



23rd February 2023

Week 4, Term 1

"Better Together" "Mahi Tahī"

KIA ORA WHANAU

Thank you to all the families that came along to our community picnic. It was great to have staff and whānau together in an informal gathering where the children could play and we could all get to know more about each other. We are hoping to make this a regular occurrence throughout the school year.

Thank you also to the adults and children who came to our working bee on Sunday. With temperatures in the very high 20's it was hotter than hot but what we achieved was so helpful to us as a school.

There is always more to be done and so it would be great to have some regular gardeners come in and do a little bit of gardening whenever you can. If this feels like something you would like to do then let me (Linda) know and I can show you around.

**Reminder: MUFTI DAY TOMORROW FRIDAY
24th FEBRUARY**



For the past year the BOT have been working on the property portfolio for the school. We have had drainage work done by **JM Drainage**, and are booked in for guttering and a shed roof to be replaced in the first school holidays.

Alongside this we have been working with the Ministry of Education on a plan for Mānuka. For those of you who come on site you will know that this is looking a bit tired and worn out. We asked for a reassessment to have it pulled down and rebuilt but the MOE would not budge. Long story short we now have all the information we need to start getting architects and engineers involved in a refit of the inside and a refurb of the outside. Anything in education takes a long time to tick all the boxes and get a project of this size under way. This means that we are looking at having everything sorted to do this work at the start of 2024 (all things going to plan).

I really just wanted to keep you up to date with what is going on in the background, and let you know we do have a plan.



For many years now a group of 18 schools in North Canterbury have worked together for Professional Learning and networking. We are one of the schools in this group. As a leader the benefits of having other Principals to share ideas and wonderings with is so beneficial. For the rest of the staff there are opportunities for learning and networking. The Kahui also works with BOT to upskill and provide opportunities for learning.



As part of this years 'getting to know each other' in the Kahui we have to share a photo of us in a significant spot in our school. Ours is in front of our new pepeha as this is showing our turangawaewae (the place we stand) as a group.



Please note: these are being banned from being brought to school as we are having to deal with too many arguments over unfair swaps, and ripped, lost cards. We gave it four weeks to see if it would settle down but it hasn't. Please speak to your child about not bringing these to school. If they do, we will be asking for them to go back in their bag, and/or holding onto them for the day to go back home in the afternoon.

Our first fundraiser of the year has begun with Frozen Cookie Dough through Raiseit Fundraising. To get started follow the link <https://ashleyrakahurischoolptacookies.raiseit.co.nz/hub> and set up a fundraising page and share it with you friends and whānau. Last day for sales is the 5th of March with pick up from school on the 30th of March.

About our Fundraising Frozen Cookie Dough

\$13 for a pack of 18 cookie nuggets

Our 40g cookies are made especially for Go Raise It and they are simply delicious. They are super easy to bake at home so you can bake delicious fresh cookies as you need them. No need to thaw!

To bake simply remove your cookie nuggets from the freezer and place on a baking tray for 13-14 minutes at 150 degreesC.

Chocolate Chip Triple Chocolate Oat, Raisin & Chocolate

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Don't forget to get your orders in!!!!



A huge thank you to Mainpower for the \$1000 they gave us in the form of a grant for soccer equipment. Last week the new nets turned up for our big goals and today I have ordered two smaller goals



for the younger students, and some extra balls.

These grants are so important to small schools to be able to get extra things in schools and so we are very grateful to the PTA and Mainpower for making this happen.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Mathematics Information Session For Parents
7th March
7pm - 8pm in School Hall

We ran one of these a couple of years ago and it was great. Now it is time to share again as your children have changed level and learning goals. Come along and see what is going on in the classrooms.



This is our kiwaha for the week.

Have a go and see if you can use it during your week somewhere.

Each fortnight we have a focus at school that we share with the children in Assembly on Monday. The focus was on the REACH values and we discussed how to remember them as REACH is an acronym for the values.

Respect is the first value of our REACH values and it can be shown and applied in many different ways:

- ★ Respecting our environments
- ★ Respecting our things
- ★ Respecting others
- ★ Respecting people's differences, opinions and cultures
- ★ Self-respect

give respect → get respect

NZEI Paid Union Meeting - Friday 3 March - School closing @ 12.40pm

Term Dates for 2023

Term 1: 30th January - 6th April
Term 2: 26th April - 30th June
Term 3: 17th July - 22nd September
Term 4: 9th October - 18th December

NOTE: Teacher Only Days will be 24th April and 16th November

DATES TO REMEMBER

27th February	Tri-Schools Swimming sports at Dudley Pool
3rd March	Early Finish to School 12.40 due to Paid Union Meeting for Teachers
7th March	Mathematics Information Session for Parents 7-8pm School Hall
14th March	Rakahuri Swimming Sports at Dudley Pool
16th March	PTA AGM Meeting 7pm Staffroom
20th March	Goal Setting Interviews with teachers from 1.30pm NB: School will close early
21st March	NC Swimming Sports at Dudley Pool
27th March - 6th April	Year 1-6 swimming Lessons at Dudley Pool
6th April	Canterbury Swimming
6th April	Last day of Term 1
7th April	GOOD FRIDAY and school holidays begin
24th April	Teacher Only Day
25th April	ANZAC Day
26th April	Term 2 begins
26th April	ANZAC Day Service 2pm here at school
12th May	Whole School Cross Country 12.30 onwards
19th May	School Disco

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