

29 March, 2023

Ngā mihi e te whānau,

What a busy term this first one of 2023 has been, with lots of events and activities outside of our usual classroom programmes meaning the term has sped by. Recently Māhuri have had their class camp to Foxton, tenting and learning about our local area. The museum/library there (Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom) is really interesting,



beautifully laid out and interactive—certainly worth a visit if families are looking for an activity in the holidays.

Our Year 7&8s were hosted by our Rongotea and District Lions, karting at X-Karts as part of their 'Kids n Us' programme. The Lions are really great at picking activities that our seniors are going to love, and it is awesome that our young people are invested in in this way by our wider community.

The 'many events' also rely on much transport to allow our tamariki to be involved in our broad curriculum. We are really grateful to all of those who have been able to provide transport which do enable these activities to go ahead. Thank you!

Manawatu Interschool Triathlon - Recently a number of senior students competed in this event, with some

successful top ten placings. Congratulations to Eva H who won her event, Lily H who came 5th and Ruby H who came 7th. That's amazing work! We look forward to seeing lots of our older students participate in the Te Kawau Cluster Triathlon this coming Friday in Sanson. Eva is competing in the NZ Triathlon Champs in Wanaka this week. We know she'll give it her all, but wish her all the best, and smooth transitions, for her race.

Late Procedures - If your child is late to school in the morning, please have them come in through the office to 'sign in'. It is really appreciated if early pick ups, or appointments, and all absences are advised before they happen, where possible. We are required to record a reason for any absence into categories so that information is really useful too.

Communicating About Student Learning - We are beginning a review of how we communicate students learning with families, including our reporting format, conferences and how to best

include parent and student perspectives. In coming weeks we'll be asking for your views on how this can work best for you and what your needs are around this. Have a think about what this might be for your whanau, and keep an eye out for the opportunities to share your ideas.

School Pool - Our school pool is now closed. It would be appreciated if all keys could be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Trail Ride Information has been given to your children today. Please look out for this. Please complete and return by Friday. More information will follow.

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Mahuri's Camp to Foxton...

The freezing cold air brushed across my body. I can barely see my hand in front of my face. The pitch black night swallows everything around me. The crickets are chirping loudly, nearly drowning out the murmurs of my team. Suddenly a voice yells out, "Get ready. It's nearly time to start Capture the Flag". There is rustling as people get into their positions and I hear slowly the once booming conversations had adjusted to reassuring whispers, exactly like the one behind me. 'Paige!', I thought. The plan seemed to be falling into place. Suddenly the voice sang out again, "3, 2, 1, Go!". Screams broke out but I could just make out the word 'Charge!', that was our key. A small voice brings me back to reality. I can only just hear Paige. "You ready?". "Yup", I said. We start to army crawl on the board of the Capture the Flag playing space. Suddenly a light landed on us. We froze....

Going Forward....

Friday 31 March

- Te Kawau Triathlon at Sanson

Tuesday 4 April

- St Johns In Schools lessons

Thursday 6 April

- Last day of Term 1

Wednesday 26 April

- Start of Term 2.

Monday 24 April is a teacher only day, and Tuesday 25 April the Anzac Day holiday.







I was shivering. One thing for sure, it was cold. I couldn't even see my hand in front of my face. Whaea Shayna said "3, 2, 1, go". Screaming all over the battlefield. It was chaos on the field. I ran straight to the middle, or that's what I thought. I tripped. I ducked for cover because a light came, but nobody called my name. I went back to check the flag but it was gone!

An excerpt from Harrison's writing





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