

3rd November 2022 Term 4 Week 3

From the desk of Ms 'O'

Whakatauki (maori proverb)

Nau te rourou, Naku te rourou, Ka ora ai, te tamariki With your contribution, and our contribution, the children will be well.



SHOW DAY - Our Country School Celebration

From 11 – 12:30 on Show Day the tamariki will be individually invited to tell the judges about their pet including what they know about how to best handle and care for it.

Towards the end of the day the children will also be given the choice as to whether or not they wish to bring their pet to the front of the assembled crowd to talk about and/or show it off. This is not compulsory. Those who wish to challenge themselves to speak and/or show their pet will be given support at school to prepare in advance what they would like to say and/or do on the day e.g. lead their pet around the obstacles; walk it up to the stage and talk on the microphone to the audience.

Some children may choose to talk about their pet even though they might not have them alongside. Others may wish to show what their pet can do but not wish to speak. Parents are welcome to join their children to prompt them. Siblings can also join together to show one family pet.

Through this activity we are giving children the opportunity to learn to speak and watch others speak in public. This is a learned skill that contributes to developing their selfconfidence.

Tomorrow your child(ren) will be asked if they will be bringing a pet on Tuesday, 15th November and what it is. Please have this conversation with them so they are prepared.





Halloween Hilarity

All the effort by a hardworking group of our parents to organise last Friday's disco was well worth it.

It was a perfectly pitched party with loads of wicked witches, grisly ghosts and other cute costumes. The children loved busting out their moves and singing their favourite tunes. The treats kept coming with supper, games and prizes and even a lolly scramble to finish the night.

This was a night for the kids to remember. A huge thanks to the Home & School group for organising that wonderful night.



Found at the disco – a black Quickgrip XL vest with a Carters emblem on it. Contact the school office on 248 8802 if it is yours or belongs to someone you know.



Reminder

There is a Teacher/Staff Only Day on Monday, 21st November. This is when the children do not attend school, while administration and curriculum work continues, in keeping with MoE requirements.

Thanks

Local businesses/farms that received their bulk fuel deliveries from Fern (ex South Fuels), have nominated our school to receive a portion of money from their fuel purchases. Thanks very much to these businesses who have donated to our school:

Dangerous Brothers Estate Limited

Eyre Creek Ltd

Tenby Estate Limited

Hume Livestock Services Ltd

TW&JNMcNamee

Grandview Farm Limited

Glen Nevis Station Ltd



Carpark safety reminder

Thanks to parents for taking on board concerns around children accessing vehicles parked in front of our school fence, by parking at least one metre back from it.

The children have been told that they may only access the vehicles via the front gate and must walk between them and the front fence.

Likewise any parents dropping off or collecting children will need to enter/exit via the gate or wait for them to come to the car in the afternoon via the front gate.

Just as importantly no children will be allowed to be on or leaning over the front fence. It is both a distraction and a risk to children's safety.



Wool in Schools

Room 1 and 2 students found out all about wool when the woolsinschools container dropped in last Friday.

The Room 2 children said:

- We touched sheep wool and blankets can be made out of it Ayva.
- We wore woollen slippers Milani.
- Sheep wool gets pressed and processed and carders are used to card (brush) the fibres of the wool – Mabel.
- Wool is good for the environment, and we saw an egg warmer made from wool - Taegan.
- · Lots of things are made out of wool Tangi.
- I touched the wool Alec.
- A wool boom sucks up oil that has been spilled in the ocean Logan.
- We can make comfy slippers out of wool Jamie.
- Sheep wool is not the same as Ilama wool Bear.
- Merino wool is used to make Icebreaker jerseys Frank.
- You can dye wool lots of colours Cruz.
- There is lanolin in the wool and it's good for people's skin Luke.



Covid in the Community

We have seen a rise in COVID-19 cases in our school recently and ask that you please continue to follow good practices when it comes to your own health and the health of your whānau. The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority so we are closely following the Ministry of Health guidance for schools.

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to the Unite Against COVID-19 website.

If you or someone in your whānau tests positive for COVID-19

- If you or your child receive a positive test result the positive case must isolate for seven days.
- Household contacts should remain vigilant and test for 5 days, but are not required to self-isolate

Returning to school after COVID-19

- Students who test positive for COVID-19 are not required to self-isolate past seven days, but they shouldn't return to school if they are still feeling unwell.
- Many children will have long lasting runny nose and cough after viral infections. If it is over 10 days since the onset of the COVID infection and they are no longer feeling unwell, they are unlikely to be transmitting any active COVID infection and can return to school.
- However, if they are continuing to feel unwell or their symptoms are worsening after 10 days then it is recommended you contact your GP.



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