

Newsletter Term 1

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Important Dates

Term 1

7 April Good Friday – start of the term break

Term 2

24 April Teacher only Day – School closed for instruction

25 April ANZAC day

26 April term 2 starts

Sports Calendar

Term 2

Weeks 1-10 Ngatitoa Netball

Every Saturday starts on 29th April

Week 4 Tough Guy and Gal - Mud Run

Wednesday 24th May 2023 8:00am and Thursday 25th May 2023 8:00am (we are encouraging families to register for Thursday)

Week 5 Pauatahanui School Cross Country - whole school event

Friday 19th May, PPD 23rd May

Week 7 Parumoana Cross Country (Years 5-8) - Mackays Crossing

Tuesday 6th June
PPD Thursday 8th June and Tuesday 13th June

Week 10 Regional Cross Country (Years 5-8) - Harcourt Park

Tuesday 27th June PPD Thursday 29th June 10-2pm



Term Dates 2023

Term 1

Wed 1 Feb – Thur 6 April

Term 2

Mon 24 April – Fri 30 June

Term 3

Mon 17 Jul – Fri 22 Sept

Term 4

Mon 9 Oct – Mon 18 Dec

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Thursday 6th of April 2023

Kia ora e te whānau.

It has been a busy, but fun term! There have been camps, school sleepover, athletics days, walks around the inlet, basketball lessons, pancake races and the list goes on.

Term 2 is shaping to be just as busy and fun, which will culminate in an end of term production! A team of teachers have already begun the planning for this and we will share more information and details about the production as we get closer to the event. It will be great to see the children getting a chance to showcase their artistic talents and creativity.

Teacher Only Days:

I thought it would be useful to share what staff will be doing during the two teacher only days.

Thursday 6th April - Whole staff Structured Literacy professional development. Last year teachers in the junior school undertook professional development in Structured Literacy with Massey University. We want to keep this momentum going and will be extending Structured Literacy into the senior school this year. We have been able to secure funding to allow us to work with Learning Matters who will continue our Structured Literacy journey.

Monday 24th April - The Ministry of Education has been working on refreshing the New Zealand Curriculum. This is exciting for schools as the current curriculum is a great one, but is in need of a few minor tweaks. We have already begun working with aspects of the new curriculum. This term we implemented the Aotearoa Histories aspect of the Social Sciences curriculum. The next areas that we will need to familiarise ourselves with are the Literacy and Numeracy refreshed curriculum. To enable schools to do this effectively the Ministry of Education has provided

schools with two teacher only days, the first being Monday 24th April. On this day all staff will be attending a North Porirua Kahui Āko conference at Aotea College. It will be great for Pāuatahanui School staff to have the opportunity to work alongside all other North Porirua schools on this day.

Holiday break:

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. I think everyone deserves a bit of a break so we can come back ready and rearing to go for term 2.

Take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi

Caine Webster - Principal

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FROM THE OFFICE

Picking up from the carpark by St. Alban's church

We have received a message from the Friends of Pauatahanui Burial Ground asking us to remind parents to supervise their children when using the car parking area up the driveway in front of St Albans church.

There have been reports/sightings of children running around the burial ground and going into the shed. There is a safety concern due to the steep bank on the roadside which is also eroding.

Lunch Online Next Term

Sushi has been very popular with the children, so we will keep on offering the sushi orders through lunch online every Wednesday going forward. There will also be Pita Pit available to order on Fridays.

Please set up an account with lunch online to order.

It's simple; all you need to do is register at
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- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order

Kawhia Hub love Easter!!!

Room 3, 4 and 5 have had an awesome week full of Easter fun! We have made easter headbands, easter crafts, read easter stories, an easter poem, done easter math's and written about the Easter Bunny! Have a look at some of the things we have done.





TAINUI HUB (Rooms 1 and 2)

Last week Tainui braved the inclement weather and walked to St Alban's on the hill. We were greeted by the Rev Dan Ross and treated to the Easter story - we had a sing along with an older gentleman called Don playing on the organ and some of us took part in reenacting parts of the story :)

Dan also told us a little about the churches history

- Did you know that St Alban's was built after the first school was built in the area?
- The church was built in 1898.
- Inside the church on the wall is a piece of tile from an English church dating back to Roman times! How cool is that?!

We did ask Dan where the church bell came from but he wasn't sure so we're hoping that someone may be able to tell us!



RAUKAWA HUB (Rooms 6, 7, 8)

In Rm 7 we used our new weaving skills we learnt last week with Whaea Charlotte to create artwork inspired by a hīkoi to the inlet. Check out some of our work that's on display in the office!



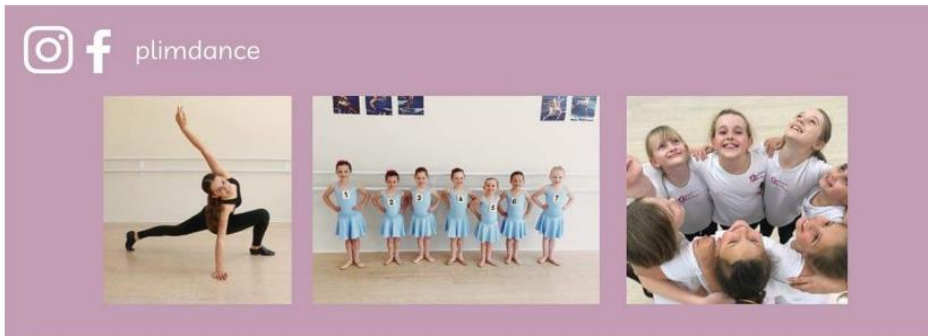
WHITIREIA HUB (Rooms 9 AND 10)

Whitireia Camp

On Tuesday night, Whitireia had their leadership camp which was a sleepover at school. We started off on Tuesday by walking around Whitireia park and having American hotdogs at the beach. We came back to school, had ice cream and pizza, played spotlight and roasted marshmallows. We ended the night by watching a movie. On Wednesday we made our own lunch and had a great time with our friends. Whitireia camp was an amazing experience and we are so glad we got some perfect weather for it!



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