



NEWSLETTER PĀNUI

Week 9 Term 4 2020: 7 December 2020

GREENDALE SCHOOL KĀNUKA RURUHĀU

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By providing shelter and nourishment, the growth will flourish



Matai creating prints on reusable bags.



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Calendar of Events

3 December	Y6 full day at Darfield High School
10 December	End of Year Celebration at Greendale Hall
11 December	Last Day for 2020
	Summer Holidays
1 February 2021	Staff only Day
2 February	Students first day back at school (Students to please bring in named stationery)
11 February	Life Education visit—whole school Health Education Truck
19 February	Top Team afternoon Yr5 + Yr6
25 February	Malvern Triathlon (opt in Yr4-Yr6)
3 March	Malvern Yr 6 Whakatipu Kaihautu Training
18 March	Malvern Swimming Yr4-6 (qualifiers)
19 March	Elgregoe visit—Whole school Bully Free show
30 March	Malvern Spelling Bee Yr5 + Yr6
8 April	Canterbury Swimming Yr5+ Yr6 (qualifiers)

Principal's Comment

Tena koutou,

Thank-you to the families who completed the google form recently. We have begun using your feedback and will continue into 2021. We have already followed your lead and implementing "health education-puberty lessons" at a basic level for year 4's this year along with year 5 and 6.(Tuesday 8th).

We have finally had confirmation from the Ministry of Education that due to beginning Term 1 ,with just 64 students, we will be back to 3 teachers for 2021. This has dictated how we split our year groups.

So we can now confirm the year groups per class which is based on numbers:

Matai will be made up of year 5-6 (27 students)

Horopito will be made up of year 3-4 (24 students)

Turepo will be made up of year 1-2 (13 students)

Please note that Year 4 will still go on camp with year 5 and 6 in term 1. (Proposed camp venue and date will be out before the end of the year).

We are very aware we have a mixture of abilities in all classes so we are planning to run a flexible programme in 2021. We will run writing, reading and maths at the same time in all classes Monday- Thursday. And children will be doing their learning in the class with like ability. This flexible learning approach will be the best for the children needs. It enables students to be challenged and supported where needed.

We are also very happy to have teacher aide support across all classrooms again in 2021. This has been made possible from the support of the PTA. So we thank-you them very much for their contribution to our budget for 2021.

I look forward to seeing you all at our end of year celebration at the Greendale Hall on Thursday evening at 6pm. Children need to wear uniform please and sit at the front with their class. There will be a break, so that if families want to leave part way through they can.

Principal's Comment

Continued:

The last day of school, Friday will be spent tidying up, water sliding and swimming also fare welling our year 6's.

This year the year 6's will be signing a panel on the blue wall (a great suggestion from a parent!)

Thank-you for your contributions and support in working together with your children's education in 2020, in what has been an interesting year! I hope you all get a well-deserved break over Christmas, the New Year or Summer.

We look forward to seeing most of you in 2021.

For those students and families that aren't returning, we are proud to be part of your journey. We wish you the very best in your future. You know you are always welcome to visit us anytime.



SIP Property Grant

Recently the MOE have given all schools in NZ a grant to be used on property. Our BOT has decided to do the playground bark first. Our old broken down bark needs to be totally removed (by Marc Lucas near the end of January before school starts in term 1). Families are welcome to come in with trailers and take it away at a low cost. It can be used for gardens, mulching etc. Then Marc will lay a new compliant bark chip.

I will be in touch with all whanau via email in the holidays, letting you know which day he'll be removing it in January. Please tell your friends and family they can come in for trailer loads too.

Merry Xmas, Meri Kerihimete

Tuhinga

Carey-Anne

Tūrepo News

from Helena Cridge

Turepo have had a great time learning about shapes. Next week we will be cruising into Christmas themes and all things christmassy will be coming your way.

The children are so excited about swimming! Four children had their first experience of going in our school pool on Tuesday. It was rather chilly but they soon overcame this and gained their confidence. Please help remind them to bring their togs every day. If it is cold or raining we won't go swimming.

Children's work will begin to come home such as books that are finished and any work they've done that is on the walls. I won't be putting up anything else instead it will go straight home.

We won't be running the usual programme next week as it will be a bit more relaxed and a few more interruptions. We may still do reading but no new books will be going home, instead we will be playing games and focusing on heart words.

As we draw to a close I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you for your wonderful children. They have all worked so hard and for those who endured lock down well done. Hopefully we won't have to encounter a similar event again.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching all Turepo children and we have had many changes. Looking back in Turepo I do wonder how we fitted in the now Kowhai room, but we did and it worked well. However the new class is wonderful and the space is terrific especially having the art area.

The PMP gear is wonderful and the children thoroughly enjoy these sessions so thank you again to our PTA for funding this great resource.

