



NEWSLETTER

5th March 2018
Term one, week five

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What an awesome day out on Friday at the Rural Schools' triathlon. The children gave it 100% and we were all very proud of their achievements. I just love to see the confidence and enthusiasm in which they complete such a gruelling event. Congratulations to our place getters; Robbie Worsnop, Sophia Green, Libby Hume, George Hume, Charlie Worsnop, Georgia Roberts, and Jahvaughn Whatarau. Your certificates are in the mail.

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Congratulations to **Jahvaughn Whatarau** and **Kairo Taurima** who received our **VALUES** certificates for **RESILIENCE** this week. Jahvaughn received his certificate for "bouncing back" from difficult situations with such positivity and humour. Kairo received his award for working so well with others.

SCHOOL VALUE: the value at the heart of our learning community for the next two weeks is **CONFIDENCE**. "With confidence, you have won before you have started." – Marcus Garvey

CONGRATULATIONS also to **Andy Hedler** who received a classroom award for being so supportive of others. **Devarn Harrison** received a classroom certificate for his excellent practice and progress in the pool this season.

SCHOOL NEWS:

My apologies for not informing you earlier but we have had to change assembly time on a Monday to 1.30 as the manual children do not get back from town till then.

We have the **three way interviews** next week. Three way conferencing gives students an opportunity to share with their parents their growth as a learner. They are designed to achieve the following goals:

- to help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- to teach students the process of reflection and self-evaluation
- to facilitate the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
- to encourage students, parents, and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue
- to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning

Your child will play an active role in the meeting, depending on their age. They will share with you work they are most proud of, and explain what they have learned up until this point in the school year. The teacher will build on this, explain or prompt when necessary (again, age dependant) but the lead communicator throughout will be your child.

Please find attached times for the **three way interviews**. Feel free to ask questions, express ideas and help make plans to support your child's learning at home. When you come along to the interview your child and their teacher will have prepared for their conversation about achievement and next learning steps.

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We will focus on the goals the child set at the end of last year, and review parent comments. We do ask that every effort is made for siblings not to be present in the room during this time to ensure that each child is able to fully celebrate their achievements. **The duration of the interview is ten minutes so if you require more time or wish to discuss anything in greater detail please arrange another time with the teacher.**

This year our major focus of consultation is Wellbeing@School. The children and staff will complete their survey online through the New Zealand Council of Educational Research. The Board of Trustees will also be completing a survey sent to them via email as are most of our school whanau. A couple of families have not registered an email with the School so you can find yours attached to this newsletter. Your opinion is important in determining our strengths and needs for improvement going forward so please take the time to complete the survey. Thanking you in anticipation.

EOTC NEWS:

Please find attached to this newsletter the permission slips for the children in year 1-4 to attend the **Rural Junior Interschool Swimming Sports on Friday 9th March.** These are due back to school by Wednesday. This is always a fun event so we know everybody in the junior room will have a fantastic day showing off their aquatic skills at the **Enterprise Pools.** The swimming sports are aimed at: 'encouraging participation, building skills and water confidence in a range of water activities and sharing our aquatic abilities. If there is time there is a **Dress Up Relay** – 1 team of four children per school, or we mix with another school to create a team. **Each child wears their own costume - super hero, pyjamas, or a take on a school theme, so come prepared.**

Rural Junior Interschool Swimming Sports Programme

Arrive: 10am Morning tea outside; children play outside (if fine) Teacher/helpers briefing
10.15am Children change and sit in school groups

Start: 10.30am Programme Begins – Boys and Girls swim separately
(The sequence of events will be displayed on the day)

School Uniforms – please return these as soon as possible so they can be organised and reissued for the Junior Swimming Sports.

We have been asked to reschedule the Life Education truck which was due to arrive at school on the 28th March as the provider may need to be out of town on personal business. He has been rebooked for week two of term two should the need arise.

BUSES: Your drivers this week are Wharekopae- Paula Reedy, phone 8673585

Taumata – Kay Twigley, phone 8670866

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Sore Throats Matter. Strep throat can lead to rheumatic fever. Rheumatic fever is an inflammatory disease that can involve the heart, joints, skin, and brain. It often starts with a sore throat. Without treatment, some sore throats can cause rheumatic fever which can lead to heart damage. If your child has a sore throat they can attend your medical centre or local GP clinic for a free throat swab and antibiotics which will prevent the chances of rheumatic fever developing. If you are unable to get to your own GP please contact your rural community nurse at Turanga Health and they will come out to see you.

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Spare Clothes – We have a spare clothes bin for our students for when they need spare clothes from incidents such as falling over in the mud, accidentally get wet etc. We are short of clothes for 5-7 year olds so if you have any that you can donate to the school then please send along to the office – they come in handy. Thank you.

Have a great week.

Regards,  Katrina Dekker Principal