



Newsletter

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Hi all and welcome to 2017. I trust that the time spent with your children over the holidays was relaxing and the kids are all fired up for a new year!

On Christmas day we flew out of Auckland for a holiday in Fiji and met many people who were kind, gracious and resilient. The weather was magnificent and each morning I went for a swim before the sun arose – this was the best time of the day and the ocean was calm and clear. It was a restful time for our family and I came back to work refreshed and excited.

Thanks for your patience over the first couple of weeks this term. It can be a little confusing with shortened weeks, holidays, and then a teacher-only day! We appreciate the way families have been flexible and understanding.

This term is jam-packed with learning opportunities for our kids. Of course the Year 5 and 6 students are off to camp; there are swimming lessons for students in Years 3 – 6; and the team leaders are organising learning out of the classroom with Beach Education and Love Your Coast. Other activities are to be confirmed.

As we flagged last year, the school is moving toward embracing digital learning, with Rooms 17 and 12 leading the way as full BYOD classes. Across the rest of the school however there are still opportunities for students to bring devices. Have a chat to your child's teacher about this possibility. These discussions are crucial for us as we get a 'feel' for the best way forward with this. There is a document that parents will complete in the interests of safety and security. These are exciting times – challenging for teachers and students and bringing us into more of a future-focussed learning environment.

Kim has mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter a generous donation of stationery to the school. To all the folks at Latitude Financial Services – and especially to Blue Holmes-Kinsella and Venus (one of our wonderful parents) – nga mihi! Our kids will really appreciate your kindness. A lovely way to start the year.

Remember to get those hats on the kids heads!

See you all at the Powhiri, next Monday at 9am.

This is a lovely way to welcome all our new whanau to our school.

This will be a great year.

Naku noa

Greg



dates for your diary

Feb 10th	Friday Lunch Orders
Feb 13th	POWHIRI 9AM & A cuppa tea after
Feb 15th	Whanau Leader applications due to Mrs Wilkinson
Feb 13th	FAMILY FUN PICNIC 3PM - 6PM
Feb 17th	Friday Lunch Orders
Feb 20th	School assembly 10am
Feb 21st	Mt. Albert Swimming lessons starts for all Year 3-6 students
Feb 22nd	Takahe - Beach Ed Trip to Muriwai
Feb 23rd	Mt. Albert Swimming lessons starts for all Year 3-6 students Newsletter #2
Feb 10th	Friday Lunch Orders Kea - Love your coast presentation by Sustainable Coastlines Prospective Whanau Leader Speeches being presented to classes

School Communication

Communication between home and school is extremely important to us. To this end, we use a variety of ways in which we keep our families informed.

Our school website

<http://www.avondaleprimary.school.nz/>

Our school Facebook page

www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAvondalePrimary/

Fortnightly Newsletter

This comes home every even week of the term (via email or hardcopy) Please let your class teacher know how you would like to receive it. There are all links to this on our website and FB page.

Dojo

Some classes are using this and teachers will notify you directly with usernames and passwords.

School App!

Just a reminder that we have a school **APP!**

It is available for both android and apple smartphones.

Search Avondale Primary School in the app store on your device.

We use the app for updates, alerts and events. If your child is going to be absent, you can also let us know directly through this APP!

DOWNLOAD IT TODAY!



School hats

Reminder school hats are to be worn this term. You can purchase a hat from the office for \$8.00

Milk in School

We are a Fonterra 'Milk in School' school.

Our children have milk every day at 1.50pm.

If your child is unable to have milk, can you please let your class teacher know.

Starts Monday 13th Feb.



term dates

TERM 1 2017:

Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 13 April

TERM 2:

Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

Queen's birthday (Public Holiday) – Monday 5 June

TERM 3:

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

Teacher Only Day (school closed) Wednesday 23 August

TERM 4:

Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December (TBC)

Labour Day (Public Holiday) – Monday 23 October



A message from our Wastewise Team

Need to keep the lunchbox cool?

Half fill your child's drink bottle with water and freeze overnight. Top up with tap water in the morning so it's not too chilly, but cold enough to keep things fresh!



Values & virtues

Our focus for the next two weeks

Value:

Respect/ Whakaute

We are respectful. We treat others and ourselves as we deserve to be treated. We show courtesy



Virtue:

Responsibility/ Kawe-nga

We are responsible. We give our best to all that we do and keep our agreements. We are willing to make. We say sorry when we need to.

A message from our Travelwise Team

Be safe be seen!

WALK!
It's good for:

Your health, the environment
your pocket, your social life



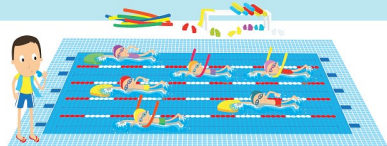
Swimming lessons

We are very happy to be able to provide swimming lessons for all the year 3 - 6 students using qualified instructors again this year.

