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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

29 March

Pita Pit Lunch

1 April

Te Wai visit to Silverstream Kindergarten

2 April

Inter-School Hockey (ppt 4th)

Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Evening -
6pm Staffroom

3 April

Bake Sale for Autism Awareness

5 April

No alternative lunch

8 April

School Cross Country - 1pm (ppt 9th)

12 April

Pita Pit Lunch
Last Day of Term 1

29 April

Term 2 starts - Pōwhiri 9am

30 April

Whanau Hui & shared kai

Kia ora koutou!

What a couple of weeks it has been in NZ. Thanks to those people who joined us for our early assembly last week and to all those who generously donated funds for Christchurch on Friday. We have collected \$206.10 and will be donating that to the Victim Support Give-a-little page on behalf of our school community.



Emergency Procedures

I want to reassure you that we have procedures in place for events that require us to evacuate and/or lock down our school. Following the Christchurch Terror Attack, I understand the Ministry of Education are working with the Police to review advice for schools around lockdown procedures. When that advice is available, we will use it to support a review of our current procedures. In the meantime, should we need to lock down, we have procedures in place. We have internal communications between the office and every classroom, and teachers know to keep children hidden and quiet. Please note that during a

lockdown, we would not be opening the doors to anyone, including parents, but will communicate with you as we can - via text, email and/or our secret Facebook Page. We also have procedures for fire, earthquake and family reunification

(reuniting children with families in the event of an emergency). A summary of these can be found in the general information A-Z on our website. Please note that in the case of reunification, your child would only be dismissed to designated emergency contacts on our school database. It is important that you have provided us with at least 1 emergency contact that would be likely to be able to get to school quickly in case of an emergency evacuation. You can update these details by emailing the office.

Property Projects

This year, we are undertaking the long-awaited refurbishment of the Kereru Block (Rooms 1-4 & Library). This project is being staged by the Ministry, so it won't all be completed this year. Stage 1 includes moving internal walls to create additional spaces and stage 2 will include the library and finishing. In addition to stage 1 of the classroom refurbishment, we have a major re-roofing project. The re-roofing will also be staged and includes the flat roof area of Rooms 1-4, the deck of Room 5, some areas of the Room 6-8 porches, as well as all of Rooms 9 & 10 and the Hall.

Unfortunately, these projects cannot be completed during school holiday periods and there will be some work done during the term time. All areas will be cordoned off from children and we will keep you posted on progress. There will be some times when some classes are housed in the hall to allow for the work to take place.

Whanau Hui

On the first Tuesday of the new term, we will be having a Whanau Hui to plan together our Matariki celebrations. We started planning last year and the hui is open to any family members who want to join us to plan the learning and celebrations that will take place here at school next term. We will start with a shared kai and then do the mahi! The session will run from 5.30-7.00pm - please mark the date on your calendars.

School Fundraising

Last night was the final meeting of the Home & School Committee. The committee has now wound up as we are consolidating the processes around fundraising. We will be coordinating all future fundraising directly through the school, with the help of our Friends of the School Committee. There was a meeting earlier in the term of this group and we put together a fundraising calendar for the year. Fundraising events will still continue and we will still need parent helpers to coordinate and run them, but it won't fall on a small number of people who were always doing the work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Home & School Committee for their work. I will now be making contact with our Friends of the School Committee members to progress our plans for this year. If you are keen to join that group, please let me know.

Bake Sale - Autism Awareness

One of our families has asked if we would support a bake sale during Autism Awareness week. There will be a bake sale next **Wednesday 3 April** at 2.45-3.30pm on the deck. There will be cupcakes and if anyone wants to provide baking, we'd love to receive it. Please contact Rebecca Turner on bekaboo@windowslive.com if you are able to help out. Rebecca's son, Oakley, needs some new outdoor play equipment at home and this really supports his learning. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of this equipment.

While on the topic of school fundraising, check out our amazing venison meat pack raffle - see details below. Have a great weekend ahead!

Kaylene

Venison Meat Pack Raffle - be in to win!

