

Birdwood School Newsletter Week 4 Term 4, 2020



Birdwood School PB4L

Thursday 5th November 2020



Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, talofa lava, fakalofa lahi atu. malo e lelei, bula vinaka, naumaste, Ni hao, Ahn nyong ha se yo, Sawasdee, Xin Chao, Malo ni, Fakatalofa atu, Ayubowan & Sawubana, Greetings to you all.

Special welcome to: Jacob- Jayemis Muavae.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a fabulous Labour Weekend. The weather was incredible and our family made the most of the sunshine. I know many of you would have experienced your first swim for summer. Although last week was a short week because of our Teacher Only Day, it was amazing how much we managed to pack into it. If you haven't joined our skool loop page I would encourage you to 'log on', because there are some wonderful photos and messages of all the activities and initiatives happening daily at school.

Recently we celebrated and acknowledged the 2020 Tokelau Language theme 'Apoapo tau foe, i nā tāfea i te galutau. Ke mau mai, ke mau mai' which in English translates to, 'Never give up hope, even amidst chaos and much uncertainty. Stay united, stay strong'. The theme "Apoapo tau foe, i nā tāfea i te galutau" is part of a traditional Tokelauan prayer, asking the people rowing a canoe to hold on dearly to the paddles and row in unison so we are not washed away by the tidal/big waves. "Ke mau mai, ke mau mai" is an encouragement to be strong and maintain rowing consistently/non-stop. This year's theme was influenced by the events of 2020 and how the COVID-19 outbreak has shaped a new normal for the Tokelau community and everyone worldwide. At Birdwood School we try to celebrate and acknowledge all our Pasifika weeks as advertised on the Pacific People's website. Later this term we will culminate our language weeks by celebrating all our cultures at Birdwood School

TOKELAU LANGUAGE WEEK 2020



Tokelau Language Week 2020



SOME IDEAS TO HELP OUR CHILDREN DURING THE WARM SUMMER WEATHER - With the warm summer months fast approaching we are starting to get some sunny days so it's time to remember SLIP, SLOP, SLAP & WRAP. We are reminding students to slip on a shirt, slap on a hat, slop on sunscreen and slurp from a bottle of water. The hat and plastic bottle of water need to come to school each day. Wide-brimmed sun hats are great for wearing outside when playing during Terms 1 and 4.

- With the heat and humidity that comes with the summer months, some children fall asleep at school. So make sure your children are going to bed at a reasonable hour.
- Send your children to school with cooler clothing only. Long sleeved tops, thick tracksuit pants, thick stockings, leggings cause children to sweat and be uncomfortable. Sometimes children wear long sleeved t shirts under their Birdwood School tops. This is not necessary in summer.
- Please name all clothing, hats and footwear

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 1

Under Covid-19 Alert Level 1, Birdwood School will be open for all children. We continue to be mindful of our Covid 19 protocols at all times.

YEAR 8 GRADUATION DATE AND TPOTR POROPOROAKI

The Year 6 tamariki from TPOTR and Year 8 Graduation will be happening on **Wednesday 9 December** (Week 9, Term 4) and TPOTR Poroporoaki will be held on **Thursday 10th December** at the school prize giving. Prize giving will begin with TPOTR opening our occasion with a welcome.

NON RETURNING STUDENTS 2020

To assist us with planning, we would greatly appreciate knowing of any students who will not be returning to Birdwood School in 2021. Maybe you are moving out of the area. We ask as the number of students on our roll, and at each level, directly affects staffing and our class compositions. If your child/ren is/are not returning, please email the school office. admin@birdwood.school

SCHOOL LUNCHES 2021

The Government is currently introducing a free, healthy, daily school lunch in some schools for all students. We are super excited to let you know that our school will be joining the free lunch programme from 2021.

All parents want to provide their children with a lunch every day. But, as you will know, there are many reasons parents can struggle, often through no fault of their own. We know that some of you will have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering a lunch for all our children who need it will go some way to helping families and whānau to support their children and tamariki. This is why we have decided to take part in this programme.

You can find out more about the programme at: www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches If you have any further questions, please contact our office, or the Ministry at school.lunches@education.govt.nz

PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA - A special morning tea will take place on **Thursday 26th November at 10:30am** for our wonderful parents that teachers have identified as classroom/school parent helpers over the 2020 year in one way or another as well as people who have supported us in the community during the year. Invitations will go out to our Parent helpers within the next few weeks

What an awesome day! Our year 7 and 8 touch tournament was an amazing success. Whilst our team were not placed. It was so pleasing to see our students show our 4rs values not only on the field but off the field as well. Lui, Ielemia and Tenga lead both teams with integrity, positivity and great leadership. Thanks to Miss P and Mrs T who took them for the day.



TOUCH TOURNAMENT



Are you Fundraising? - Currently we're still a long way from our goal, so we need everyone to pull together to help. The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising. Go to schoolfunrun.co.nz, create a student profile page and share your online fundraising link via SMS, Email and Social Media. **Thank You**

TERM 4 EVENTS 2020	
Wednesday 11th November	Athletics / Fun Run
Monday 16th November	Wero trip Y7/8
Tuesday 17th November	Swimming starts Y1-6
Thursday 19th November	NW Athletic cluster Photo Day
Monday 23rd November	BOT meeting
Tuesday 24th November	Zoo trip Y3/4
Wednesday 25th November	Rangitoto Y5-8
Thursday 26th November	Helpers morning tea
Wednesday 9th December	Year 6 (TPoTR) Year 8 graduation dinner
Thursday 10th December	School Prize giving Bike safety Y5&6
Friday 11th December	Water safety trip
Tuesday 15th December	Last day 2020. School closes 12.30pm

PRIZEGIVING - TERM 4 - School Prizegiving is on **Thursday 10th December from 9.30am**. We will celebrate together our prize giving this year - Junior, Senior and TPOTR students.

ENROLMENTS 2021 - Do you have, or know of any 4 year olds turning 5 this year, who are in the Birdwood school zone and are planning to be enrolled at our school in early 2021. The number of students we can confirm as coming to Birdwood school has a direct effect on staffing so the more we know the better it is for all. We would also appreciate knowing of any other families moving to the area with students at other year levels who will be joining us in 2020. You can phone the office on 09 8338479 to find out how to complete an enrolment. The office will be open for 2021 enrolments from 20 January 2020 from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

ENROLMENTS FOR TE PUAWAI-TANGA o Te REO

TPOTR is open for enrolments! If you are interested in enrolling your child in 2021 please contact admin@birdwood.school.nz. If you would like a classroom visit, please contact the school office 09 8338479.

END OF YEAR REPORTING DATES

Our written reports will be sent home in Week 8, Term 4 (Mon 30 Nov - Fri 4 Dec).

ATTENDANCE

At School	LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE 80.6% TARGET—90%
On Time	
All Day	
Everyday	

26/10 to 30/10

2021 DATES - START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Trustees have approved the School starting date for 2021 as:

- **Tuesday 2 February** - Staff Professional Development Day (Teachers only)
- **Wednesday 3 February** - First day of school for students

Please diary this date, as to when students will be returning to School for 2021 - **Wednesday 3 February, 2021**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Quinton Herbert-Simmonds, Rebecca Finau, Filipino Avia, Daniella Mc Carthy

Birthdays celebrated from:
22nd October - 5th November 2020

If your child is absent, please remember to call 833 8479/ text 0275694305 or website: www.birdwood.school.nz