Enjoy your well deserved summer break and I hope you get to have some quality family time.

Merry Christmas



PTA

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a enjoyable holiday break.

Many thanks to all those who have helped raise funds this year.

We are looking forward to another successful year in 2021.

Mary Warren

PTA chair

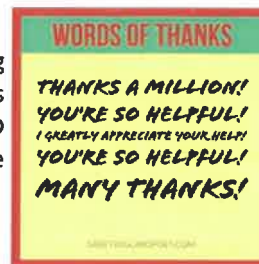


Merry Christmas

School News

Tutoring with Carol Thornton:

We have a number of families who've taken up paid tutoring with Carol for their children. We are really lucky to have this opportunity within school. She is a trained teacher, SPELD teacher and is very popular with the children. If you are interested, contact Carey-Anne.



PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL URGENTLY:

- All Library Books
- All School Books
- All Sports Uniforms

Mathletics over the holidays – these subscriptions continue through the break, so children can keep using it for maths practice!

Thank you:

To the "F A & R J" Lamborn family for selecting Greendale School to receive the proceeds from AFFCO's Bobby Calf Cash for Schools Programme.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing our December and January birthday children a Happy Birthday:

- * Tessa , who turns 11 on 14 December
- * George, who turns 9 on 12 December
- * Oliver, who turns 7 on 24 December
- * Konnor, who turns 9 on 17 December
- * Hannah, who turns 7 on 31 January
- * Aidan, who turns 8 on 24 January
- * Lucas, who turns 6 on 26 January
- * Khloe, who turns 9 on 19 January
- * Oliver, who turns 11 on 11 January

Horopito

from Mrs G

The Year 3s shared an awesome time with Mr G from Hororata School, when he came along and hosted a STEAM evening at school. He showed the children a model of a billy cart racer that he had made, shared with them safety and behaviour expectations, and then let them choose what they thought they needed from looking at the model from the equipment and materials he had brought along. His mantra for the evening basically was "I will help you AFTER you have given it a try". The children were not allowed to ask how to or what to do - they were able to look at the model and decide how and where things needed to be put. While the main group were assembling their own carts, Mr G and a rotation of pairs of the children were outside using the power tools to create a kid-sized billy cart racer from wood and other various materials. The whole evening was abuzz with discussion, modifications, alterations and sharing of ideas. All of the children were able to use the power tools (supervised), assisted with the cutting, measuring and assembling of the racer.



Horopito

from Mrs G

The children went home very satisfied from their shared tea, took home a cardboard billy cart race, and were quite smug knowing that they had been part of making a full sized racer that could be used in the playground. The weather has scuppered its use a little, but it has been out and used with great delight as much as possible.

Swimming began for us in earnest - well, in goose bumps and chattering teeth! The children are being encouraged to bring their togs each day and I would like to get as many into the pool as possible as it's such a great social time!

Reading, Writing and Maths sessions will be Christmas-focused this week, so there will be no decodables sent home, Instead, a variety of other reading materials will be filling the reading folders. Please have a look around to see if there are any school library books lurking, and send them back before the holidays begin.

I have just looked at the calendar and have realised that this is the last newsletter for the year! I would be fibbing if I said it had been a great year. What I can say is I have learned so much - about what your wallpaper looks like, how tidily you leave your kitchen bench, what your kids pajamas look like - gotta love Zooming! I have seen anxiousness, resilience, tiredness, patience, and excitement; I have seen little faces looking to the adults in their lives to provide safety and security for them and I have seen tears and triumphs. 2020 has been a year of ups and downs, stops and starts, and highs and lows - for us all. Let's all move on from 2020, safe in the knowledge that 2021 can only get better! Many thanks to you and your children for riding the rollercoaster in the year that has been 2020 - bring on a New Year. Stay safe, SunSmart and COVID-free!



School News

Choir:

In this crazy COVID year, the annual Christchurch Schools' Music Festival was cancelled. This created a great deal of disappointment Canterbury-wide for those children who were eager to participate. The powers that be at the Music Festival then decided, in this age of Zooming and recording, that there was a solution, and chose "We are the World" to bring everyone together in song. The schools still able to participate were sent instructions on how to record the singers, and where to upload the video to. This was done in the children's own time and with a great deal of hilarity at recording time!

Greendale School entered our HUGE choir of three - Annalyse, Angelie and Libby. As you can see from the video, they represented the school, their families and themselves incredibly well. A big thank you to the girls for the effort they put in. Please enjoy their part of the performance by viewing the song on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/YhWfpVqPG-M>

from (a very proud) Mrs G

Worried or confused about something?

If you have questions and concerns about your child, please call, email or phone to make a meeting with the class teacher or Principal. Clarification immediately can help with queries and concerns.

