

Tēnā koutou, talofa lava, bula vinaka, namaste, malo e lelei, kia orana, ni hoa, sōbaai-di, magandang umaga, xin chao, salam, sour sdey, kumusta, greetings

Our redevelopment is progressing well and we are scheduled to move in to our new block in the last week of term.

I have been awarded a sabbatical for next term. I will be away from school for the 10 weeks of Term 3. During this time I will undertake a study programme investigating what a successful transition looks like for children transitioning from a Pasifika Early Childhood Education (ECE) to a mainstream primary school. I will be visiting Pasifika ECEs and speaking with teachers, parents (aiga) and children. Simon Scott will be Acting Principal during my sabbatical.

Sports Fee

A reminder that the \$50 sports fee is due by the end of the term. Payment details can be discussed with Kersten at the office.

Water Only School

Our school has been a Water Only school for a number of years. We have pledged to be a 'water and plain low fat milk only' school. We have made this pledge because we are aware that schools who have adopted a water only policy have seen student health, behaviour and learning improve. Children who have too much sugar in their diet have an increased chance of experiencing tooth decay, obesity and diabetes. The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health support our pledge and in early 2016 both ministries announced they encourage all schools to become water and plain low fat milk only.

Choir

This year the choir is flourishing with over 60 children attending every week. The songs we have been learning range from current pop songs such as **'Higher'** to Kiwi classics like **'If It Weren't for Your Gumboots'**. This year will be the first time the school choir will be attending the Kids for Kids Festival. Held in the Horncastle Arena, it is a big event which the children are practising hard for and looking forward to.

Samoan Language Week

Talofa lava - Last Wednesday a group of children were invited to the Hornby Pasifika ECE to celebrate Samona Language Week. We performed an item and joined in the dancing before sharing a yummy lunch together.

Learn Create Share

Last Thursday we hosted the Manaiakalani Outreach Convenors for the day – 5 in total. These are the clusters of schools are implementing Learn Create Share and 1:1 digital technology. The Convenors were welcomed on to our school by Ruma Toru then visited some of our classrooms. The remainder of the day was spent sharing teaching and learning practice supported by digital technology. We are very fortunate to be working and supported by the Manaiakalani Outreach Programme. Here is an email I received from one of the Convenors.

“Thank you so much for hosting us yesterday. I learnt so much and really appreciated the chance to visit your school. Your kids were so lovely to interact with, and I found your staff to be pleasant and welcoming. I was particularly impressed with the reading work some students were doing on their chromebooks, and the students in the bilingual unit were so warm in greeting us. You have a lovely school and you can be very proud of your students and staff.”
Nigel (Wesley Intermediate – Auckland)

Upcoming Events

Friday 9 May	9am assembly - all welcome
Wednesday & Thursday 28 & 29 June	School closes at 1.45 on both days for National Standards Reporting & Learning Conferences.

Regards
Gary
Nga mihi

Community News

Marching Canterbury invite you to come along and have a go. With FREE learn to march classes being held at Templeton Community Centre on Tuesdays 4.30-6pm for the remainder of Term 2. Marching is a great sport for those who enjoy teamwork, making lifelong friends, travelling the country and fine-tuning your coordination and posture. If you would like to see what it's all about, come along and meet some of the girls. Any questions please contact Becky on 0273096679 or message Marching Canterbury on Facebook.

Ruma Wha

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,
In Rūma 4 we have been doing pūtaiao. Next week we are going to make ahikirīmi, we are really hiamō (excited). We have been writing letters to tangata rongonui (elderly people) who live in a resthome. We can't wait for them to write back! We have also been posting things on our blog. We created a video and a book about telling the time. We played “He aha te taima, Mr Wuruhi?” That means “What’s the time, Mr Wolf?” We have also been learning about Matariki. Matariki is the Māori New Year. We have been weaving Matariki stars.



Certificates of Excellence



Team 1

Taya Davidson
Lyah De Guzman
Makayla Everest-Eru
Sahish Kumar

Awesome literacy progress
Being a great friend and helper in Room 9
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Excellent critical thinking skills and creative ideas

Team 2

Lucas Blair
Love Salomon
Nijesh Singh
Logan Young

Showing resilience by persevering when his learning is difficult
Having a positive attitude to learning and making great gains in reading
Your hard work and perseverance learning to read. Ka pai Nijesh.
The interesting pic-collages and the other ‘dlo’s” you have shared on see-saw

Ruma Wha

Katene Bennett
Te Taonga Laws-Walker

We admire the way you take care of your tuahine, April, in our class. A great display of manaakitanga.
Thanks for putting so much effort into your tuhitsuhi. You are a very thoughtful Kaituhi!

Wahi Ako

Shylah Bradshaw
Jacob Horncastle
Jeraldine Martin
Xaviar Mason-Bates

A positive attitude towards learning in all areas
Excellence - a great attitude towards learning
Excellence - showing commitment and perseverance
Great work in reading, maths and topic

Ruma Toru

Aliyah Eaton-Reweti
Draved Henry

Personal best with your panui pukapuka. Ka wani ke.
Personal best with your matariki booklet. Ka wani ke.

Room 10

Finau Ma’asi
Makenzie O’Connor

Always being ready to learn and having a positive attitude
Improved self management skills. Well done!

Ako Ngatahi

Jolly-Rose Arrabis
Makenzie Harvey
Pame Travis
Mattisin Wanhalla

Being welcoming and helpful to new students in Ako Ngatahi
Showing great focus during our mysteries unit and completing work to your personal best
Being more focused during class time
Being a kind and helpful member of Ako Ngatahi