



Upcoming Dates & Events—Term 1

February:	
Monday 24 th	Goal Setting Meetings, School closes 12.30pm
Wednesday 26 th	Year 4 - Rm 6 Overnight camp
Thursday 27 th	Year 4 - Rm 5 Overnight camp
March:	
Monday 2 nd	PTA Information Evening
Monday 9 th	School Swimming Sports
Friday 13 th	School Triathlon - Yr 4→6 School Disco
Tuesday 17 th →Friday 20 th	Yr 6 Camp - Taranaki
Monday 23 rd →Friday 3 rd April	Life Education Trust Visiting
Tuesday 24 th	Interschool Swimming Sports
Wednesday 25 th	BOT Meeting
Wednesday 25 th → Friday 27 th	Yr 5 Camp—Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Levin
April:	
Monday 6 th	School Closed Staff PD - “The Science of Reading” with Liz Kane. Last Day Term 1
Thursday 9 th	(Holidays include Easter & Anzac Day. School returns for Term 2 Tuesday 28 th April.)

2020 House Leaders

Kauri: Katie Cairncross, Elle Limpus, Sam Anderson, Evario Pepe.
Kowhai: Grace Ivory, Lily Camp, Romin Hawley, Xander Laird.
Rata: Florence Macbeth, Becky Roy, Ethan Toy, Sam Penwarden.
Totara: Grace Eastabrook, Bella-Jean Fantham Houia,
Ihaia Cooper, Mitchell Young.



Celebrating Success:



Congratulations Leah Bullock who won the 7-9yrs small wheel trail class at the recent annual Woodville NZ Championship Grand Prix. She raced against a field of boys, with her Mum and Dad yelling with excitement and so proud!! Well done Leah.



Congratulations also to Isabel Ross who during the School holidays was chosen to represent New Zealand, in the under 13's Rink Hockey team. She will play in the Trans Tasman competition in April this year.
Well done Isabel.



Virtues Awards

Congratulations to the first group of Virtue Recipients for the year. These learners are recognised for displaying their team virtues and celebrated with morning tea with Mr Fitzgerald. Well done!



Whanaungatanga (a sense of belonging) - Enthusiasm: Jay Edmonds, Toby Hamling, Lily-Rose Goldsack.
Reliability: Eden Matthews.
Unity/Cooperation: Lucas Toohill.
Ako - a positive, collaborative learner: Rafe Hall.
Ako - a cooperative and considerate learner: Theo O'Leary.
Manaakitanga: Declan Harris.
Courage: Aria Goodgame, Emma Ward, Annabelle Stoop.
Friendliness: Leah Steedman, Poppy Englebretn.

2019 Achievement Information

Whole school achievement information was recently shared with our staff and Board of Trustees. The table below sets out achievement in relation to the expected Year level NZ Curriculum expectation.

At or above Curriculum Expectation	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
All students	89%	91%	91%
Maori Students	81%	88%	88%
Year 6	100%	100%	100%
Maori Students	100%	100%	100%

We are proud of the progress of all of our students, with special mention of the achievement of our Year 6 akonga (learners) who have transitioned to Year 7. These learners begin the next stage of their educational journey well prepared as literate and numerate akonga!

During our reporting process we identified progress and achievement made with our annual targets for reading, writing and maths. Accelerated progress (which indicates more than one year's progress within a year) was made by a significant group of learners.

PTA Information Evening Monday 2nd March - 7pm Staffroom

Are you able to either join or help out our school PTA with some community building or fundraising activities? If so, please come along and hear what the valuable group discuss and how you might be able to help. Love to see you - Your PTA.



2020 Librarians

Riley Loader, Owen Murphy, Leith Dorricott, Ji Ho Lee, Steven Forsyth, Tiori Town, Melanie Goosen, Lila Cavanagh, Emily Brown, Brooke Rasmussen, Niamh Tighe, Amber Turner, Molly-May Smith-Hogg.

