

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the final term for the year.

It's that time when we start looking at budgets and staffing for 2021. The Ministry of Education have advised our staffing levels for next year. By using our staffing well, student numbers in classes will be very good. For example, Years 7 and 8 will have 22/23 students in each class. Our new entrant class will start with only a few students, ready for the intake of 5 year olds early in the year.

Our senior classes are away at camp this week. A big thank you to the Monty Fairbrother Charitable Trust who paid towards the accommodation costs and Pub Charity for providing funding for buses, Capital E and the Wellington Zoo visit.



During the last holidays, staff attended a refresher course for our KiVa anti-bullying programme. You will hear more about this in upcoming newsletters.

In 2021, educational costs for our whanau will be stationery and any overnight camps. All other trips, swimming lessons, performances, etc. will be at **no cost** to whanau. If you have any queries regarding this please come and discuss with us.

The teacher only day on Friday 23rd October is part of the teacher negotiated contract. Some other local schools have also chosen this day. Our staff will be undertaking professional development.

Stephen Snell
Principal



On Thursday, Deegan won Te Tipu's team cup.

Deegan was very happy and excited. He has been joining in with class more and working really hard on his reading.

Ka Pai Deegan

CALENDAR

| DATE | EVENT |
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| OCTOBER | |
| Mon to Thurs | Te Puawai Camp to El Rancho |
| Friday 23rd | TEACHER ONLY DAY—School closed |
| Mon 26th | LABOUR DAY—School closed |
| Friday 30th | Last day for calendar orders Last day for photo orders SOS sausage sizzle |
| NOVEMBER | |
| Thurs 5th | Wardens and patrols treat Wai Splash |
| Friday 6th | Last day for Book Club orders |
| Thurs 12th | DSS athletics |
| Mon 16th | Te Kakano swimming |
| Wedn 18th | Te Kakano swimming |
| Friday 20th | Te Kakano swimming |
| Mon 23rd | COLOUR FUN RUN—Sausage Sizzle |
| Wedn 25th | Te Kakano swimming |
| Friday 27th | Te Kakano swimming |
| Monday 30th | Te Kakano swimming |
| DECEMBER | |
| Tuesday 1st | Year 8 visit to DHS |
| Wedn 2nd | Te Kakano swimming—Te Puawai Social |
| Thurs 3rd | Room 6/7 to Puhaka Mt Bruce |
| Friday 4th | Rooms 10/11 to Puhaka Mt Bruce |
| Monday 7th | Te Kakano swimming—Yr1-6 Disco |
| Friday 11th | Year 8 dinner |
| Monday 14th | School Reports go home |
| Tuesday 15th | 2021 class lists go home |
| | PRIZEGIVING in town hall |
| | School closes for 2020 at noon |

SUN HATS:

During Terms 1 and 4, sun hats are a compulsory part of our school uniform. Sunhats can be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$12 each.

If your child does not bring a hat to school this term, they will be required to sit in the shade during school breaks

CALENDARS

A reminder that calendar art is now available for viewing in the school office along with extra order forms. These make great Christmas presents. Orders need to be in by **Friday 30th October**.

PHOTOLIFE STUDIOS

Sports photos are also available for viewing in the school office along with order forms. The last day for orders is **Friday 30th October**.

REMINDER—SCHOOL CLOSURES

- **TEACHER ONLY DAY— Friday 23rd October**
- **LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY—Monday 26th Oct**

Learning Support Coordinators



We now have a team of three Learning Support Coordinators based at South School: Donna Heaps, Mary Bowers and Tim Cranshaw. Their role is to work with schools and Early Education Centres across the Dannevirke area to help ensure that all children with learning needs get the best possible support.

Donna is currently teaching in a classroom, but will be joining the team fully next year.

Mary has a background in Special Needs Education and is knowledgeable in the areas of ASD and communication.

Tim's background has been mainly in the behaviour aspect of the role though he has been working on building positive pathways for students transitioning to high school, providing support to both the students and their whanau.

NATIONAL SHAKE OUT DAY

Stories from Room 4



Once upon a time there was an earthquake in the classroom. We had to **Drop, Cover and Hold**. We had to hold onto a table leg and stay under the table for five minutes. That is what you do first

in an earthquake and hide under the table. **Amy Li**

There is an earthquake drill in New Zealand happening on the 15th of October at 9.30 am. Lots of people have registered for this. When this happens we need to **Drop, Cover and Hold** so you won't get hurt. We have to go under a table and hold onto the leg of it, or go in a doorway because things will fall on you. There are lots of earthquakes in New Zealand. There has been one in Napier. When it was destroyed, it was all just covered in collapsed buildings on the ground. There was one in Hawkes Bay and one in Christchurch. Earthquakes are worldwide. There is also going to be a tsunami hikoi.

Justyce Woolley.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL – Starts next week

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

When: Tuesday 27th October from 1pm to 2pm

Where: Tararua REAP, Gordon Street, Dannevirke.

A relaxed space and time for parents, caregivers and interested people to meet and support each other through their journey with their tamariki and whanau living with autism

PUKAHA National Wildlife Centre

Community OPEN DAY—Sunday 25th October

Everyone welcome—Koha entry 10am to 4.00pm

Market and food stalls (cash only), Manukura Mascot Photo

Booth, Discover Wildlife/Native Bush Walks and

Fun Kids Activities/Face painting

Facebook.com/pukahawhanau

Mount Bruce, 85379 SH2, Masterton/Tararua

LADIES NIGHT OUT

MONDAYS from 4.00pm to 8.30pm

Come and give tennis a go. New members always welcome.

Social ladies night out membership \$80

SCHOOL YARD TENNIS

Begins Tuesday 27th October at 5.30pm—4 per team

Cost \$10 per player. Each team needs a supervisor

Training night—Tuesday 20th Oct 3.30pm for adult supervisors

Interschool Tennis Competition for Term 4

Red—Years 3 & 4; Orange Yrs 5 & 6, Green Yrs 7 & 8

All enquiries to Wendy Stratford 021 0317484

Dannevirke Ministers Assn—LIGHT PARTY

Dress up in your favourite light themed costume and come along. It's free and it's fun

Saturday 31st October from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

The HUB—Allardice Street Entrance

Sausage sizzle, lollies, music, dancing, games

Under 5s must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Bullying, Conflict or Fight

We are currently looking at identifying what bullying is as part of the KiVa programme.

A conflict or fight is not bullying. Both of these actions are one-off incidences. Bullying is an action that is reoccurring, with a power imbalance and it deliberately targets one or more children. The KiVa team deals with the bullying cases only. We help children identify how their actions can improve a situation



SOUTH SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

Please ring **3747361** or **0800 825583** for an appointment.