



**Principal's voice:**

Tēnā koutou, talofa, bonjour, malo e lelei, kia orana and hello,

It has been a busy few weeks at school with our powhiri taking place (after a few cancellations!) Bruce Potter an author and illustrator coming to visit the children, our senior swimming sports, inter school swimming sports and inter school cricket all taking place. It has been great to get back to normality and just being able to engage and enjoy having our gorgeous tamariki with us.



This week of course is a short week as Easter Friday approaches. The school is closed on Friday and Monday and Tuesday of next week as indicated on our website calendar. This is a mandatory holiday set by the Ministry of Education. You are welcome to [click here](#) to get to the MOE website for more information.

We are working on getting a new look newsletter to you in the next few weeks. This will be sent from our website and will open directly onto your email and not appear as a PDF. The format will look a little different, this is to accommodate mobiles and other devices. It is very hard for one person to write the whole newsletter all the time so over the next few weeks we will introduce different sections, which will become regular features. I will continue to write the principal's voice but we think it is important that you hear from other teachers and of course our tamariki too! In the new look newsletter we will have several sections including:



- **Junior syndicate news** - information that you need to know and things that may interest you. That might include things like what professional development the teachers are involved in and how they are implementing it to enhance and support your child's learning, articles for you to read, perhaps some handy hints for making reading enjoyable in the evenings! (generated by the Junior class teachers, rooms 9, 10, 11 and 12 )
- **Senior Syndicate news** - As above but generated by the senior teaching team rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8.
- **Photo / learning gallery** - photos of children learning and events that have taken place.
  
- **Newsroom** - Each class can take a turn to produce a video with "reporters" who will share some interesting news with you. This will be in the form of a youtube link.
- Our certificate winners and of course dates and events will still be part of our newsletter, too!

I am looking forward to giving our tamariki more opportunities to shine, after all they are our stars!



#### A few gentle reminders

- **Our road patrol children are still learning the ropes and need your support.** This is an extremely important and responsible position with strict protocols around it. Senior Constable Wansink, our school police officer, works with the children to ensure they are competent and confident in their job. Please allow them to go through the process and wait patiently if they are taking a little while. As an adult judging the speed of cars is tricky, we are asking children to do the same thing!
- **We are very privileged to be able to use the church car park next to the school.** The church would be well within their rights to stop us using it at any time. Please make sure that the row of parks closest to the church hall at the back of the car park are left clear. There are often members of the church out tending and tidying the gardens and grounds. Please do not allow your children to run over the lawns and around the bushes, this is their garden. Would you allow strangers to run all over your garden?
- **We love that you stay after school, talk to friends and let your tamariki play in the playground.** We do ask that you monitor your tamariki carefully on the playground, which means being within easy reach should your child have an accident. If you are talking to a teacher or other adult away from the playground, we ask that you keep your child with you until you are able to supervise. The school is not responsible for your children's safety after school.

#### Orange Certificate winners

Well done to all our learners.



Before I sign off I would like to mention Pigeon Mountain Primary School in Bucklands Beach who lost a child in a tragic accident last week. I am sure we all have the community and the family of the child in our thoughts.

Take care and enjoy Easter with your whanau.  
Ngā mihi  
Jan



### **Easter nests to make**

I am sure you will remember that it was a year ago when we all went into level 4 lockdown right over our school holidays including Easter. I remembered the video I made on how to make easter nests. Here is the link if your children would like to make the nests again.

[Mrs McDonald's easter nests](#)

And here are the instructions too!

### **Easter nests to make and eat!**

Ingredients

4 x shredded wheat (or ricies, weetbix or cornflakes) 150 grams Nestle Melts

1 packet of Cadbury's Mini Eggs

Paper cake cases or a cake tin mould.

Optional extra

Little duck ornaments.

Instructions to make ducks:

This link will take you to my template I made. I printed out in black and white and then coloured them in. you might like to draw your own ducks.

## Ducks

1. Colour in your ducks or draw and colour your own. If you have card then use that to draw your ducks onto.



2. Stick the page of coloured in ducks onto a plastic ice cream lids. If you have drawn onto



card you will not need to do this.

3. When the ducks have dried cut them out. You may need help to do this as it can be a little tricky



4. You will need some cocktail sticks and some sort of tape.

Stick a cocktail stick to the back of each duck. Just the same way as the picture,



5. You should end up with some little ducks like this.



Now to make the nests:

### Ingredients

4 x shredded wheat ( or ricies, wheetbix or cornflakes)150 grams Nestle Melts  
I packet of Cadbury's Mini Eggs



Paper cake cases or a cake tin mould.

