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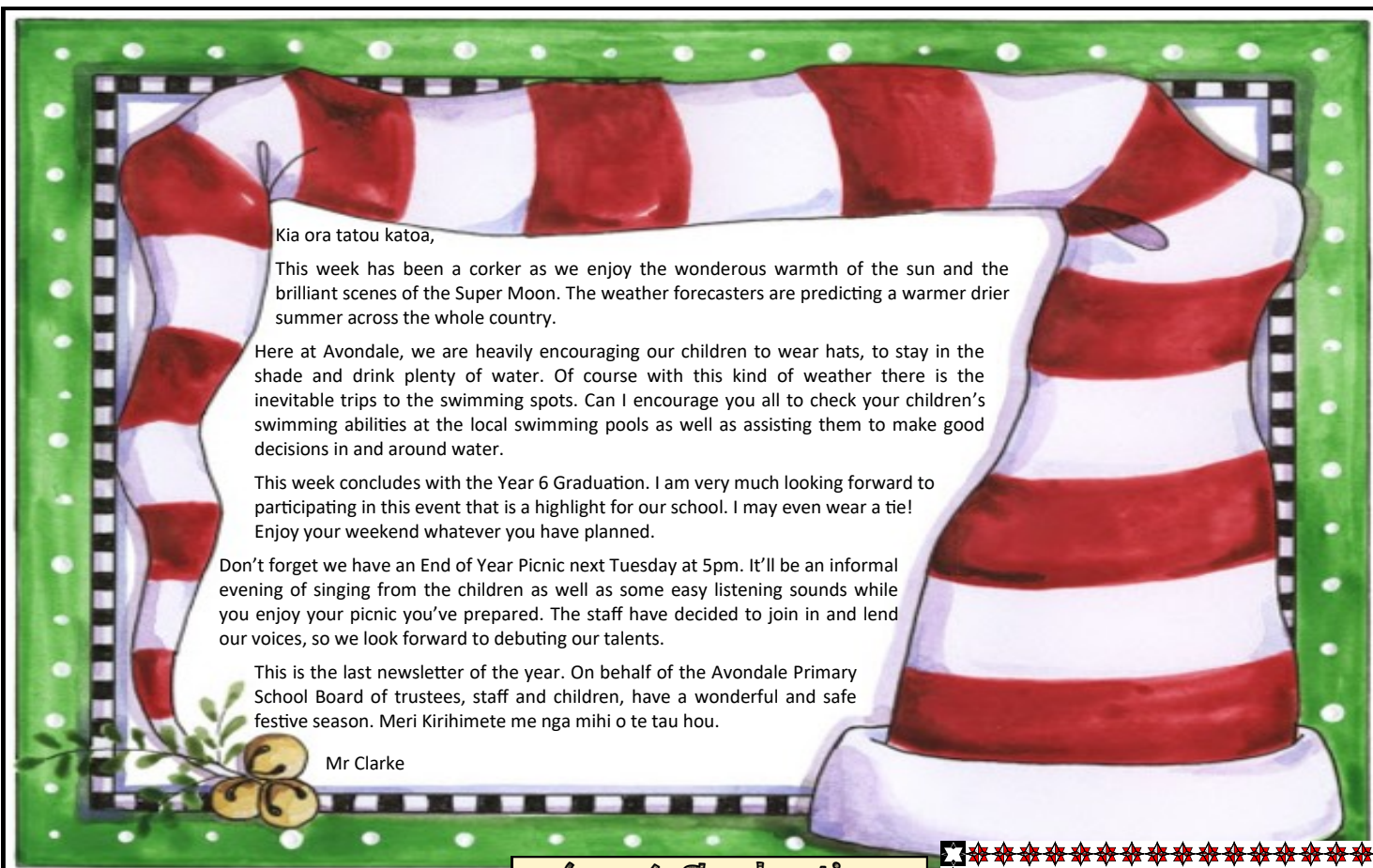
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Kia ora tatou katoa,

This week has been a corker as we enjoy the wonderous warmth of the sun and the brilliant scenes of the Super Moon. The weather forecasters are predicting a warmer drier summer across the whole country.