A family have generously donated 2 x 12kg venison meat packs (mix of steak and mince) from a farm in the Wairarapa. We understand each prize pack is worth approximately \$300. Tickets are \$4 each or 3 for \$10 and can be purchased through the office - either come in and purchase with cash OR via internet banking (our bank account number is at the top of the newsletter) with your name and "raffle" as the reference. We will then email you to confirm the ticket number(s) you have been allocated. If you want to actually pick your ticket number, you will need to come into the office. The meat packs are frozen and will be drawn on Friday 12 April (last day of the term). There will be 2 tickets drawn, one pack for each winning ticket.

SCHOOL NEWS

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PARENT MEETING

Kerry Fenton will be holding an information session for parents/caregivers on the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme we are teaching next term, this will enable you to gather more information regarding the programme to then be able to discuss with your child at home should any question arise. The meeting is on April 2nd at 6pm. Can you please RSVP to principal@pinhaven.school.nz For more information about the programme, [follow this link](#) to the Police website.

PARKING

Please remember to park legally around the school at pick up and drop off times.

We have 2 students that have disability parking permits who the PPA have kindly agreed to let use their driveway.

Please do not park in or over the PPA driveway unless you are one of these families.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property located in the Junior Block corridor for your child's lost property. All unnamed lost property will be donated to charity over

PROCEDURE REVIEW

Our Board of Trustees conducts regular reviews of policies and procedures. They have recently completed reviews of two procedures that are important to share with you. One procedure is our food and nutrition procedure. It is a good time to remind parents that we strongly discourage lollies and sweets in lunchboxes and encourage food that is 'nude' or unwrapped as it is usually healthier. The other is the procedure for dealing with parental concerns. If you have a concern, in the first instance you should raise it with the classroom teacher, however, it may also be appropriate for you to raise it with a member of the Leadership Team. The procedure outlines what follow up can be expected and what to do if you are unhappy with the way in which your concern has been dealt with. Both procedures can be found in the alphabetical information about our school on the website.

LATENESS

A reminder that the first school bell rings at 8:55am to indicate that children should be heading for class. School starts at 9:00am. If you arrived after the 2nd bell please ensure you come to the office to sign in. Please notify anyone that is dropping your child off for you so they too are aware of this.

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BOT ELECTIONS

A reminder of the community Hui on the 3rd of April 6:00pm, Heretaunga College, Ward Street. Come along and find about becoming a school trustee on a school board

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We are raising funds and we need your help. Order your new 2019/2020 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do and help our fundraising at the same time

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104196s>

COMMUNITY NEWS

KAPITI ISLAND

Kids school holiday programme for ages 9-12 from 22nd - 24th April 2019.

3 days/2 nights - Includes: nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, harakeke weaving, cabin accommodation (quad share), delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. \$395pp. Limited to 14 spaces. Email: bookings@kapitiisland.com

EXPRESSIONS WHIRINAKI ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Thursday 11 April | 7.30pm

The Melbourne City Ballet presents Alice in Wonderland - a story of a young girl who is whisked away to a magical world of wonder. Falling down a rabbit hole she meets magical creatures both strange and mysterious on her adventure to find her way home. Don't be late for this very important date! Book your tickets at www.expressions.org.nz

A Reserve Tickets: Adult \$52.50, Child (12 years & under) \$42.50, Concession \$42.50, Family Pass \$170.00
B Reserve Tickets: Adult \$47.50, Child (12 years & under) \$37.50, Concession \$37.50, Family Pass \$165.00

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BRRROOM BRRROOM EXHIBITION

9 March – 28 April

Zoom Zoom! Beep Beep! Toot Toot! Brrroom Brrroom! This child-focussed exhibition features work from around New Zealand based on transportation, wheels and things that move. With a range of interactive activities including a large scale road and lots of cars, bikes, trikes and trains, this is an art experience that moves.

EXPRESSIONS WHIRINAKI ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

MR MCGEE AND THE BITING FLEA
Saturday 27 April | 10am

Prepare to be mesmerised and enchanted as huge packing cases are opened and new worlds emerge, filled with quirky characters and stories. Capital E's National Theatre for Children is bringing back this much-loved collection of tales from popular children's author, Pamela Allen.

Suitable for ages 2 onwards.

Tickets: \$8 per person. Under 2 on knees free