



"On A Great Learning Adventure"

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th February 2024 | TERM 1 WEEK 4

*Give it a Go, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teamwork*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

Wednesday 13th Rata & Kahikatea  
swimming lessons at Wai Splash

Monday 18th Country Schools  
Swimming Sports and BOT meeting

Tuesday 26th Interschool Swimming  
Sports

Friday 29th Good Friday—School  
closed

### APRIL

Monday 1st Easter Monday—School  
closed

Tuesday 2nd Easter holiday—School  
closed

Friday 12th Last day of term

Monday 29th Start of Term 2

## REMINDERS

- ⇒ MUFTI day tomorrow—house colours
- ⇒ SUN HATS
- ⇒ Easter raffle
- ⇒ Fruit for "brain food"
- ⇒ Please ensure your child/ren bring their own swimming togs and towel to school every day

## Waterfall Water Supply

Domestic Water Supplier

Phone 022 317 9767

*Ministry of Health approved and certified*

## ABSENTEES

Please notify the office of your child's absence, either by phoning the office on 3740870, texting 021 0885 9015 or use the "absence" function on Skool Loop.

## **Principal Chat**

This week we are celebrating 'World Children's Day', Te Ra o Nga Tamariki. Unfortunately, we do not have enough parent help to take our tamariki safely to ANZAC Park on Thursday, so celebrations will be at school. Parents are still welcome to come along and share this time with us.

We have incorporated this into a PB4L celebration day and the students will be doing activities in their houses. Students can wear mufti to school in their house colour.

It was great to have more parents at the School Support Group Meeting on Monday. Working together to help fundraise is a benefit for all our students. We will be running an Easter raffle and ask parents to contribute something towards this over the next few weeks.

We are having a continuing saga with unnamed uniform, especially after swimming. Thank you to the parents who are bringing back clothes with names on; it is really appreciated. Please name your child's uniform so it is easier for them to identify when getting changed.

Gumboots and Crocs are making a comeback. For safety reasons, these are not part of the school uniform, so please ensure your children do not wear them to school.

New Government initiatives have mandated that schools must spend one hour on Reading, Writing and Maths each day. Please read the attached Ministry statement around this.

We will swim for as long as we can, as the summer days are starting to get a bit cooler. Please still send togs every day, so we get the most out of our school swimming pool.

***Ka Kite,***  
***Angela McQuarrie***  
***Principal***



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**MUSICAL MELODIES**

Piano lessons—both classical and modern are available from Ruth Appleton in Dannevirke. Beginners to advanced. Children and adults. **Mobile: 027 881 0455**

**SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP**

We had our first meeting this week for our School Support Group. Last year over \$16,000 was raised with the prominent fundraising money coming from our Te Miro plant sales, the Take a Kid Hunting competition and the cattle scheme. This money went towards our swimming buses, the new paintings on our court area, discretionary classroom funds for all our teachers and library books. We are currently looking at purchasing a new gazebo for the school.

Our next fundraiser will be an **Easter raffle** and we would appreciate contributions being dropped off at the school over the next few weeks.

If you would like to come along and join this amazing group of parents, the next meeting will be held in the school staffroom on **Monday 8th April at 3pm**

***This week's winners of the "Caught being Good" cards, drawn out each week at our Monday morning assembly***

**Toby Smith** for an excellent attitude towards learning and achieving in class time. Well done

**Abbigail Bays** for a positive attitude.

**Shyla O'Brien** for a great attitude

**Toby Smith** a great attitude to morning fitness. Always giving it his all. Well done

**JAB RUGBY**

I have just been appointed the representative for Norsewood & Districts School for the JAB Rugby in Dannevirke.

**Registrations are currently open until the end of March**, let me know if you have any questions. For any other queries contact me on 027 471 4291 or [j.r.m.smith17@gmail.com](mailto:j.r.m.smith17@gmail.com)

Cheers,  
Joey Smith

