

# PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora whānau

## Student Safety and School Gates

We know it can be a bit frustrating having to open the gates, especially at busy times, but we really appreciate your support in helping keep all of our tamariki safe. Please avoid encouraging children to climb the gates. Some of our students are not yet road-aware or able to keep themselves safe, which is why our gates have extra mesh to make climbing more difficult.

Please also remember to close the gates quickly behind you. Some of our tamariki may try to take advantage of an open gate and run, which could have very serious consequences. Thank you for helping us look after everyone.

## Parking and Driving Around School

A big thank you to all our whānau and community for your patience, care, and kindness around pick-up time, especially at 3pm. We know it can get busy with limited parking and lots of children needing to cross the road.

We really appreciate how considerate you are—slowing down, watching out for our tamariki, and letting them cross safely, even when you're keen to get home. It makes a real difference, so thank you.

## Staff Only Day Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that school will be closed on **Friday 29th May** for a Ministry of Education Curriculum Staff Only Day. This falls on the Friday of King's Birthday weekend, so please pop it in your calendar.

Ngā mihi,  
Caroline

**TERM 2**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
WEEKS 1-7

MAY 1	STUDENT LEADERS' ASSEMBLY	MAY 11	SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
MAY 13	WHĀNAU HUI 6PM	MAY 13/14	WHĀNAU/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
MAY 21	INTER SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY	MAY 26	CLASS PHOTOS
MAY 29	STAFF ONLY DAY	JUNE 1	KING'S BIRTHDAY

# CALENDAR

DATE 2026	EVENT
Mon 4 May	BOT Meeting—Staffroom 5.15pm
Mon 11 May	Cross Country
Fri 15 May	Pink Shirt Day
Fri 29 May	Staff Only Day
Mon 1 June	Kings Birthday
Fri 3 July	Term 2 Ends
Mon 29 July	Term 3 Begins

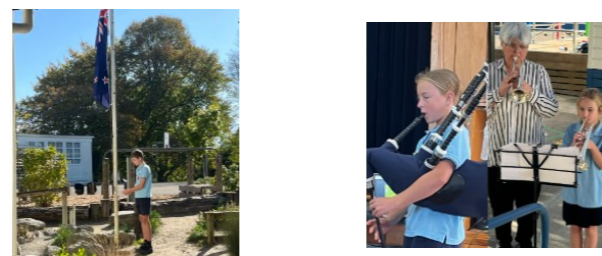
## Our ANZAC Service: Remembering Together



On Thursday 24 April our school held their ANZAC Service. We were lucky to have a member of the RSA, Tararua Councillors and members of our BOT as our special guests. Our school councillors presented the service to our community. A couple of stars throughout the service were Bella who played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes and Shelby and Linda who played the Last Post on the trumpet. The music was well played and everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening to the performances. Each team had speakers who shared an ANZAC poem which was followed by wreath bearers carrying a team created wreath to be placed on a stand for all to see.

The school councillors took these team wreaths to the community ANZAC service on 25 April.

We would like to thank our guests for coming, our performers and our outstanding councilors for their input during the service.



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.



# REMINDERS

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



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Room 7 Mathematicians at Work

In Room 7, we have been deepening our knowledge and application of decimals, fractions and percentages. In these photos, we are experimenting with different ways to estimate and explain what percentage of our container was full of water. Students used strategies such as measuring the whole with a piece of paper, marking where the water came to and then folding the paper to see what fraction they could make before converting it to a decimal.

## Science In Te Kākano

### Making Rain: Hands-On Science Learning in Action

Science is a whole school focus this year. This week we investigated how we get rain by doing 'The Rain Cloud In A Jar Experiment.' Ākonga read and followed the instructions, asked questions, predicted what would happen and then observed. We also looked on YouTube to further our knowledge about rain. We learnt new vocabulary such as precipitation, evaporation and water vapour. We can't wait to do our next experiment about the water cycle!

## SMILES ALL AROUND: SIMON'S ON THE MEND

The tamariki have been happy to see Simon up and about again after his surgery. He's received lots of cuddles and pats and enjoyed some fresh air and sunshine.

Tickets for sale now from the Dannevirke Regent Cinema Nibble Nook

Friday 8 May  
Doors open from 5 pm  
Movie starts 6 pm

Tickets include:  
• Movie Ticket  
• Pink Popcorn  
• Pink Ice-cream  
• Pink Drink

Raffles for Sale  
Come dressed as your favourite Bridget Jones character or wear pink to win spot prizes!

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PINK RIBBON  
EVENT

**BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY**  
25TH ANNIVERSARY

## READY FOR NEW SEASON

DANNEVIRKE SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB (DSRC) INVITING RETURNING AND NEW JUNIORS TO THE CLUB FOR THE 2026 SEASON

Are you a Year 7 or 8 and want to have a go at Smallbore Rifle Shooting? Boys and girls both welcome. Our junior shooting season starts every Tuesday from 28 April 2026 from 5.30-7pm. There are very limited spaces available, with year 8 students given priority. Parental help is a necessity. Cost for the 8 weeks is \$150 which includes targets, ammunition, rifle use, coaching, final parents vs child shoot, Southern Hawkes Bay competition and awards. Please register your child's interest by the 21 April 2026.

For more information contact Ruth McNair (0210777952) or Julia Blacklaws (0273311660) or email [juliaanddean@xtra.co.nz](mailto:juliaanddean@xtra.co.nz)

## Te Puāwai tests out CENTRE OF GRAVITY:

We have been learning to find the centre of gravity in objects we use in the classroom. We had 3 challenges against each other to test our centre of gravity. Our first challenge was to have a broom and to see whether the boys or girls could step over the broom whilst holding it on either side. The girls won this challenge due to where our centre of gravity is in our body. Our second challenge also used the broom, but instead of stepping over it, we had to try and balance it on one finger. We started out with the broom on the floor and had to pick it up with our index fingers, and once we got it off the ground, we had to figure out how to balance it on one finger. Our third challenge was the popsicle stick challenge. We had a popsicle stick and used pipe cleaners, blue tack, pegs and paper clips. We used the objects to balance the popsicle stick on the tip of our finger, which meant we had to put our objects at a specific place to move the centre of gravity. We were exploring how forces can be used to move objects, and how the properties of objects affect how they move.

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