



# Newsletter



7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Term 4, Week 4

Tēnā koutou

Another fortnight has passed, and it is easy to focus on what is ahead, rather than being in the moment and enjoying the learning that happens each day. It's great to walk into classrooms and see the students hard at work and eager to share what they are doing with me. It's the bonus of having some time out of class to see what's going on in each class and being able to share time with individual students!

It's been a busy couple of weeks for me – last week I had a meeting almost every day! It is that time of the year when things are coming to an end so there's lots of data gathering and requirements to report. In addition, the **Cambridge Community of Learners, Te Puna o Kemereti**, is changing personnel in their leadership teams and I have been involved in both the appointment processes for the new CoL Lead Principal and this Saturday with the new 5 Across School Lead teachers. These changes have little effect on our school, but we are part of the CoL and it is important for us to have our input considered. David Graham from Goodwood School is our new Lead Principal and took over at the beginning of term 4.

We will be holding our **mid-term assembly** next **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November** at **2.20pm**. The students enjoy sharing their learning and celebrating their successes, so if you are able to come, we would love to see you.

Our **School Athletics** competition will also be held next week on **Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup>**. This will be good preparation for the seniors, who will compete the following week **Friday 23 November**, in town at the **Rural Schools' Athletics** day. We have been practicing the various skills required and enjoying some outside activity.

This week is **Wheels week** with the children enjoying having their bikes (scooters, skateboards, etc) at school and being able to ride about at break times. They always challenge themselves (and me!) as they become inventive in finding ramps, slopes and bumps to ride over! Great for pushing their limits, taking risks and enjoying success!

This year, the BoT and PTA have been investigating the possibility of setting up a **bike track** within the school grounds. The senior students have drawn plans for a **Pump track** with plenty of challenges. We are now about to complete plans and pricing for the track, which will be set up along the top side of the field with a loop into the plantation. We recently applied for funding from the Kiwi-Sport Kickstart Fund to purchase bikes to be kept at school for use on the track and secured funding for 16 bikes. We are also applying to the **Bikes in Schools** charity for help in constructing the track. We are hopeful that the work will be able to be completed over the summer holidays, ready for the children to use from the start of 2019. The track will be a community resource for use outside of school hours. This is an exciting new development for our school and will provide many learning opportunities as well.

**Week 6** is our **testing week**, mostly for senior students, but also involving end of year testing for all students in some areas, ready for writing End of Year reports. Please ensure that students are well rested, and if at all possible, present at school each day that week to ensure we have the least number of catch-ups to do! Thank you for your help in this. Thanks to Angela (even though she is technically not at school at the moment) for reformatting our school reports to reflect the change away from National Standards.

**Week 6** is also when we will start **swimming**, so please ensure students have their togs at school each day.

**Again, a reminder – last term the Board of Trustees sent to all parents a survey as part of community consultation and self-review. I will be emailing a copy of this survey to all parents again today. This is a chance for parents to have a say in the direction our school takes over the next few years.! Your opinion is important to us!**

Finally, we still have a few children without hats. **ALL students MUST wear a hat** when outside in term 4 and term 1. We are a **SunSmart** school, so please ensure that your child has a hat that can be left at school, to wear every day. We prefer that the children have a school hat, but are happy with any hat, except caps. School hats (bucket hats) are available from the school office for \$15.

Thank you for your support

Regards Joanne, Sarah-Anne, Liz and Sue.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

14 November	Assembly 2.20pm
15 November	School Athletics
23 November	Rural Schools' Athletics For yr 3 – 8 only

**TAWA CLASS THIS WEEK DID 'Cinquain Poems'**

**KIDS ART WORK FOR CALENDARS, DIARIES, CARDS, MOUSE MATS AND SKETCH BOOKS**

Ryan



Motorbike  
Two wheels  
Red white black  
Fast slow skids bumps  
fun



1. motorbike.  
2. + 2 wheels  
3. red white black  
4. fast slow skids bumps  
5. fun.

Abel

Peas  
Green wobbly  
Climbing attaching growing  
Tasty delicious yummy crunchy  
Yum

1. Peas  
2. green wobbly  
3. climbing attaching  
4. growing  
5. + tasty delicious yummy crunchy  
yum.

Jock

Peas  
Green healthy  
Climbing tangling hanging  
Yummy crunchy tasty sweet  
Vegetable

1. Peas  
2. green healthy  
3. climbing tangling hanging  
4. yummy crunchy tasty sweet  
5. vegetable

Mika

Peas  
Fat yummy  
Delicious crunchy tasty  
Amazing cold long tangling  
Green

1. Peas  
2. Fat Yummy  
3. delicious crunchy tasty  
4. amazing cold long tangling  
5. green

**CONGRATULATIONS  
JOCK**

**FOR RECEIVING THE WH CUP  
FOR  
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER  
1ST YEAR OF TACKLE**



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