Academic Achievement and/or Progress:

Congratulations to the following students:



Grace Eastabrook: Using personal voice in her writing.
Ethan Wells: A focussed and purposeful start to Year 5.
Keep up the great attitude Ethan.
Te Manawanui Marks-George: Excellent writing - “He’s the person who....” (is going to have an outstanding year going by how he’s started).
Alena Osborne: Great positive and supportive attitude towards learning. A great start to the year.
Keanu Joseph: An enthusiastic and impressive effort in recrafting.
Julie Stoop: Powerful language in your recrafting and cameo writing.
Aaron Misra: For his positive attitude to learning and self management. Ka Pai Aaron!
Wairangi Potaka-Osborne Milner-Skudder: Showing the class how to use a checklist to help us write a Cinquain poem.
Savannah Jefferies: A wonderful start to school by being a role model and trying hard in all areas of her learning. Ka Pai!
Eva-Sophia Turner: A great start to the school year and great writing.
Leo Houlahan: For his amazing, positive attitude to learning. Ka Pai Leo!
Aizza Libin: Being an amazing learner with a positive attitude towards her learning.
Hannah Crawford: Having such a positive attitude to learning and for always doing her best.

School Swimming Sports – Monday 9th March, 10am – 1pm

On Monday the 9th of March we will be holding our senior school swimming sports. This event will be held at the Splash Centre starting as close to 10am as possible. Students in years 4, 5 and 6 will be involved and will have to be able to confidently swim one length of the Splash Centre in either freestyle, backstroke or breaststroke. Event order for the day will be Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke starting with the 8year old girls then boys, followed by 9yr olds and finishing with 10+year old. All students that are competing will be leaving school at 9:30 and walking to the Splash Centre. We will require some parents to accompany us for this walk. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you are able to help.

School Triathlon – Friday 13th March, 1pm – 2:45pm

On Friday 13th of March we will be holding our senior school triathlon final. Prior to this date year groups will have run their own event and students will have recorded a time for doing a full triathlon. On the day of the final students will be grouped with others that have recorded similar times in practice races. Students will need to complete all three sections of the triathlon to compete on the day. They will require their togs, towel, bikes and helmet. Parents are encouraged to come along and support the competitors on this day.

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,
Tena Koutou Katoa

We have had an amazing start to our 2020 school year. Thank you to all who were able to join us last week for our school picnic. A neat community night. Thank you PTA and staff for all your help and support with this community building event. Yesterday afternoon we had the first of the two Goal setting Parent/Student/Teacher meetings.
On Monday 24th February we will close again at 12.30 to complete these meetings. There are limited times still available, so if you have not yet made a time please do so.
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Event code: ws28g.
If Monday does not work, an alternative time can be arranged. Please contact your child's teacher.
You will see enclosed in the newsletter is our Term 1 PTA fundraiser, Hot Cross Buns. If you are able to ask friends, family, colleagues, neighbours etc this would be appreciated. We are fundraising this year to replace our portable sound system and also a shade sail to cover the junior quad.
Remember we all want the very best for all our students. If you have any questions, queries or concerns please make a time to discuss with our fabulous staff. If we know, we can help.
Enjoy the lovely summer.

Nga mihi nui
Michael Fitzgerald

New Students

A warm welcome to the following new students who recently joined our school family.
Allister Tyson-Tahana, Lottie Reid, Harlo Sharratt.
We wish you all the best for your learning at our school.



Disco

Date: Friday 13th March
Time: Juniors (Rm 7-16) **5-6pm** Seniors (Rm 1-6) **6.30-7.30pm.**
Cost: Entry \$3. Treats available to purchase 50c-\$2.
Please ensure your child is accompanied to the hall and collected by an adult from the hall promptly at the end.

School BOT

The elected BOT continue to serve our community in the strategic direction of our school. We thank:
Janine Heerdegen (Chairperson), Cameron Town (Treasurer), Simon Cairncross (Personnel), Andy Reid (Property), Tash McKee (Health & Safety), Loren Symes (PTA Rep), Samantha White (Staff Rep), Lynette Brown (Secretary), Michael Fitzgerald (Principal).



Karearea Team—Let's Go

The Karearea team have just completed a Let's Go/Mā Ake Cycle Skills programme delivered by Whanganui Multi Sport Club. The programme was enjoyed by our senior students who learnt Grade one bike riding skills.
"Thank you for teaching me how to get more confidence and teaching me how to exit a roundabout. You are a really good teacher. Thanks again" Bella-Jean.

