

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to the start of Term 4! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the final school term of the year. It’s going to be a busy and exciting few weeks ahead for both our teachers and students, and we’re all looking forward to the days to come.

An Apology

At the beginning of each year, our staff plans one *Fun Day* per term (such as Colour Run, Mud Day, Careers Day, Royal Day, Book Day, etc.) to have some fun and continue strengthening our school culture. Over the past three years, we’ve noticed that when an event is held annually, our tamariki tend to become less excited about it.

Because of this, we decided to rotate these special events so that each one occurs every two years instead of every year. This means that **Pet Day will not be held in 2025**, but will return in **2026**.

We apologise for not communicating this earlier, as we understand some families may have been raising animals in preparation. We strongly encourage those who have animals to participate in the **Dannevirke A & P Show** (date to be confirmed) or the **Bush Show on 15th November**.

Strike on 23rd October — Update

Although we have not yet received official confirmation of the strike on **Thursday, 23rd October** (this usually comes three days prior), it is **likely that the school will be closed** on that day, as we will not have enough qualified staff to open safely. Please make arrangements for your children to stay home that day.

A reminder that school will also be **closed on Friday, 24th October** for a previously scheduled **staff-only day**. The school will be closed, and no staff will be on-site.

Ngā mihi,
Caroline

CALENDAR

DATE 2025	EVENT
Thur 23 Oct	Strike Day - school closed until further notice
Fri 24 Oct	Staff Only Day - school closed
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Weekend
Tue 16 Dec	Term 4 Ends

Te Kākano Disco

Te Kākano held their disco on Friday night. It was awesome to have such a great turnout and to see everyone having an enjoyable time. The tamariki danced to Jack Hartnam, The Cha Cha Slide Dance, The Chicken Dance, Pinocchio Dance and many more.



REMINDERS

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



COMMUNITY NOTICES

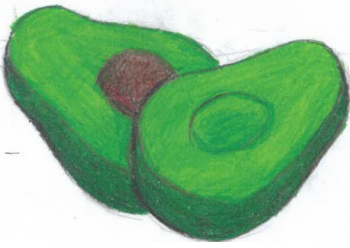
Sprinkle Kindness Like Confetti.

This term, Room 7 are being Kindness Ninjas. We are trying to spread kindness and create a positive atmosphere for our learning without expecting anything in return. There are small acts that we can all do everyday to help include others and make them feel good, for example smiling at them, offering to help, or complimenting them. Can you help us spread the kindness throughout the school? “We can show kindness by helping someone or doing stuff like cleaning up without being told,” Bella.



“Kindness is using your manners, like saying please or thank you,” Layla.
“Kindness is the key to friendship,” Reid.
“Kindness is important so that no one feels sad or left out,” McKenzie.

TE PUĀWAI SMASHING OUT THEIR AVOCADO DESCRIPTIVE WRITING



A perfectly ripe avocado on a scratched up cutting board. Picked up and sliced into two equal halves and opened up to reveal the silky green mush inside. Placed down gently and a spoon scoops out the smooth flesh. It has a hard, scaly outside and is left empty. The taste is quite simple, but with a slight taste of butter. It has a creamy texture that fills my mouth with a pleasant feeling of delight. Anika D.

An avocado sits lonely on a glossy, white plate. As it is picked up a glinting knife slices through top to bottom. It leaves a shiny green residue on the plate. With one sharp twist it opens to reveal the creamy, buttery seed on one side and a yellowy green on the other side. As the seed is about to be removed, it suddenly rolls across the bench. The outside is scaly like a crocodile and the flesh is smooth and a little bit squishy. A spoon scrapes out the mushy, creamy goodness inside and places it on the edge of the plate. Lily M.

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125 HIGH STREET, DANNEVIRKE

DRAWING EXPLORATION
WITH
CHLOE KITE

PAPER AND PENCILS PROVIDED- UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME SPECIAL ONES YOU WANT TO BRING ALONG

BRING ALONG YOUR CREATIVE IDEAS OF WHAT YOU WANT TO DRAW

SCHEDULE DETAILS
STARTS: THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER
TIME: 6:15 PM – 7:15 PM
COST: \$40 FOR TERM 4

BOOK WITH CHLOE
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Chloe Kite – a local Dannevirke mum who loves inspiring kids to draw – will be running a fun and relaxed drawing group for children aged around 10 years + (age negotiable!) on a guided journey of drawing exploration.

Pūkaha Wild Weekend – Family Fun This Labour Weekend!

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 October 2025

Join us at Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre for our very first Pūkaha Wild Weekend — two fun-filled days celebrating nature, conservation, and community!

- Heavily discounted entry and guided tours
- Kiwi cookie decorating
- Scavenger hunt
- Meet our brand-new kiwi chick at the feed time of 12pm daily – the first to hatch this season!
- Great prizes including family and annual passes
- Café treats & BBQ bacon butties

Bring the whānau, explore the forest, and discover the magic of our native wildlife.

Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre, SH2, Mount Bruce

July 17 Labour Weekend – Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 October 2025

More info: www.pukaha.org.nz

Prices: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, \$30 for whanau (up to 2 adults & 4 children)

Come and be part of the very first Pūkaha Wild Weekend — a new annual tradition celebrating our wild world!

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