Here at Avondale, we are heavily encouraging our children to wear hats, to stay in the shade and drink plenty of water. Of course with this kind of weather there is the inevitable trips to the swimming spots. Can I encourage you all to check your children's swimming abilities at the local swimming pools as well as assisting them to make good decisions in and around water.

This week concludes with the Year 6 Graduation. I am very much looking forward to participating in this event that is a highlight for our school. I may even wear a tie! Enjoy your weekend whatever you have planned.

Don't forget we have an End of Year Picnic next Tuesday at 5pm. It'll be an informal evening of singing from the children as well as some easy listening sounds while you enjoy your picnic you've prepared. The staff have decided to join in and lend our voices, so we look forward to debuting our talents.

This is the last newsletter of the year. On behalf of the Avondale Primary School Board of trustees, staff and children, have a wonderful and safe festive season. Meri Kirihimete me nga mihi o te tau hou.

Mr Clarke

## dates for your diary

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Week 8</b>                    |  |
| <b>Dec 8th</b>                   | <b>Year 6 Graduation 1.30pm</b>  |
| <b>Week 9</b>                    |  |
| <b>Dec 12th</b>                  | Kea Crossing training with Constable Rob<br><b>Family Fun Picnic and entertainment, 5 - 6pm, field</b> |
| <b>Dec 14th</b>                  | Students meet their 2018 teacher & get stationery list<br>School assembly 2pm - Year 6 tribute         |
| <b>Dec 15th</b>                  | Reports go home<br><b>Last day of school 1.35pm school closes</b>                                      |
| <b>Tuesday 30th January 2018</b> | First day of School  |

## Year 6 Graduation

You are invited to celebrate the success of our Year 6 students

**Friday 8th Dec**

**1.30pm - 3pm School Hall**

**Final 2017 School assembly**

**Thursday 14th Dec 2pm**

**Year 6 tribute**



## FAMILY FUN PICNIC and night of Entertainment



**TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER  
5 - 6PM FIELD**

Bring along a blanket/chair, some food/nibbles for your family to eat and enjoy the concert!

Each syndicate has prepared a few items to entertain you  
Let's celebrate the end of 2017!

## 2018 Classes

We have some building development due to start January and because to this, there will be some juggling of classroom spaces throughout the early part of the year.

To kick the year off here are the following staff changes

### Tui Syndicate

|      |                |    |
|------|----------------|----|
| Rm 1 | Geeta Maharaj  | Y2 |
| Rm 2 | Manoj Kumar    | Y1 |
| Rm 3 | Ranjana Sharan | Y2 |
| Rm 4 | Joan Stapleton | Y1 |
| Rm 5 | Ms Taylor      | Y1 |

### Kea Syndicate

|       |                 |      |
|-------|-----------------|------|
| Rm 16 | Joanne Corcoran | Y3/4 |
| Rm 17 | Kanta Chandra   | Y3/4 |
| Rm 18 | Karen Molloy    | Y3/4 |
| Rm 19 | Merrin McLeod   | Y3/4 |

### Takahe Syndicate

|       |                 |      |
|-------|-----------------|------|
| Rm 9  | Katalina Lousi  | Y5/6 |
| Rm 10 | Brittany Clarke | Y5/6 |
| Rm 11 | Stacey Brown    | Y5/6 |
| Rm 12 | Va'ai Sililoto  | Y5/6 |



All children will meet their 2018 teacher on Thursday 14th Dec.

They will bring home a stationery list to prepare for next year.



