

Birdwood School Newsletter Week 6 Term 4, 2020

WE SHOW RESILIENCE *Manauaroa*

I WILL:

- NEVER GIVE UP
- KEEP TRYING WHEN IT GETS CHALLENGING
- PERSIST
- BOUNCE BACK QUICKLY

BIRDWOOD SCHOOL VALUES

Birdwood School PB4L

Thursday 19th November 2020

WE SHOW RANGATIRA *Leadership*

I WILL:

- SET AND EXPECT HIGH STANDARDS
- BE A ROLE MODEL FOR THOSE AROUND ME
- LEAD BY EXAMPLE

BIRDWOOD SCHOOL VALUES

WE SHOW RESPECT *Whakautu*

I WILL:

- RESPECT MYSELF AND THOSE AROUND ME
- RESPECT MY OWN AND OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY
- RESPECT MY ENVIRONMENT

BIRDWOOD SCHOOL VALUES

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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The weather is really starting to show some promise and its lovely we can have longer days to enjoy the outdoors.

We are so lucky to live in a country where our daily lives are markedly different to the experiences in other countries. At a time when schools around the world are contemplating closing because of lockdowns, we are able to have our children where they belong - in school, learning! The children absolutely love coming to school and are fully engaged in a number of different learning activities. The students are participating in a number of trips over the next 2 weeks so please check you have completed and signed permission slips.

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

ENROLMENTS FOR TE PUAWAITANGA 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.

ROAD SAFETY

Last week we had the community constable patrolling our school in the morning. He was keen to find out about any issues we have with car parking and road safety. I told him sometimes our community members park in the wrong area as well as children who are not using the pedestrian crossing after school. This is mainly because parents call their children to cross the road. Many times I have witnessed some very dangerous use of Karepo Crescent - not only by car drivers but also pedestrians. Please be mindful of our children crossing the road as well as where you park your cars. Please have a discussion with your children about some road safety tips below.

- ⇒ Point out traffic signs and signals and explain what they mean.
- ⇒ Talk about safer places to cross the road like pedestrian crossings.
- ⇒ Always wear your seatbelt
- ⇒ Show them the safest route to school.
- ⇒ Encourage children not to play with toys or balls when walking to school as they may run onto the road to retrieve them.
- ⇒ Teach students how to cross the road safely

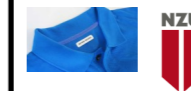
Please do not park across people's driveways - Be mindful of our neighbours.

SCHOOL FUNRUN

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**

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TERM 4 EVENTS 2020

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
Monday 7th December	Final BOT Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 9th December	Year 6 (TPoTR) Year 8 graduation dinner Bike Safety Y5&6
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

PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA - A special morning tea will take place on **Thursday 26th November** at 11.00am for our wonderful parents and community that staff have identified as classroom/school parent helpers over the 2020 year in one way or another, have supported us in the community during the year. We **THANK YOU** for all the work you do to support our learners.

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.

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

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.

END OF YEAR REPORTING DATES

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

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.

2021 DATES - START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

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

- **Tuesday 2 February 2021** - Staff Professional Development Day (Teachers only)
 - **Wednesday 3 February 2021** - 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

ATTENDANCE

At School	THIS FORTNIGHT ATTENDANCE 87.5% TARGET—90%
On Time	
All Day	
Everyday	
	LAST FORTNIGHT 80.6%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jake Whittaker How, Ryan Higgins, Xavier Sapati, Junior Vaelei, Sam Hill, Puamanongi Vaelei, Harlem Sapati, Tai Toa, Alatina Moematangi, Wilton Schwenke, Ocean-Carol Afualo-Malaeiflogia & Pelenato Sinisa

Birthdays celebrated from:
6th November - 19th November 2020



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