

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau,

Board elections

We've been incredibly lucky to have 10 of our whānau put their names forward to join our school board. This information has been emailed to you. Please use it to help you decide who you think will ensure our board represents the amazing richness of our community. We have just one board meeting left with our existing Board of Trustees, and I want to say a huge thank you to them. They have been amazing governors of the school, helping to build our strategic vision and supporting us in our work to Lift the Lid for both our students and staff.

Thank you to:

- Cole Simmons - my amazing Chairperson/ Presiding Member
- Jaclyn Hartridge
- Trina Paewai
- Mick Wheeler
- Jenna Hutchings

Careers day TOMORROW

On Thursday we are holding our Careers Day. This is a great opportunity to expose our tamariki to the wide range of possible jobs they may wish to consider. Thank you to the many parents and community members who are talking to our students about their job and sharing what they do day to day. We encourage all our students to come dressed as the career and job they would like to have as an adult.

Paid Union meetings

We are currently in contract negotiations with the government. So far, support staff, primary and secondary teachers, and principals have been offered a 1% pay increase each year for three years. We have paid union meetings to attend about this offer on Tuesday, August 26th, but we will **NOT** be shutting the school. Instead, we are splitting the staff between the two meetings so we can keep the school open and learning can continue.

Thanks Caroline

CALENDAR

DATE 2025	EVENT
Thur 21 Aug	Careers Day
Fri 29 Aug	Daffodil Day
Tue 9 Sept	Wearable Arts in the School Hall 11.30am
Fri 19 Sept	Term 3 Ends
Mon 6 Oct	Term 4 Begins



Beat those Winter Chills

With the frosty mornings we have been having lately, Te Puāwai have found a great way to warm those chilly hands and hungry children. We have been making the most of our team kitchen and working in groups to cook together. We have made lots of different things this term like muffins, cakes and slices. A hit last week was sharing hot, homemade soup and cheese puffs together. It was delicious and a really great way for our team to show caring and our term value of courtesy!



Reminder

Please do not send large bags of chips or any drinks to school that are not water – this includes “Up and Go”



REMINDERS

- ⇒ DSS Dental Clinic ph 0800825583
- ⇒ Follow us on Facebook



Rūma e hoa

Kōwhai and Rūma Whā enjoyed sharing their reading time together during the week. It was fun to read different texts and together work out new words successfully. Working with each other on new words helped to develop fluency confidence for our younger buddies. We heard plenty of reading with expression and a lot of laughter. Everyone was very focussed on their buddy and there were lots of smiles around the classroom.

Ka rawe Rūma Wha and Kōwhai!



From Loose Parts to Learning Treasures

Over the last two weeks in Te Kākano, our tamariki have been exploring a collection of all sorts of loose parts from wheels, large water bottles, chains, an old pushchair, carpet, and many other odds and ends. What some might call “trash,” our tamariki have transformed into learning treasures! Through play, they have worked together to invent cars, boats, sharks, race cars, planes, elevators, and so much more. Play in Te Kākano isn't just fun, it's a vital part of learning. Kaiako can tap into these creations to extend thinking, pose questions, and investigate ideas further. Every day, the loose parts return to the middle of the room, ready for new creations the following day. Our tamariki use their imagination, problem-solving, and collaboration skills to create something completely new, showing just how powerful and dynamic learning through play can be.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Wicked mountain bike event for every kiwi kid with attitude, energy and wheels!!

Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North
Sunday Sept 7th, 2025
Entries and more info at
www.ibike4kids.co.nz

Everyone gets a medal and plenty of spot prizes
Schools Participation Prizes
Three Mountain Bikes - Major Spot prize

Plenty of mud!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT LIBRARIES TARARUA

Code with Bee-Bots:

Explore the world of coding with our Bee Robot Coding Sessions – great for young minds! Ages 6-9 years old.

Woodville Library – 06 376 0212
1st October, 10:00am–11:30am

Dannevirke Library – 06 374 4255
1st October, 1:00pm–2:30pm



ESCAPE THE LIBRARY!

THINK YOU’VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO CRACK THE CODE? JOIN US THESE HOLIDAYS TO SOLVE POZZLES, BREAK SECRET CODES, AND CREATE YOUR VERY OWN CIPHER – BUT BE QUICK... THE CLOCK IS TICKING!

Fun for curious minds aged 8-12
FREE to attend – bookings essential

Woodville Library – 06 376 0212
Tuesday 23rd Sep – 12:30–2:30pm &
Wednesday 24th Sep – 12:30–2:30pm



Dannevirke Library – 06 374 4255
Thursday 25th Sep – 10:00–12:00pm
& Friday 26th Sep – 10:00–12:00pm

Eketāhuna Library – 06 376 0114
Monday 29th Sep – 10:40–12:30pm
& Tuesday 30th Sep – 10:40–12:30pm



Pahiatua Library – 06 376 0121
Thursday 2nd Oct – 10:00–12:00pm
& Friday 3rd Oct – 10:00–12:00pm

Please call the number listed above under the library where you’d like to attend, or email: library@tararua.govt.nz to reserve your spot before Wednesday 17th September