



Newsletter

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Kia ora mai tatou

Recently we have been doing work with Health Promoting Schools, looking in particular at mental health and wellbeing. This an important approach that is being promoted by ERO and manifest in many of their recent publications including the excellent booklet *Wellbeing for Childrens' Success at Primary School* (2015). One of the points made in the booklet is that students need to have a 'sense of belonging and connection to school, to whanau, to friends and the community' (Page 7). We believe this is what constitutes a school culture and at Avondale Primary School, we are lucky to have a wide variety of rich ways of viewing the world. These are our different cultures and yesterday we had a wonderful day that celebrated these. What an amazing experience. Dancing, singing, crafts, cooking and drama – all of which captured the inspiring diversity of our families.

I spoke with one of our senior boys and asked him, 'what does the word 'culture' mean to you?' He slowly turned, stood tall and answered, 'you wear your culture; you support your culture; you live your culture Mr Chalmers'.

That will do me as a definition of culture!

He kaupapa nui ano ta tatou, a ko Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori. No reira, i runga i tenei kauapapa, kanui te mihi ki nga hapu katoa i te kura. Kia kaha ki te tautoko i te reo me te whakamahi i tenei i nga wahi me nga wa katoa. Ko to tatou reo he taonga hei atawhai me te tautoko.

Mauruuru koutou mo te tautoko i to kura me te ra pai.

Greg

See the attached notice of the farewell events organised for Mr Chalmers in the last week of the term.

Some messages for Mr Chalmers from Room 10

You are always kind to people. You let people go on the laptops in your office. You are always responsible and respectful to us. Thank you Mr Chalmers for everything you have done for me.

Isaac

Mr Chalmers is a nice person and he is the best principal in the world.

Covan

Mr Chalmers is kind, supportive and does everything an amazing principal will do.

Mr Chalmers always finds a way to solve a problem and make us happy again.

Thank you Mr Chalmers.

Brook

Mr Chalmers is a very kind person; he helps everyone. Mr Chalmers is also the most supportive principal I have ever met. He has a great personality. I hope he never stops. I will miss you Mr Chalmers.

Jialu

dates for your diary

WEEK 9

Sept 18th **Duffy Role Model Assembly**
9.30am All welcome

Sept 19th Sport Waitakere Squash sessions for Kea and Takahe
Whanau Leader meeting
Tui student lead Conferences with parents

Sept 20th Sport Waitakere Squash sessions for Kea and Takahe
FONO 2.30pm staffroom

Sept 21st Sport Waitakere Squash sessions for Kea and Takahe

Sept 22nd **WL Pita Pit Lunch Day**

Week 10

Sept 25th School assembly 10am
Greg available for farewells visits until 5pm

Sept 26th Sport Waitakere Squash sessions for Kea and Takahe
Whanau Leader meeting
Greg available for farewells visits until 5pm

Sept 27th Sport Waitakere Squash sessions for Kea and Takahe

Sept 28th **World Heart Day - wear red**
Sport Waitakere Squash sessions for Kea and Takahe
Newsletter #15 comes home
Greg available for farewells visits until 5pm

Sept 29th **Blessing of the Taonga 10.15am**
Farewell assembly for Mr Chalmers 2pm
Last day of Term 3

what's coming up!

Mon 16th Oct First day of term 4
Thurs 19th Oct Kea Trip to MOTAT
Fri 20th Oct Pukeko trip to MOTAT

adidas School fun run

We are holding our annual school fun run on **Friday 27 October.**

This is week 2 of next Term.

Our fun run encourages students to get outside & active!

Students ask people to sponsor them for taking part in the fundraiser. Sponsors are normally made up of friends and family; all of which are normally willing to make a donation in support of the child's education.



Sponsorship booklets coming home Monday

Whanau Leaders News

Pita Pit day is next Friday 22nd September. Please return the specific envelope with the correct money to the office by **Tuesday 19th September.**



Thank you to everyone to come along to our 2nd Breakfast hub yesterday. Look out for our Term 4 dates.

CAN YOU HELP?

We want to be wastewise! Is there anyone who has/can make tablecloths?
We need approx. 10... can you donate 1 or more?
Dimensions 2000mm x 900mm

Values & virtues

Our focus for the next three weeks

Value: Creativity/ Waihanganga-tanga

We are creative. We have special gifts and we are willing to develop them. We use our imagination. We are open to inspiration. We are happy to be ourselves.