## term dates

### TERM 4:

**Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December**  
Note: We finish at 1.35pm

## 2018 term dates

### TERM 1:

**Tuesday 30 January – Friday 13 April**  
Waitangi Day (Public Holiday) - Tuesday 6 February  
Good Friday (Public Holiday) Friday 30 March  
Easter Monday (Public Holiday) Monday 2 April  
Easter Tuesday (School Holiday) Tuesday 3 April

### TERM 2:

**Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July**  
Queens Birthday (Public Holiday) – Monday 4 June

### TERM 3:

**Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September**

### TERM 4:

**Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December (finishing at 1.35pm)**

## A SPECIAL HOLIDAY SAFETY message from our Travelwise Team



- If you are the driver, ensure that your passengers will be safe during the trip.
- Wear your seatbelt and make sure that your passengers do as well.
- Young children should be fastened in appropriate safety seats. The safest place for children is the backseat.



## Athletics results from the trust stadium

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement for the South-West cluster.

There was some fierce competition and to get these results is a real testament of the abilities these talented boys have.

Well done Lucky, Gab, Luke, Mark, Mark and Tame

|                         |                       |                                  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Lucky Kali</b>       | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>10/11 Boys Softball Throw</b> |
| <b>Gabriel Gibbs</b>    | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>U10 Boys Long Jump</b>        |
| <b>Luke Sekene</b>      | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>9yr old Boys 75m</b>          |
| <b>Avondale Primary</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>U10 Boys Relay</b>            |



## Lost property

We have a lot of unclaimed, un-named clothing collected this term. It is on display in the multi-purpose room beside Room 5 in the Junior courtyard. Please pop in and check if anything belongs to your child. Items left will be sent to a charity at the end of the year. It is so much easier for us to return clothes to children if their names are written somewhere inside.

## adidas School fun run



Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraiser – we raised \$3,257.46 for the school. Prizes will be given out early next week. If you are leaving early for the year this week, please contact the office and we will make sure your child gets their prize.



## 2017 Yearbook

ON SALE NOW The cost is \$5 per yearbook. Each class teacher has a copy to look at. If you would like to order your own copy, please return the form with the money or come to the front office.



## 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

## Congratulations kauri

Every Whanau has worked hard over the year to achieve shine points. These points are given for our Values and Virtues; and this term Whanau lunchtime challenges.

### Winners:

Term 1 - Matai Term 2 - Kowhai Term 3 - Matai Term 4 - Kauri

## Overall winner for 2017 is kauri

Kauri were taken to Westwave last Tuesday to celebrate.

Thanks very much to the staff and parents who went along to support.

Check out our FB page for more photos.



## Whanau Challenge

This term Ms Taylor has been organising some real fun challenges for a bit of Whanau competition. They have been on Thursday lunchtimes and all year levels get to participate. It has been really fun, particularly the water ones.

We like it when staff are happy to take one for the team -

Thanks Mrs McLeod, Mrs Clarke and Keanu.

Mrs Stapleton appeared to be a lot drier than the others at the end!



Next week on Thursday the staff will versus the Year 6 students at T-ball.

Come along and support .... the staff - we may need it! 12pm—12.30pm

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### YMCA OSCAR Holiday Programme

Join us for the YMCA Mt Albert, December and January Holiday Programmes. Starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Dec and going through till Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, register online. Holiday Programme timetable. Offering 3 programmes, 5-10yrs in-house or excursion and 11-15yrs in and out. We offer before and after care, to meet your convenience. [www.ymcamtalbert.org.nz](http://www.ymcamtalbert.org.nz)

### AVONDALE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

11am to 3pm – Saturday 16 December 2017  
Encounter, 495 Rosebank Road, Avondale

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY & FEAST

11am to 3pm - Christmas Day 25 December 2017  
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### 'Kia Māia te Whai Dare to Explore' summer reading programme

Is back again across Auckland Libraries.

**Kia Māia te Whai Dare to Explore** is a FREE reading, learning and discovery programme for Auckland children aged 5 – 13 years, which runs from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Children can do challenges: at home / on holiday / at the library / on the Internet / with friends. Children can finish as many challenges as they want, but if they complete at least four fun challenges they'll get a certificate and an invitation to their local library. Avondale Library's party will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Registrations open on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017. [www.daretoexplore.nz](http://www.daretoexplore.nz)



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