

Kia ora whānau

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you had a lovely break with your children and enjoyed some later starts, as well as the fact that there were no school lunches to be made. The weather this week was quite miserable to start with, but it has redeemed itself today, which means we have happy children playing outdoors at break times.

This term, we have eight new students starting: four this week and four more throughout the term. This means that by the end of Term 2 we will have 181 students, 18 of whom are new entrants. With another 10 new entrants starting from Term 3 onwards, there will be some "moving through" of children from Kōtare to Korimako and from Korimako to Kererū. I will be contacting the families of those moving through within the next week so that you can prepare yourself and your child for the move. Nearer the end of the term, the children moving through will have transition visits to their new classrooms to familiarise themselves with the space, their peers, and their teacher.

Cross Country

1st May 2026

This year Cross Country looks a little different as we are not able to use the property up the road from school. This means we have changed things to accommodate this by doing the following:

Year 1-3 - will be held here at school from 11.15am - 12pm. A circuit will be set around the school grounds with seniors supporting the runners to know which way to go. We would love to see you here supporting your children.

Year 4-8 will be running at Loburn Domain. They will be leaving school, by bus, at approximately 12pm, to start running at 12.30pm. The timings of these events shown below are approximate so please ensure you are there about 15 minutes before your child's start time to avoid the disappointment of not seeing them run.

Children can wear house colours on the 1st May for the cross country. If they are unsure what their house colour is please contact their class teacher.

NB there will be no assembly on the 1st May due to cross country - (unless it cross country is postponed)

CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAMME:

12.30	Year 7 girls	3km
12.35	Year 7 boys	3km
12.50	Year 5 girls	2km
12.55	Year 5 boys	2km
1.15	Year 4 girls	1.5km
1.20	Year 4 boys	1.5km
1.40	Year 6 girls	2km
1.45	Year 6 boys	2km
2.00	Year 8 girls	3km
2.05	Year 8 boys	3km

Whānau House Points

The house points for Term 1 have been tallied and are as follows:

Whānau House	Total Points End of Week 10, Term 1
Tāne Mahuta	93
Tangaroa	80
Tāwhirimātea	61
Rūaumoko	47

With Cross Country next week we could see some movement in the points overall.



Welcome to our School

We are excited to welcome Hamish, Evie, Milla and Evie (not pictured) to our school.

Debating

This year debating we have had a lot of interest from students wanting to join our 'debating teams. The following children were successful, with the first team debating next week.

Year 5 and 6

Briar, Bertram and Bree

Year 5 and 6

Georgia, Maddy, Rosie W

Year 7 and 8

Olympia, Jakob, Elise

Year 7 and 8

Rosie M, Riley, Neve

Congratulations to all who tried out.



Whole School Production with both a matinee and night performance



Weekly REACH Value Focus

HOW CAN WE SHOW EXCELLENCE IN CLASS?

- ★ Trying your best, even when it's hard.
- ★ Not giving up.
- ★ Showing integrity.
- ★ Showing pride in our space.
- ★ Taking time to complete a task so it's quality.
- ★ Setting specific goals and working hard to achieve them.
- ★ Showing REACH values to everyone.

REACH FOCUS

KAIRANGI, EXCELLENCE



Our Karakia for the Term and our weekly kiwaha for you to practice.

Ka haea te ata	Appear the sunrise
Ka hāpara te ata	Appear the dawn
ka korokī te manu	The birds are chattering
Ka wairori te kutu	The beaks move
Ko te ata nui ka horaina	The important early morning,
Ka taki te ūmere	Spreading over the surface of the earth
He pō, he pō	The dawn chorus
He ao, he ao	from the night
Ka awatea	Comes forth the daylight

Mahi Pai
Good work

Speeds Past School

The Waimakariri Council have let us know that the speed limits around the school will be facing some changes from July onwards.

The changes are as follows and signage will go up to this effect...

Ashley Rakahuri School Fawcetts Rd / Upper Sefton Road / Boundary Rd / Marshmans Rd / High St	2	60 km/h (Fawcetts Rd) / 30 km/h others	8:20-9:20 am / 2:30-3:30 pm
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We have asked the council, again, why the speed limit on Fawcetts Road cannot be lowered and the response was as follows:

“Due to that road being designated as a Rural Connector under the Transport Agency framework the council were not allowed to make that recommendation.”

They are continuing to look for ways to make the crossing more visible.

Calendar of Events

27th April - SCHOOL CLOSED ANZAC DAY OBSERVED

1st May School Cross Country

8th May PP Cross Country

29th May SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day

1st June SCHOOL CLOSED King's Birthday Observed

5th June - Hotdog Fundraiser

17th June - Dress Rehearsal - Production

18th June Matinee and Evening Performance - Production

29th June Cycle Sense - Year 5

30th June Cycle Sense Year 6

3rd July - Matariki Breakfast

3rd July Last Day Term 2

3rd July - 19th July Term 2 School Holidays

14th August - PTA Bake Sale

28th August - School Photos

4th September Whole School Disco

7th - 11th September Scholastic Book Fair and READATHON

11th September - Dress up Book Character Day

25th September - 11th October - Term 3 School Holidays

26th October SCHOOL CLOSED - Labour Day

Please check out our website for more information on the school and keep up to date with what's going on by joining our Facebook Page.