

What's happening?

Please note and put aside the following dates:-

15th March—Pita Pit lunches

17th March—Lower Waipa Swimming sports

27th March—Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm

Classes leading assembly:

24 March Room 4  
31 March Room 2

C. B. Calver  
Chris Calver J.P.  
P.G.Dip.Ed; B.Tchg;  
T.T.C  
Principal

Camp –

Having heard about the Room 1 camp, I am reminded of the wonderful learning opportunities we provide for our children. The opportunity to experience learning in the environment has enabled these children to observe and ask questions pertinent to what they were seeing and experiencing. Coupled with this they were able to develop further, some cooperative skills, planning and preparing for the many group activities. Most have responded to the challenges positively and used their collective resources to solve problems

My thanks go to the staff for all their planning and to all the parents who went, for the support they gave in this process. As with so many of the activities we do here this would not have been possible without the help and support of parents and I would like to thank all those who made time to go and support the children with transport and supervision, they all had a really good time. I would also like to thank the PTA for their support in making these activities more financially viable for all.

Congratulations –  
To our new house leaders

Blue – Kayne and Della  
Green – Joseph, Ashton and Isabella  
Red – Billy and Louise  
Yellow – Alex W and Emily

Mathsbuddy –

The Board of Trustees has agreed to subsidise this by up to \$10 per child making the cost a maximum of **\$20 for the year.**

**We have made this compulsory this year** and note that several students have not yet paid their fee. This is to be paid to the office asap. We want every child to take part as the programme is highly effective and supports what is being done in class and all classes will be using it as part of their class programme. Students are able to access the programme from any computer any time as long as they remember their log on and pass word.

School Shirts -

A reminder that school shirts are required for all children to go on a school trip or to participate in a school sporting event. These are available for \$20 from the school office. Thank you to the PTA for subsidising the cost of these.



School Picnic –  
Now next Wednesday  
15<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm.

Each year we invite everyone to join in and have a picnic at school to meet new parents, experienced parents and all those somewhere in-between to share experiences and thoughts in an informal setting. The PTA have activities for the children and we want all who can to come along have some fun and meet someone new. This Wednesday 5pm bring a picnic dinner and some refreshments of your choice.

Swimming Sports/Lower Waipa  
Swimming–

Next Friday, 17th March

We look forward to our children competing and participating with the usual Paterangi spirit. Permission slips have been sent home to parents of those competing, if the slips could please be returned to school as soon as possible.

Class Awards

- Room 4:** Emily - for great progress in reading and writing. You are showing lots of confidence and always keep your work neat and tidy.  
Olivia - for awesome efforts to always be doing the right thing in the right place at the right time.
- Room 3:** Amelia - for being an awesome Room 3 member. You always are kind and considerate to others.  
Connor - for working hard to produce a great report on sand hoppers.
- Room 2:** Lexi - for her fantastic imaginative story writing.  
Ethan - for his imaginative and entertaining story writing.
- Room 1:** Isabella D - for being an excellent camper. She showed great teamwork skills, was self-sufficient and was thoughtful and helpful towards others.  
Tayla N - for a great piece of writing about camp. She used excellent descriptive and figurative language to bring the story to life.
- Room 5:** Kaeden - for his fantastic attitude towards all areas of learning. Kaeden you have continued to display an amazing understanding of mathematics and your explanation writing is developing well.  
Ella W - for displaying a great attitude towards learning and aiming to complete set tasks.

Homework –

As I have put in previous newsletters homework is an expectation which includes Reading on a nightly basis and other curriculum related study. Maths buddy is available and can be used to support Numeracy development, whether set as a homework task by the classroom teacher or not. If you have concerns about the amount or difficulty level of the work being set please contact the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Annual Easter Raffle –

The PTA is again organising an Easter Raffle. Tickets will go home soon.  
**Donations for the prizes are needed.**  
This is the PTA’s major fund raising event for the Term and greatly appreciates the help of the whole community to make our raffles such a success. The profits are going towards supporting the educational opportunities for **ALL** so please support them.

New South Wales Tests (ICAS)

The school has a very strong and proud history of participation in the International ICAS examinations and I encourage students in years 4 to 8 to take part. These will be made available again to students in English (\$9.50), Mathematics (\$9.50), Spelling (\$11.50), and Science (\$9.50) Please indicate your child’s intention to enter any or all of these tests **by the 31<sup>st</sup> March, by filling in the form below.** Entries need to be made before the 31<sup>st</sup> March so all entries must be in prior to that date.

Pita Pit Lunches  
Wednesday 15th March

These will be available at school next Wednesday, 15th March and can be ordered for \$4 (2 fillings) or \$5 (4 fillings). Please return your order slip in an envelope with correct money (no change given).

Orders to be returned by the morning of Tuesday 14th March. Sorry, no late orders.



School Jackets & Sweatshirts -

Don’t forget to have your orders to us by 20th March if you are wanting a sweatshirt or jacket .  
Prices are:  
Child’s jacket \$55  
Adult jacket \$85  
Hoody sweatshirt (child & adult sizes) \$55

ICAS Entry Form

Student Name: .....

Subject (tick which you are entering)	Test Date	Cost
Science	30th May	\$9.50
Spelling	14th June	\$11.50
English	1st August	\$9.50
Mathematics	15th August	\$9.50
		<b>TOTAL</b>