

**Principal's voice:**

Kia Ora, Bonjour, Talofa, greetings to all,

I am astounded at how quickly the end of term has come around! A whole year of learning, growing, laughing and sometimes crying!

We have had a full year with some excellent events and some firsts for BNS:

- We have tried our best to participate in all the across school sporting events, swimming, soccer, ripper rugby, netball, crosscountry, athletics (thank you Mrs Vosper for all the work you have put into organising them) we would love to become more involved in Saturday team sports, if you think you can commit to managing or training a team let us know. We have also encouraged outside agencies to come in to give our children as many samplers of sports as we can.
- The introduction of the green certificates has been positive and exciting for the children.
- We have had two major Kapa Haka events this year, our interschool Matariki Kapa Haka Festival hosted at BNS and of course Onepoto Kapa Haka Festival last week. (Thank you Whaea Tui for your persistence with our tamariki). They will also be performing at the end of year assembly next Wednesday.
- We have now got more technology into the school. (We are taking a little longer rolling this out but we want to make sure everything is secure and systems are in place - don't worry we are nearly there!)
- We had our read - a - thon where we raised enough money to buy our two TV's for the hall and library. What a great way to encourage our tamariki to read!
- We had speeches for the first time! And what amazing children you have, they just did so well!
- We had our whole school picnic last year which was great fun and a few families came along to take part. **We are doing the same again on Thursday and we would love to see more families coming and joining in. We ask that every child brings a small plate of food to share at the picnic.**
- We changed the time of our end of year assembly last year to the morning and made the assembly more of a celebration for everyone. It was very successful and we had many positive comments. Again we will have the **end of year assembly on Wednesday at 9:15. If your child is receiving a class award or school award you will already have been informed.**
- And what a way to finish our year! The production blew my mind! It is so important for our children to have these experiences. I think we also proved that you don't need a lot of money. With supportive communities around us who are willing to help



(Kauri Park Primary for the use of headsets, smoke machine, backdrops...and Shannon Leilua for the use of your personal speaker and microphone, Jean Francaise for making the black backdrop for us at the last minute and for the parents who (I am sure) spent many hours getting the right costume for the occasion).



### **Our new teachers**

As you are aware we have two teachers leaving this year, Mrs Chris Camelbeke and Miss Grace Farrant (on maternity leave). Mrs Rooks Singh is also going to train for Reading Recovery next year and will be sharing her class with another teacher.

We have employed three new teachers:

- Mrs Andrea Abrahams - sharing with Rooks in room 10
- Miss Heidi Lavoie- room 9
- Miss Sweta Rata - room 11



### **Poari Pānui / Board News**



The board would like to acknowledge and thank all our school staff for their hard work this year. It is very much appreciated. We wish teachers Chris Gillet - Camelbeke and Grace Farrant all the best for the changes and challenges that lie ahead in 2020. Their presence around the school will be missed.

Our heart-felt thanks to Jan and Anne-Marie for the extraordinary amount of work they have done for our school this year.

WE wish everybody in our community a safe and happy summer break. Be careful around waterways and beaches, cover up when in our harsh sun and remember to read some books!





### **Lost property. Clothes and other items stall**

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we will put out any lost property for you to check. There will also be a stall with items not taken from the lost property (they have been laundered) and clothes and items from Mrs Camelbeke. If there is anything you would like you are welcome to help yourself. If you would like to donate anything towards them any money collected will go to the Women's refuge.

### **Drinks for sale on the family fun day and picnic**

The PTA will be selling drinks at our family fun day. There will be fruit juices costing \$2 and \$3. I would like to thank the PTA also for selling drinks at our production and supporting our year 6 farewell by paying for the bus and the pizzas.

### **Gold Certificate winners**

Well done to all our learners for the last week.



### **Have a great and safe holiday**

I would like to acknowledge all the staff personally for their amazing support throughout the year. Without the dedication and commitment of all our staff the school would not function! A special thank you to Chris and Grace who as we have mentioned are leaving us to seek new horizons. I wish you all the best for the future , we will miss you!

Please have a safe and happy Christmas and enjoy this special summer time with your tamariki.

## Family fun day and picnic.

Thursday 12 December - 10am - 3pm

**COME ALONG WITH YOUR FAMILY AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**

- We will start with an early morning tea at 9:45 - 10:15. (We will open the bouncy castle at this time to any under 5's )

We will be playing games like:

- Water games
- Skipping / hopscotch-
- Scatter ball / handball
- Rock paper scissors /Tic tac toe
- Gutter ball /Elastics -
- Bouncy castle
- Pool fun games.



We will organise our children to move around stations throughout the day.

This is a great time for grandparents aunts,uncles to come along and follow your kids or just relax and watch the events.

If you have littlies bring them along, they would love a go on the bouncy castle. ( we will open the bouncy castle up to the under fives at break times

At the end of the day we will keep the pool open (3:00 - 4:30) for any whanau who would like to stay and have a swim. Please note that this will only be for children who have a parent /caregiver with them to supervise.



Please can you help by:

Supplying a plate of food for our picnic lunch.We will have the kitchen open from 8:00am for drop off. Finger food only please.

For balance we ask that:

- Boys supply savoury foods ( sausage rolls, sandwiches. Sushi, sausages, chips, crackers with cheese, mini savouries etc)
- Girls supply sweet foods ( mini muffins, pancakes, slice, fruit kebabs or platters etc)

We want everyone to be fed so please consider if you have a few family members coming an extra plate would be handy.

## Upcoming Events

### Term Dates 2019:

Term 4                      14 October - 13 December

### Public Holidays:

### Whats on:

6 December	Year 6 leaving function and graduation 5pm to 7pm
11 December	End of year Assembly and Prize Giving 9.15am
12 December	School family fun day and picnic 10am to 3pm
13 December	Last day of Term 4, 2pm finish

### Term dates 2020:

Term 1	4th February - 9th April
Term 2	28th April - 3rd July
Term 3	20th July - 25th September
Term 4	12th October - 17 December

### Public Holidays:

10th April Good Friday
13th April Easter Monday
27th April ANZAC day observed
1st June Queens birthday
26th October Labour day

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### The Walking School bus:

Tiri Tiri Route - meet at the bottom of Tiri Tiri Road 8.15am Tuesdays and Thursdays

Lancaster Route - meet at the corner of Beachhaven and Lancaster Roads 8.15am  
Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you have any queries or need further information, 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](http://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, Chilvary 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.