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Newsletter

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Principal's voice:

Kia Ora, Bonjour, Talofa, greetings to all,

I am hoping that we are moving through the colder weather and we will soon see some more sunshine as we move towards Spring. It was lovely to see a cherry blossom tree in full bloom today, always a positive sign!

Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP)

The **Perceptual Motor Programme** (PMP) is a movement-based **program** which helps younger students improve their eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion and eye-tracking skills.

There is a critical connection between body and mind. More and more research supports the idea that a strong body builds a strong mind so merging these findings into the curriculum makes common sense. PMP promotes coordination, movement, and the body-mind connection. When children's brains and bodies are aligned they become more self-assured and able to adapt to change. PMP also develops oral language skills such as listening and processing.

We are trialing PMP in the school until the end of the term for our tamariki in rooms 9 and 10. It was lovely watching our little ones have fun with their learning. Our RTLB (Resource teachers of learning and behaviour) have been supporting us with the program and have kindly loaned us some of the equipment for the trial. If it is successful then we will look at introducing the program into the school next year and invest in the equipment.

If your child is in room 9 or 10 please feel free to come along and see how they are doing on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon in the hall (room 9 -2:00 - 2:25pm; room 10 2:25 - 2:55pm)

Sport

We have made a concerted effort to get involved in all sports over the past three terms ensuring that we have had teams in all inter school sports. We have taken advantage of any additional training available and considering we are a small school we have done well in all tournaments.

Brenda Vosper is our sports co-ordinator and has worked extremely hard to make sure our children have some training and have developed some good skills before attending games.

A big thank you Brenda.

Sport was something many parents had talked to me about and were keen to see more sport happening.

Again this week we attended the inter-school netball, Brenda took on the role as tournament organiser for the whole cluster! No easy task.

Our children did so well with one of our teams coming first equal with Birkdale, (there may be decider game at a later stage). We are very proud of all the netball children! However, it has been extremely challenging organising parent help. Brenda sends out many letters asking for help with little response and it would appear we have no help. Then on the day of the tournaments many parents will turn up to help (which we really appreciate). What would be great is if you are able to help, that you can fill out the slip and commit before the day of the tournament so that we can ensure we have enough help and parents are assigned to groups of children in advance. We really cannot do it without you and we thank you all. Cross Country will be coming up shortly and I know we will be looking for help again.



TV's for the hall and library

The TV's for the hall and library are ready to be delivered, unfortunately the stands have not yet arrived but I am hoping they will be with us soon.

A few gentle reminders

- It is great to see so many children with very healthy lunches, thank you for the efforts you go to to make sure your children are eating healthy nutritious meals, We do ask that if they have a lunch that needs a spoon or a fork that you make sure you pop it in with their lunch. We have no more plastic forks left to give out!
- ***Children arriving late or signing out early.*** Please consider the reasons why your child is being signed out early. There is a legal requirement that your child attends school every day for the full day,
- If there is a good reason for your child arriving late or signing out early please make sure that you **sign in** when late using Vistab and your child takes the printed slip to class and hands it to the teacher. If you are **signing out** please make sure that **you sign them out at the office first** and then take the slip with you and give it to your child's teacher. Thank you for helping us.
- **Playing on the playground after school.** The weather is improving and it is lovely to see so many children enjoying playing on the playground. It is also fantastic to see many parents taking the time to catch up and chatting. I ask that when you are at school after 3:00 that you take responsibility for your children and that if they are on the playground you are by the playground watching them. The more eyes we have watching the better.

Green Certificate winners

Well done to all our learners for the past two weeks.





Congratulations to our Gold certificate winners.



Have a fantastic weekend and if it is a wet one turn it into a fun time inside, a time to play some board games, read stories, play charades, make an indoor den (and have a picnic in it!), do some baking together or do a jigsaw. Or better still put on a weather proof jackets, some gumboots and just have some fun outside anyway!

Remember to give your kids a kiss and tell them you love them every day. (I still tell my 30 and 37 year old when I see them!)

Nga mihi Nui
Jan

Upcoming Events

Term Dates 2019:

Term 3 22 July - 27 September
Term 4 14 October - 13 December

Public Holidays:

28 October Labour Day

Whats on:

22 August	Board of Trustees monthly meeting
4 September	School Cross Country
5 September	French Speech Finals
5 September	Maths information afternoon 3.30pm - 5.30pm
9 - 15 September	Maori Language week
12 September	Rippa Tournament 3 of 3
26 September	Board of Trustees monthly meeting
27 September	Term 3 ends - last day Term 3 3.00pm finish.
24 October	Board of Trustees monthly meeting
28 October	Labour Day - school closed

27 November	End of year whole school production
28 November	Board of Trustees monthly meeting 6.30pm to 8.30pm
5 December	Board of Trustees meeting in staff room 6.30pm to 8.30pm
6 December	Year 6 leaving function and graduation 5pm to 7 pm
11 December	End of year Assembly and Prizegiving 11.30am to 1pm
12 December	School family fun day and picnic 10am to 3pm
13 December	Last day of Term 4

Junior Assembly every Friday Term time 11.30am

Senior Assembly every Friday Term time 12.15pm

Whole School Student Administration Assembly every Monday Term Time 9.00am to 9.30am

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 service contact phone: 09 444 6160.

Hearing & Vision, a message from the Technician who was at BNS on Wednesday this week:

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.waitematahnb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/child-and-family-services/>

Alternatively the technician is scheduled to be back at BNS in 3 months, November/ December 2019.

If you are unsure that your child has been tested, all children have been seen either at school or as a B4 SCH 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.

The Walking School bus is up and running this term again. There are two WSB routes, one meets at the bottom of Tiri Tiri Road and the other meets at Lancaster Road shops. If you have any queries or need further information, please contact Mrs Singh.

Samoas for sale: Don't forget to order your Samosa to support the trip to New Caledonia. Detailed information below.

Samosas for sale

Fundraiser for school trip to
New Caledonia

10 SAMOSAS FOR \$20

MADE FRESH TO ORDER



Ideal for lunches, snacks dinner and
parties

Butter Chicken
Lamb
Vegetable

HOW TO ORDER:

1. Online order form: (Preferred method)

<https://goo.gl/forms/d24qbYJfe5stow4p2>

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser
Other ways to support this fundraiser- email the flyer and the link to your friends, family and work colleagues
Many Thanks
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