

BIRKDALE

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Tekau mā ono Noema 2022
16th November 2022

Kawerongo Kaupeka kura whā
Newsletter Term four

Principal's voice:

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

It has been a pretty busy term so far this term with our production and then year 5 and 6 camp at Shakespeare Lodge. We have a few things happening so please take the time to diarise them so that you don't miss anything.



Teachers union meeting on Thursday 24th November

Our teachers who are members of the teachers Union, NZEI, have a paid meeting and will be away from school from 12:45 for the rest of the day on Thursday 24th November. There will be skeleton staff left to look after the students.

If you are able to pick up your child at 1pm we would really appreciate your support. If that is a possibility, we ask that you sign them out at the office. Thank you in advance.

Our new sound system

Our new sound system has been fitted in the hall! We are excited and look forward to using it at our assemblies and all events. Hopefully it will mean that we all can hear clearly what is said!

We have paid for the system through:

- the support of our friends and whanau group who have contributed \$6000
- the gold coin donations raised from the production, just under \$1000
- The board of trustees who will make up the shortfall.

Thank you for all the support which of course will benefit us all.



Te Mātaiaho - The refreshed New Zealand Curriculum

Over the next few years Te Mātaiaho (Curriculum refresh) will be coming into place. The document is in draft form at present and will continually change as it is developed further. We will be unpacking Te Mātaiaho and beginning to familiarise ourselves with the new content and language. If you are interested in reading the draft please [click here](#)
Te Mātaiaho intends to be a curriculum that is Te-Tiriti-honouring, inclusive, clear and easy to use.

Kapa Haka

We have our Kapa Haka group attending our cluster festival at Birkenhead Primary school on Friday 25th November. We are unable to take the whole school this time but are happy for you to sign out your tamariki and take the opportunity to go and watch them perform. We will be performing from 10:55 to 11:10. The Kapa Haka group will be travelling by bus at 9:30.



Covid is still around

We have had several cases of covid in the school recently and it is still very much in the community. If you or your child have symptoms please test before coming to school. We are able to provide rapid antigen tests for anyone who needs them.

Nits are around



It is very frustrating when you take the time to clear your child's hair of nits and then two weeks later they are back again!

We ask that everyone be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly please. We have four bottles of nit shampoo available if anyone needs some.

Working together will hopefully mean there will be less infestations.

Sun Safety

Please ensure that your child has:

- A sunhat
- Sun screen
- Suitable clothing (t shirts and shorts are good but please explain clearly to your child how to apply their sunscreen appropriately)



The teachers will remind the children to re apply but your child needs to be able to do this by themselves

At school we have changed where the children are sitting at lunch and morning tea. We are lacking in shade but have worked out the best spaces for the children to sit.

We have the fold out shades but unfortunately the wind makes it impossible to use them at times.

We have sunscreen in each classroom for the children to apply if they have forgotten their own. We also have a sunscreen station set up outside the library.

We will be moving children into shaded areas if wearing a hat at lunch times and morning tea.

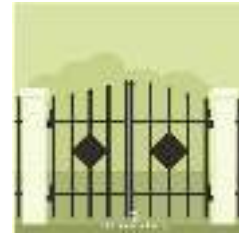
they are not

Our shade sails for our playground and swimming pool are worse for wear. If you know of anyone who could repair them please pass on their contact details.



Our school gates are closed for safety

At the moment we have several children who sometimes take it upon themselves to run out of the school. For their safety and our peace of mind we have closed all the gates. They are unlocked to allow people access. We do ask that you if you are entering the school during the school day that you take extra time to make sure the gates close behind you. They will be open at the beginning and the end of the school day to allow easy access at those times.



Food & Gift Donations

We are collecting non perishable items or gifts for the Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project, please place any donations in the box in the school office. "Give a helping hand to local whānau and tamariki who need a little extra to get through the holidays" Thank you for your support.



Green certificates

Here are our certificate recipients this week! Well done.



Please check out all the dates below of up and coming events.

REMEMBER - Our **Car boot sale** organised by our Friends and Whanau group this **SATURDAY**. You might find a bargain!!

Noho ora mai rā,

Jan.

Important dates

2022 Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 17th October - Wednesday 14th December (2pm finish)

Upcoming Events

Check our calendar on the website for more details.

Thursday 17th November - French Inter School Speech Competition

Saturday 19th November - Car boot sale - 9.00 - 1:00pm

Tuesday 22nd November - Group of Year 5 Students training for Road Patrol 2023

Wednesday 23rd November - School athletics 9am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 23rd November - PTA wind down meeting 7pm

Wednesday 7th December - Road patrollers special day

Friday 9th December - Year 6 graduation

Monday 12th December - End of year assembly and prize giving 9:30am - 11:00am

Tuesday 13th December - Fun Family day and shared picnic. Bring siblings, aunties, uncles, grandparents and join in with our fun games and shared picnic 10am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 14th December - End of year reports sent home

Wednesday 14th December - Last day of term 4 - **2pm finish**

Wednesday 1st February 2023 - Term 1 start date

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 1st February - Thursday 6th April

Term 2 Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June

Term 3 Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

Term 4 Monday 9th October - Friday 15th December

The Walking School bus:

We have 3 Walking School Buses in operation at the moment.

If you have any queries, would like further information or to join 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. 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. Contact on 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.waitematadhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/child-and-family-services/>

If you are unsure that your child has been tested, all children have been seen either at school or as a B4SCH check when they were 4 years.

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.