any links to people in the community who may be interested in supporting us with a different lunch option, please ask them to get in touch with us at pta@burnsideprimary.school.nz



Uniform Sale

The lovely Heather and team will be holding a uniform sale so you can get ready for those colder months ahead.

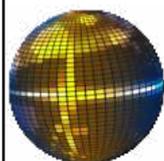


If you have any uniform at home that is a bit too small but still in good condition and you would like to donate it back to LINK to sell on, we would love to receive it. Please drop it into the school office within the next week. Thanks! The uniform sale will be on **Friday 5th April from 8.30 am**. Come and have a coffee, purchase some uniform and stay for assembly!



Café

Twice a term we have our friendly café open with coffee/tea/hot chocolate available for a koha/donation. This will next be open at the uniform sale and then on **Friday 3rd May** (diary it now!). Feel free to bring along your own takeaway cup and see Jimin and the team at the window in the whare. If you complete our easy 4 question survey, this will be provided for **free!**



We have set up some groups of people to work on different areas for LINK. One of these is focused on fundraising and another group on events. The events team is looking for some more helpers to get together to work on planning a **disco** for our tamariki/students. If you would like to be involved in some way, please email pta@burnsideprimary.school.nz and someone will be in touch with you. We will need volunteers to help on the night, volunteers to help with decorations, music (anyone a dj?), securing a venue, security, snacks and drinks.... The more helpers will make for a great disco that everyone can enjoy. We will need a commitment before embarking on this event.

Our next LINK meeting is on Friday 10th May from 3.15 - 4.15 pm in the staffroom - all welcome!

Link to our school calendar

Please click on the below link for all of the events coming up at Tuia Burnside Primary School

[Link for our school calendar](#)

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