Recharge Site work at Courtenay Show:

It was exciting to get a call from Mr Sewell in Kirwee who really liked reading our environmental projects on display at the show. He is coming to school next week to donate us traps for the "Predators" group- yippee!

Class Stationery:

Class Stationery information will be sent home later this week. We are currently working through online ordering with Quizzle (Eeny meeneys new name)

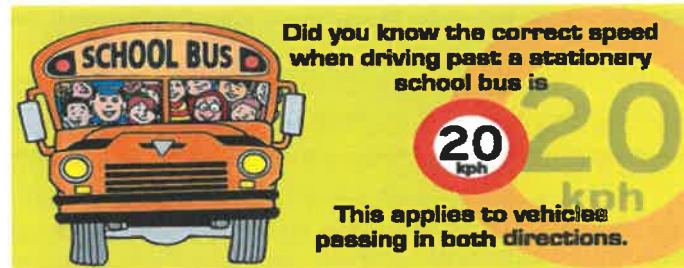
Safety Vests:

From Term 1 2021, students will have a safety vest on their uniform list. If your child

School News

New afternoon bus departure point:

Our new afternoon bus departure area on Greendale Road, behind Matai class seems to be working well. It removes the pressure of the bus at the green gate. Gavin can turn around easily away from the busy corner. We have plans to tidy the area following its use as a building site.



Funky Friday- donations for the Malvern food bank:

****See this lovely letter from Aunty Lynn****

To all the Tamariki and Whānau of Greendale School,

When I turned up yesterday to help out at the Darfield Food Bank, I saw oodles of food and some wonderful gifts for the children! We have put the Christmas gifts and special treats to one side and will distribute these in time for Christmas. What a wonderful act for you all to do. The Food Bank Managers were over the moon!

School News

School Photos:

Photos will be sent home this week.

End of Year Celebration:

This will be held on Thursday 10th December. Please arrive at 5.45pm for a 6pm start at the Greendale Hall.

Scholastic Book Club:

Book club orders will be sent home this week.

School Pool:

This is now open. Please check the roster and ensure all testing is completed. If testing isn't completed there is a risk that the Selwyn Council will close the pool.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays (closed between 25th December to 5th January).

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston,**
- **Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,**
- **Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook,**
- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please:

call **0800 846 983**

Or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

Matai News

from Mrs Adams,
Mrs Whitaker and
Mrs Clubb

Term 4 2020!

Matai have been creating poems of different styles. We have unpacked the features that make the poems fit presentation formats. These originals are available to view around the walls of our classroom. Please feel free to drop in before or after school to read children's work on display. We are all proud of our published work. Teachers consider everyone shines through as a poet in the making.

Spelling data has been collected and we are pleased with the results. In Maths we are using different strategies to solve maths challenges. Some children are really thinking outside the box.

This week we have planned our art for printing onto a reusable bag. This has involved using templates and design features to create "Flox art", which incorporates New Zealand native birds and fauna in bright colours. We have had discussions on contrasting colours and which colours go together. Children are now working on making their own stencils of native birds, which look amazing. We will have these completed over the next few days.

Thanks for supporting your child this year and we wish our year 6 students all the best at their new school. We will certainly miss their smiling faces and bright friendly personalities.

Wishing you all wonderful, safe and happy holidays.

Mrs Whitaker, Mrs Adams and Mrs Clubb



School News

Waiti waita (macarena)



Board of Trustees

From your Board Chair:

Thanks to our wonderful PTA for all the fundraising they do. They've just funded a top-up to our budget that means we can keep our full team of teacher aides next year who help so much to make Greendale School special.

Our cell phone reception is about to be improved – not just for the school, but the whole Greendale district. The three cell phone networks have formed Rural Connectivity Group which will install a new rural broadband tower between Charing Cross and the school by March next year.

Thanks and farewell to Kelly Hitchins who is leaving Greendale. Kelly has contributed her energy and experience to your school board for more than four years. We going to miss Kelly and we wish her, Joe and the boys well in their new community.

Ralph Brown

Community News

Darfield Swimming Pool lessons over the Christmas holidays:

- Rebecca & Christina are offering 10 lessons in the mornings 4-15 Jan 2021
- Christina & Caitlyn are offering 10 lessons in the mornings 18-29 Jan 2021

Enquires & bookings please phone Christina 021 0531 880 or Rebecca 3179 055 evenings

Santa's Grotto in the Darfield Jail

Friday 18 December 3-6pm

Saturday 19 December 10-1pm

Monday 21. Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23

December 3-6pm.

Come and talk to Santa and take a ticket in our Free Raffle.



FMG Jr and AgriKids CONTEST



For more detail check out the Posters in school reception area



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