

Birdwood School Newsletter Week 4 Term 1, 2021

WE SHOW RESILIENCE
Manawaraa

I WILL:

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

BIRDWOOD SCHOOL VALUES

WE SHOW RESPONSIBILITY
Haepapa

I WILL:

- STOP AND THINK BEFORE I ACT
- BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY
- HELP WHEN IT IS NEEDED

BIRDWOOD SCHOOL VALUES

Birdwood School PB4L

Thursday 25th February 2021

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 nong ha se yo, Sawasdee, Xin Chao, Malo ni, Fakatalofa atu, Ayubowan & Sawubana, Greetings to you all.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS:

Hussie foiaso, Sienna Stirling-Phongsa, Rachel Waiariki, Sione Aloua, Vatau Aloua, Valron Taulupe, John Taulupe, Peni Taulupe, Rome Ngaro, Scarlet-Rain Mangu-Araipu, Mohammed Toufiz, Taniza Nisha, Teziba Nisha, Dylan Inder, Blake Dell, Salaina Lagomalo, Tayla Rewi, Paula Paula, Conor Hohaia, Zaevion Schwenke, Farani Lafaele, Mateo Feliciano, Titus Afualo, Ahokava Taulupe, L.A. Murphy, Paua Osia, Metusela Osia & Seth Ash.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is so nice returning to our first full week of school. Our tamariki are engaged in learning and kaiako are building those important relationships with their students. Our learning conversations are coming up very soon so we welcome whanau to come along and share their knowledge of their children with our teachers. The beginning of the year is a crucial time for building those relationships with children so any information you are able to share will be greatly received by the classroom teacher.

We have 2 new teachers who started this year. Whaea Ashley who is teaching in Te Henga Year 2&3 and Whaea Sarah who will start next week. She will be working with small groups to help us accelerate students learning in Literacy and Mathematics. We welcome both these lovely teachers to the Birdwood whanau.

Whaea Ashley
Teacher for
Te Henga



Whaea Sarah
Learning Coach

CHARTER /ANNUAL PLAN

In 2020 we completed extensive consultation regarding our charter and the skills/attributes/characteristics needed to grow confident learners together. We met with a number of different groups during the year as well as surveying the community. What should schooling, teaching and most especially LEARNING look like in this rapidly changing world? I used this information to write 4 key goals for the next 3 years which is aligned to the National Education Learning Priorities (NELPS) from the Ministry Of Education.

The New Zealand Government is committed to continually building and developing a world class education. The National Education Learning Priorities (NELPS) set out the priorities and objectives of achieving change across our system, reflective of a culturally rich and diverse Aotearoa. At the heart of the NELPS, sit three core components: wellbeing, equity and inclusion.

The goals for 2021-2023 are

- Growing teacher capacity
- Enhancing use of Digital Technologies
- Strengthen Relationships with Local Community and Schools
- To have a safe and secure learning environment that support the health and well being of students and staff

We have also consulted on a new mission statement. We have narrowed this down to 3 statements and we ask our community to vote on the one that they believe reflects our school.

- Achieving success together - ma te whanau tatou e puawei
- Growing, Inspiring and Achieving together
- Growing and encouraging each learner to achieve success

Please email me jenny@birdwood.school.nz with your selection.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Learning Conversations or student led conferences will be held on **Wednesday 10th March 2021**. This is an opportunity for your children to share with you their goals for the first part of this year. This is also a time for families, children and teachers to have a shared understanding of specifics around where effort and energy needs to be directed in terms of learning. Student led conferences are not the forum for parents to raise issues that are sensitive in nature that potentially should not be discussed with the child present. If there is anything you wish to discuss of a sensitive nature with your classroom teacher please make a separate time to do this away from this triadic interview forum. The learning conversations do not come with a formal report but provide an opportunity for parents and the child to talk with the teacher about their learning, social, cultural and sporting involvement from the start of the year and to consider needs well before the reports in July. Schools legally report to parents in writing twice a year. For most schools that is July and December, hence the name learning conversation. **School will finish early on Wednesday 10th March at 12.50pm.** All bookings will completed on the Skool Loop app. This will go live on Friday 26th February 12pm.

ATTENDANCE

If your child's attendance is of concern, we will be in contact with you

Congratulations our attendance over the last week has increased to 92%. This is an amazing result and one our whole community can be proud of. Thank you whanau for supporting the school in making sure children are present and on time.

Children's attendance and punctuality at school is practice for real life success. We encourage students to be at school by 8.40am so they have a chance to catch up with their friends, prepare for the day and be ready for learning at 9.0am. The get ready for learning bell is rung at 8.55am and the roll is called at 9.00am

Birdwood School's annual attendance target is for all pupils to have an annual attendance rate of 90% or more. This is in line with the national target for the whole country.

Missing....	Equals.....	Which is....	Over 13 years of schooling your child is missing....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of schooling
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years of schooling
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 5 years of schooling
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of schooling

PARKING ON KAREPO CRESCENT

Just a reminder about parking outside the school. There are signs opposite our school which clearly state no parking between **2.30 to 3.30pm**. This is a safety issue so please do not park there. We want our children to be safe crossing the road and we need clear visibility to see any cars coming down Karepo Crescent. I have noticed cars parking on grass verges - this is also a safety issue. Remember to keep driveways clear. It is important we park our cars in the correct place at all times. Constable Murray will be visiting soon so please adhere to correct parking at all times.

TERM1 UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

Friday 26th February	Tag Years7/8
Tuesday 2/3rd March	Noho Marae TPOTR Orakei Marae
Tuesday 9th March	Swimming Year 1 -8 (every Tuesday)
Wednesday 10th March	Learning Conversations 1pm. School finishes at 12.50pm
Thursday 11th March	Home and School Partnership Literacy 9am
Friday 12th March	Teacher Only Day. School closed
Thursday 18th / 19th March	Tread Lightly Caravan
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Friday 2nd April	Good Friday School closed
Monday 5th / 6th April	Easter School closed
Friday 16th April	Term 1 finishes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Patrick Afaese-Nomotu, Jewaher Ata, Madeline Coop, Malakai Faiva, Aldon Feliciano, Jayelah Finau-Fanguna, John-Wesley Fiti, Preiz Hawea, Lennox Ihimaera-Peri, Kaloapatina Lafaele, Telesia Mika Sufia, Andrew Mokofisi, Akilah Nathan-Hokai, Paua Osia, Clasius Tohilima-Leapai, Malia Vaelei & Mataga Vaelei.

ATTENDANCE

At School
On Time
All Day
Everyday

THIS FORTNIGHT ATTENDANCE

64.3%

TARGET—90%

From 3/2 to 25/2

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