Virtue: Determination/ Hiri-nga

We are determined. We set goals and keep going until we achieve them. We get things done. We stay on purpose.

term dates

TERM 3:

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September 3pm

TERM 4:

Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December (TBC)
Labour Day (Public Holiday) – Monday 23 October

School Donations

Thanks to the families who have paid their school donation for 2017. Notices will be coming home before the end of the term. Please contact the office if you would like to pay in full or instalments for the remainder of the year.

A message from our Travelwise Team

Recycle your old car seats 40,000 child car seats expire in NZ every year! SeatSmart is a child car seat recycling scheme aiming to reduce waste to landfill, raise awareness of car seat expiry dates, and provide a simple and accessible disposal solution for consumers. Over 92% of a seat's parts can be recycled. Webbing straps are sent to Karkt to be used to make upcycled bags – karkt.co.nz. A small fee is required to collect and dismantle seats for recycling. For more information, visit – www.seatSMART.co.nz

DON'T DUMP YOUR DAMAGED OR EXPIRED CHILD CAR SEAT. RECYCLE WITH SEATSMART!



introducing . . . Our Whanau Leaders

We have 16 incredible Year 6 Leaders.

To acknowledge and thank them for the wonderful impact they are making around our school. No 9 is Hana

hana

Kowhai Year 6 Room 11

My hobbies are reading, gymnastics, playing on the trampoline, playing with my puppy and cat, playing the piano and last of all, talking to my friends on the phone.

My interests are animals and my future.

I think it takes big courage and responsibility to be a whanau leader. I also think that I am lucky to have the courage to be a whanau leader.

Cultural day

So, what did you think of our Cultural Extravaganza?

Our learning provocation for this term is 'My culture fits with your culture'. During the term, we have explored our culture and the cultures of others.

Students did this in a multitude of ways.

Yesterday was a wonderful culmination and celebration of the journey to examine this provocation.

Thanks very much to our school community for coming along to join in with the fun - from cooking in the staffroom; art and crafts in the classes; and performances from all over the world, all over the school.

Below are a few of the nearly 200 photos on our facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAvondalePrimary/>



digital Citizenship

Digital Citizenship is about your rights, roles and responsibilities in the digital world. It goes beyond just being safe online.

Tip #4 I follow the **STOP Rule** when I am unsure online

S - Step away from the computer

T - Tell a trusted adult

O - OK sites first

P - **PASSWORDS** are private



waitakere half Marathon, 11km & 5km run/walk

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER 2017

We have entered our school in the Waitakere Half and Fun Run/walk fundraiser.

For every adult who enters the race and registers with our unique code... **AVONDALEPRIMARY** - \$5 comes back to our school. We have a total of \$30 so far, so thanks very much to the 6 people who have entered. To register <http://www.waitakerehalf.co.nz/>



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

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Razz Matazz Comedy Show

The school has free tickets to "Comedy with a Wow Factor" show **this weekend...** See Mrs Cullum at the office.

Where Cloustron Hall, St Cuthberts, 122 Market Road, Epsom

When Sat 16 & Sun 17 Sept 12pm and 3pm.

Each ticket admits either a child or adult. First in first served.

Tag Football Trials

Junior (U8-18) & Senior Teams - Sunday 17th September 2017 - Bay Roskill Rugby League Club, Whitney St

Junior Team: Registration 12.30pm, Trials 1-3pm;

Senior Teams: Registration 2.30pm, Trials 3-5pm

For more information contact: Rebecca Yue: 0220327875, John Sekene: 0211092715, Suereena Sekene: 0210652122

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Metro Mt Albert Softball

"Give It A Go Day" - T-Ball or Softball Phyllis St Reserve, Mt Albert Saturday 23 September - 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

Ph 021 824 608 or email metrosoftballnz@gmail.com

School Holiday Fun at Paradise

Themed activities during the Public Sessions these School Holidays at our Big Rinks Avondale & Botany Downs. Learn new ice skating skills, and enjoy fun games & activities during the Public Session

* Classes for Beginner to Advanced skaters from 6 years+

* Each week includes instruction + option to try out the ice sports; Speed Skating, Ice Hockey

Coaches prepare skaters for Groups Performance in Fridays Ice Show

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 9am-12noon ~ 1 hour Ice Skating

Lesson & 2 hours Public Session . **October 2017 Week 1:**

Mon 2- Fri 6 Oct = 5 days **Week 2:** Mon 9 - Fri 13 Oct = 5

days All Fees include Admission, Equipment Hire and Tuition, for more info or to enrol contact *Paradise*.

ENROLMENTS now open for TERM 4 2017 CLASSES starting from 16 October after school on Tues & Thurs afternoons

Sat & Sun mornings + Hockey School Wed 7pm, Sat mornings. *Classes also available for Adults!* Tues 10am & Weds 7pm

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