The children will have 10 lessons, two a week for 5 weeks.

The cost is \$15.00. Lessons start Week 4 - Tuesday 21st February.

Please pay at the office.



Powhiri Nau mai Whanau and tamariki

Week 3 Mon 13 Feb 9am

We invite all families to come and welcome our new students and whanau to our School. After the powhiri, we would be delighted if adults can join us for a cup of tea in the staffroom.



family fun Picnic

Week 3 Thurs 16 Feb 3pm - 6pm

All families are invited to come along, mix and mingle with staff, other parents/whanau and children. Stay for an hour or the whole time. Listen to music - join us for a relaxing get together

Eco Soap

We are selling Eco Soap as a school fundraiser. Each bar costs \$2.50 to buy and \$1.00 comes back to us.

We have two kinds -
lemongrass
grapefruit & mint



Friday Lunch Orders

Taste Café, will continue to offer our children Friday lunches. *Imagine not having to worry about school lunches on a Friday.*

Each Friday there will be lunch orders from School (or directly from the café). Pop into the office to get an ordering bag. Select what you would like and put the correct money in. These orders need to be complete by 9am. Lunches will be delivered to classes in time for lunch.



Starts this Friday.

These orders need to be complete by 9am Friday, from either the school office or direct to the cafe.

Takahe Camp 2017

Takahe Camp for 2017 is on
Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th March.

The information meeting about camp is being held on **Tuesday 21st February 2017**, starting at 6pm. We encourage all parents to attend, particularly if you would like to join us as a helper. If you are unable to attend, let your class teacher know. We require 15 parent helpers to assist us at camp. We are searching for another 7 keen family members to sign up. These parents will be required to be with us at camp for the 3 days and 2 nights. There will be no charge for parent helpers. Please refer to the letter that came home last week for further information. Alternatively, contact the office 8288929, pop in and see Kim or email her at kimw@avondaleprimaryschool.nz



Thank you



Over the holiday period, Blue Holmes-Kinsella accidentally purchased too many highlighters and wondered what she could do with them. As a result, Blue came up with a wonderful idea that she initiated at her workplace.

Thanks to Blue and the generosity of employees at Latitude Financial Services, they have managed to collect a huge amount of brand new stationery items for our school. Last Tuesday, Blue Holmes-Kinsella and Edwin Naidu came to our school to present the stationery to Greg and Kim. We would like to thank Blue and her colleagues from Latitude Financial Services for their big hearts.

Back 2 school appeal



Shine

Shine proactively drives the building of positive and respectful relationships within our school.

Our image of a successful learner:

The image we share for each student is to have a strong sense of values and personal identity, confident to take the risks necessary to continue learning. We want our students to be equipped not only with the foundation skills of literacy and numeracy, but also with a range of future-focused attributes.

We value:

- Positive relationships
- Acceptance of cultural diversity
- Recognition of individual differences
- Respect for self, others and property
- Continual Improvement

Key school values:

Honesty/Pono-nga, Resilience/Manawaroa,
Respect/Whakaute, Tolerance/ Tuku-marie,
Creativity/Waihanganga-tanga,
Integrity /Ngakau Tapatahi



Each week our classes focus on a School Value and a Supporting Virtue. These first few weeks we are focussing on **Respect** and **Responsibility**.

Love your coast

Kea Syndicate are heading to Ambury Farm on **Friday 24 February** to as part of the sustainable coastlines initiative. This is a fully-funded trip.

If you are a parent from Rm 16, 17, 18 or 19 and are able to assist us on this day, please contact your class teacher.

beach Education

Takahe students are off the Muriwai Beach on **Wednesday 22 February**. This is a fully-funded Kiwisport opportunity provided by Auckland Sport & Recreation. If you are a parent from Rm 9, 10, 11 or 12 and are able to assist us on this day, please contact your class teacher.

Whanau Leader 2017

All interested Year 6 students are currently presenting their Whanau lead applications. CV's are due on Wednesday 15th February and speeches will be presented to their class on Friday 24th February. *Good luck to you all.*

SUPPORT sustainable coastlines mobile Phone appeal in our school

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and the environment benefits too by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in our reception area at School.



Disclaimer

The following notices are for your information only. The staff and BOT do not necessarily endorse or recommend them.



Afterschool Art classes

We are hosting some afterschool art classes right here at Avondale Primary School. Wednesday 3.15pm - 5.15pm in our Multi-purpose Room. To register call 634 1995, or email enquiries@fineyoungartists.co.nz <http://fineyoungartists.co.nz/>

Early Explorers Childcare Centre

We are looking for a centre cook for Early Explorers Childcare Centre and the hours of 9am - 2pm could ideally suit someone of school aged children. Email Rachael at earlyexplorers@live.com <http://earlyexplorerschildcare.co.nz/>



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