

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora whānau

### Colour Run

We are looking forward to lots of fun, laughter, and water on Thursday at our Colour Run. A big thank you to those who have fundraised — that money will help reduce the cost of our senior camp in Term 4. I know our tamariki and whānau all appreciate the support.

### Swimming Sports

Our school swimming sports was another great success, with our students swimming their hearts out, showing amazing sportsmanship, and great competitiveness between the houses. Next week, we have inter-school swimming sports on Tuesday. Please keep an eye out for that notice to see if your child has qualified for this. Next Wednesday is non-competitive swimming sports for those who did not compete in our school swimming sports (Years 4–8).

A big **THANKYOU** to all the timekeepers that helped out on the day .

### Attendance

We love having our tamariki at school, and this term we have 82% of our students attending school 90% of the time. Let's see if we can get to 85% by the end of term next week.

Ngā mihi,  
Caroline

### SPORTS MANAWATŪ SURVEY

Sport Manawatū, alongside Sport New Zealand, are exploring ways to create more opportunities for people in our neighbourhood to be active and engage in play. We are working to reduce barriers, make participation more inclusive, and ensure activities meet the needs of our community. This survey is your opportunity to share your thoughts, experiences, and ideas to help shape future planning and opportunities in our area. Your input will directly inform how play spaces are developed locally. We would love your feedback to help us shape play for your community.



## CALENDAR

DATE 2026	EVENT
Thur 26 March	Colour Fun Run
Fri 27 March	Assembly
Tues 31 March	Interschool Swimming
Wed 1 April	Non Competitive Swimming Sports
Thurs 2 April	Term 1 Ends
Mon 20 April	Term 2 Starts

## Te Kākano Build Dams

Te Kākano tamariki have been busy exploring dam building during Learning Through Play and at Nature School. Using natural materials, they experimented with design, teamwork, and problem-solving to control the flow of water. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, creativity, and perseverance in action!



## REMINDERS

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



### Te Tipu Takes on Camp

Te Tipu had an unforgettable time at Camp in Week 6, packed with adventure, teamwork, and plenty of fun. On day one we tackled the Tawa Loop walk, which tested our determination with its steep uphill track but rewarded us with a real sense of achievement. We also spent a fantastic day at Akitio Beach building huts, taking part in beach bingo, and going for a swim. At the Heald Dairy Farm we experienced farm life by whipping cream and making butter the old-fashioned way using wooden churners, which we enjoyed on our scones! Whilst there we also explored the sunflower field, investigated the paddocks soil, and learnt about milking cows and how that milk then goes into the tanker. Back at camp there was plenty more fun, including movies, spotlight, STEM challenges, tenting on the middle field, and enjoying a BBQ and fish and chips for dinner. It was an action packed 3 days filled with new experiences and great memories for Te Tipu.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE

#### How it works:

Write down the title of *all* the books you read over the holidays (from 7<sup>th</sup> April - 17<sup>th</sup> April).

If you return this card before the 24<sup>th</sup> April, you will go into a Random Draw to win a prize!

There are also Bonus Challenges! For every Bonus Challenge you do, your name will go in the Random Draw an extra time! You can only do each Bonus Challenge once!

There will also be a special prize per age category for the child who reads the most books in the district!

Age categories: Juniors 5-8 years old  
Seniors 9-12 years old



Collect a Challenge Card from the library front desk from the 25<sup>th</sup> of March onwards!

Have you downloaded the Edge Musac App on our device (your caregiver login for school)? Call into the office if you would like help to do this. Through this app you can report absences, view reports and keep up-to-date with your child's attendance.

