



Principal's Korero

Māiō e lelei (hello everyone - Tongan),

This Friday we are encouraging the students to wear a pink shirt to celebrate **Pink Shirt Day**. Pink Shirt Day promotes Speaking Up and Standing Together to Stop Bullying. At school we have been talking a lot about creating a safe, welcoming and respectful environment where bullying is not tolerated. We do this through 'The Whitney Way' part of our vision with our values of being honest, caring and respectful. We have also developed a bullying definition (Doing something hurtful on purpose repeatedly) and have explained exactly what bullying looks like, sounds like and feels like. It is displayed in every classroom.

This is not a fundraiser so your child does not need to bring any money.

As the Pink Shirt website says 'Bullying behaviour is influenced by the actions and values of friends, families and whānau, schools, workplaces and whole communities. Real change happens when we stand together, sending a strong message that there is no place for bullying in New Zealand.' This means stopping bullying is a team effort with both families and school having the same expectations of being honest, caring and respectful, etc.

Reports

Today your child(ren) will have brought home their school report which shows progress so far this year and gives next learning steps. It also explains how you can support your child's learning at home. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child, and we look forward to discussing it with you and your child at next week's Reporting Conferences (see below).

Reporting Conferences - Tues 24 & Wed 25 May

Please ensure that you have booked your Reporting Conference time via the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code (the event number is **fvbmc**). The system is very easy to use. However, if you are having trouble or need help please contact Tanya in the office. There is also a computer set up in the office foyer that you are welcome to use. We will close the bookings on Friday afternoon and then allocate times to those who have not been able to make a time themselves.

The conferences, which we strongly encourage **each child and parent/caregiver(s)** to attend, last for 15 minutes and take place on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th May in the afternoons. Alternative arrangements will be made for those who cannot attend these times.

We encourage people to **pick up their children at 12.05pm on the Wednesday** to allow enough time for teachers to get through all the interviews. Supervision will be available for students who are unable to be picked up at this time.

2BCoS Community Meetings

A reminder that the Blenheim Community of Schools that we are part of, are holding meetings for parents this week(see the dates below) We would encourage you to come along and hear Lead Principals Simon Heath (Renwick Primary School) and Karen Stewart (Marlborough Girls' College) talk about this exciting initiative. Three sessions have been organised – choose the session that best suits you to attend

- Tuesday 17 May 1:30pm Redwoodtown Hall
- Wednesday 18 May 1:30pm St Mary's Hall
- Wednesday 18 May 7:00pm Bohally Intermediate Hall

Board of Trustee Elections

We have three vacancies for the upcoming Board of Trustee Elections being held on 3 June. You will all have received nomination forms in the post. Any nominations need to be returned the school office by 20 May. Our next Board of Trustees meeting is tomorrow night at 7pm in the Awatere room so if you are interested in finding out more about the Board, you are welcome to attend.

Coffee and Catch Up

Every Friday morning from 8:40am to 9am I will be in the staffroom in case you want to pop in and have a chat over a cup of coffee or tea. This is an informal way to make contact, ask questions, discuss any queries or concerns you may have about school, meet other parents/caregivers, or just relax before assembly! It's also a good way for me to get to meet more of you so please feel free to come on in and introduce yourself.

Have a great week.
Cheryl

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to Zarnia Muraahi and Tyler Morton who have started at Whitney Street School this week.

Autumn writing by Room 9

At school autumn came. I saw some leaves, they were falling off the tree. The colours were changing into other colours. The colours are yellow and brown. I can hear the wind.

By Toby P

Autumn, autumn. I love leaves red and leaves changing colours. It's windy all the time.

By Elijah B

In autumn there are lots of leaves on the ground. Some are yellow.

By Nixon H

Yellow leaves in autumn and red leaves and orange leaves. I can hear the leaves crunching and I can see the leaves in the wind.

By Finley M

Autumn leaves are falling off the trees. The leaves are changing red, yellow and starting green. It is windy all the time!

By George N

Hockey Draw

Wizards Year 3/4 Monday 23 May 3:45pm vs Springlands Senators field 4

Wildcats Year 5/6 Tuesday 17 May 5:25pm vs Renwick Rascals field 2

Wildcats Year 5/6 Tuesday 24 May 5:25pm vs Fairhall Falcons field 1

Funsticks Saturday 9am – 10am



Ben Pottinger
Carly Craig
Connor Walker Rowe
Leo Wilkinson-Hall
Quill Boskett-Barnes
Conrad Shearer
Jed Holland
Toby Phillips
Veerjit Singh
Cobi Taylor
James Hay



THIS WEEK'S I-SPY
AWARD GOES TO...

Isabella Finn
Room 12



Byron Bruning
was the Mathletics Top
User last week.

Friday CHOICE 17 June

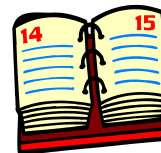
On Friday in Week 7 (June 17 2-3pm) our Choice/Tumeke afternoon will be based around Matariki (the Maori New Year) as a way of learning about and celebrating this special time. If you are interested in running an activity with a group of children, please see your child's teacher. It needs to be an activity with minimal set-up/clean-up and that can be completed in 45 minutes. You will be supported by staff, and in most cases, materials can be supplied. If you are willing to help but don't have any particular ideas yourself, still let your child's teacher know. We love parents helping out!

CHANGES TO PIZZA LUNCHES AND HOW TO ORDER THEM

At the last Parent Support Group (PSG) meeting (held 4 May) a decision was made to make the ordering day for pizza lunches on **Wednesday** and the pizza lunch delivered on Friday's. This is an initiative to create some ease within the fundraising of this lunch for the PSG. This new system will commence next week, on Wednesday 25 May. Please send your correct pizza money and order to the office on this day and every Wednesday thereafter. If the correct money is not included, there is ample opportunity to sort it out. The pizza order could be in a recycled envelope or zip lock bag - or even wrapped up in some recycled paper. Please include:

- Your child's name
- Their room number
- Which pizza they would like (Hawaiian, Beef and Onion or Cheese)
- How much money is included in the envelope or bag

Your child will receive their pizza every Friday lunchtime. Pizzas cost \$3 for two slices.



Dates & Reminders

Term 2: Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July

Queen's Birthday: Monday 6 June

Kick Start Breakfast: Every day 8:15am – 8:45am

Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday 18 May 2016 7pm

Whole School Hui: Friday 20 May 9:10am presented by Room 13

Reporting Conferences: Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 May

Early Finish Wednesday 25 May: Please pick you child up by 12:15pm if possible

Book Club orders: due Thursday 26 May

PSG Meeting: Wednesday 8 June 7pm in the Awatere Room

Rooms 3 & 4 Camp: Wednesday 26 October – Friday 28 October

Parent Support Group (PSG) Friday Pizza Roster

Friday 20 May Amy & Manda
Friday 27 May Michele & Keri

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Dental Clinic Hub For dental queries please contact them on 5209922 or call in and see them at 60-62 Nelson Street, Springlands. The entrance is actually off McLauchlan Street by the Girls College tennis courts.