Before you start you need to wash your hands and dry them thoroughly.

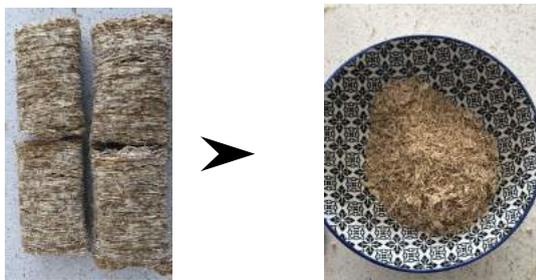


Get your paper cake cases set up ready to go before you start preparing ingredients. About 6-7 of the big muffin size or about 10 -12 of the smaller cake size. ( if you see my video I talk about the different sizes.)

You will also need a

- big pot with some water in ( about 7 cm deep of water)
- A large bowl that sits comfortably on top of the pot.
- Spoon for stirring ( a wooden spoon is good)

1, Rub the shredded Wheat between your fingers until it looks like the picture below.



2. Weigh out your chocolate melts - 150 grams.

Put into your big bowl.



3.Open your bag of eggs ( don't eat them all!) Put them in a bowl or plate next to the cake cases. So that everything is ready to use.

**IMPORTANT - THIS MUST BE DONE WITH THE HELP OF AN ADULT - do not do this part by yourself!**

4. Now it is time to melt the chocolate`. The pot of water needs to be heated on the stove till it comes to a simmer (little bubbles)



5. Put the bowl on top of the pot and carefully stir the chocolate melts until they melt. Be patient, it will take a few minutes.



6. Take the pot off the stove and put on a safe work surface that you can use easily. Add the Shredded Wheat a handful at a time and mix in. Keep adding until mostly all of the shredded wheat is covered in chocolate. It's Ok if you can see a little of the Shredded Wheat - it makes it look more like a nest.



7. Now it is time to fill your cake cases or tins. Get a metal spoon and put a good spoonful (or a bit more if you are using the bigger muffin size). Don't over fill and make a little hollow (a dip in the middle) for the eggs to fit in.



8. Add three eggs and a little chick to each one. And do all the rest. You might need someone to help you as you don't have a long time before the chocolate will set.



9. Leave to set in a cool place. They are sometimes a bit too hard to eat straight from the fridge so a cupboard or pantry is a good idea.

When they are set they will look like this when the case is removed,



HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



## Upcoming Events

### Term dates 2021

Term 1	Wednesday 3rd February - Friday 16th April
Term 2	Monday 3rd May - Friday 9th July
Term 3	Monday 26th July - Friday 1st October
Term 4	Monday 18th October - Wednesday 15th December

### What's on

8th April	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
11th April	Shore to Shore fun run
16th April	End of Term 1
3rd May	Start of Term 2
20th May	Inter School rippa rugby (tbc)
17th - 23 May	Road Safety week
21st May	Pink shirt day
17th June	Inter school football
2nd July	Matariki festival (tbc)
2nd July	Crazy hair day
9th July	End of Term 2
30th July	Red Nose day

### Public holidays - school closed

Friday 2nd April	Good Friday
Monday 5th April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 6th April	Easter Tuesday
Monday 26th April	ANZAC day observed (Term 1/Term 2 break)
Monday 7th June	Queens birthday
Monday 25th October	Labour day

### The Walking School bus:

#### Currently suspended due to no drivers.

If you have any queries or need further information, please contact Mrs Singh.

**Public Health Nurses** are available on 09 486 8996.

Alternatively call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz). The Public Health Nurses are able to help with providing things like nit treatment, action plans for students that have medical conditions and other general health queries.

**School Dental services** are based at Glenfield Intermediate, Chivalry Road, Glenfield.

Ph 09 444 6160

### Hearing & Vision:

If you have genuine concerns for your child's Vision or Hearing or want to rule it out as a contributor to behaviour and performance in school you can make an appointment at one of the WDHB clinics. Please click on the link below for further information.

<http://www.waitematahdhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/child-and-family-services/>

The vision screening is for distance only so if you have concerns for Vision you could see an optometrist, they will do a full eye check - Specsavers do free checks for children under 16 years old.