



NEWSLETTER

20th February 2017
Term one, week four

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you so much to all those that came and supported our Beach Education day last Friday. I think we all learned something new about keeping ourselves safe while at the beach. It was crucial that we had at least a 1:5 ratio when the children were in the water so it was much appreciated.

On the weeks of the 27th February, 6th March and 13th March assembly will be moved to a Tuesday afternoon as the year 4-8 children will be going into town on a Monday for swimming. We are doing this as the manual children will already be in town and with 20 children we no longer fit on one bus. This will save a great deal on transport costs.

If you need to ring the school please try and do so before 9 or between 10.15-10.35 or after 11.40 Mon-Wed, as we don't really have anyone in the office available to take your calls as we are all involved in teaching and learning programmes. Thursday we do have someone in the office but no one on a Friday. Thank you for your consideration.

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Congratulations to **Molly Roberts** and **Jack Roberts** who received our **VALUES** certificates for **RESILIENCE** this week. Molly received her certificate for displaying resilience and tenacity in all her work and Jack received his award for being so resilient by sticking at a task no matter how hard it is and always doing his best.

SCHOOL VALUE: the value at the heart of our learning community this week is **RESILIENCE**.
"Tough times don't last, tough people do!"

CONGRATULATIONS also to **Jaxson Tangipo-Edmonds** who received a classroom award for being such a great helper to everyone in our class. **Fred Shaw** received a classroom certificate for his superb progress in Maths.

SCHOOL NEWS:

I was so impressed with the lunch boxes on our first **Minus 5 Monday**. Everybody had really made an effort and those lunch boxes looked so inviting. This event will now be happening on the first Tuesday of every month so that the manual people can be involved.

Children are able to bring their **bikes to school** from this week to prepare for the Rural School's triathlon in two weeks. Please make sure the bikes are road worthy, the children have a helmet, and on the day they have to wear covered in shoes.

We have the **three way interviews** coming up in a few weeks. Three way conferencing gives students an opportunity to share with their parents their growth as a learner. They accept accountability and responsibility for their progress and achievement, and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners. Three-way conferencing has student,

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parents and the teacher sitting together and talking about the student's learning, with the student taking an equal role. Three-way conferences are designed to achieve one or more of 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 several pieces of 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.

EOTC NEWS:

Please find attached to this newsletter the permission slip for the **Rural Schools' Triathlon to be held at Nelson Park on the 3rd of March**. Access to facilities is not available before 10.30. First race starts 11.15.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS:

Working bee this Friday from 3pm onwards. The Board of Trustees have reduced the working bees as per parent survey feedback from four per year to two and therefore need all our parents to make an effort to attend. This is also a great opportunity to meet the many new parents/caregivers at our school as we now have 17 families. There is a BBQ afterwards so please bring meat, salad and cutlery etc.

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

Taumata – Annabel Hume phone 8687725

Change of driver for Taumata Road - Tuesday only - Kay Twigley, phone 8670866

Drivers will do their best to stick to scheduled times but there may be possible delays with the extra heavy traffic, so we thank you in advance for your patience over this period.

BOT SNIPPET:

The Rere BOT have had their first meeting for 2017 in which Mark Steele has been elected Chairperson. We are now seeking to co-opt a new trustee to be on our board. If you wish to attend a Board meeting to see what this position involves then please phone Mark Steele directly on 8670803.

Our first meeting every year is centred on Ministry of Education preparing and planning documents such as the Annual Plan, Charter for 2017, Budget, NAG2 reporting (National Administrative Guidelines) all to ensure direction, success and achievement for all students.

The board are planning to form a working group for the Outdoor Classroom as we would like to have the whole community to be involved and help build and create a wonderful and exciting Outdoor Classroom that current and future children /families will benefit from.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Families are invited to a community event being held on Saturday February 25, 5.30 – 8pm at the Gisborne Airport: Eastland Group Flywheels. For the first time, you can actually ride along the runway on your bikes, skateboards, scooters or rollerblades. There'll also be prizes from Bikeys for best costumes, food vendors and entertainment, a sky high lolly scramble, and the Wa165 steam train is making an appearance. Entry is a voluntary gold coin donation, which will go to the ECT Rescue Helicopter. For full details, please check out eastland.nz/flywheels, or see and share the event on the Eastland Group Facebook page.

If you have a child who loves the **Storey Treehouse** series by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton the stage adaption of the 13th-Storey Treehouse is coming to NZ. Ideal for children aged 6-12.

Municipal Theatre in Napier on Friday 19th May. Book at ticketek.co.nz

Have a great week.

Regards,



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Principal