



*e tipu e rea* In our children lies our future

# NEWSLETTER



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Pedal Ready Cycle Skills	25 & 26 July
Parentlink Coffee Club & Poi Making (2.15 pm)	27 July
Parentlink Meeting 7.00 pm followed by First Fair Committee Meeting 7.45 pm at the Kindergarten	2 August
Puppet Show	2 August
Powhiri 9.00 am	4 August
Three Way Conferences	9 & 10 August
Walk 'n' Wheels Day	23 August
Parentlink Movie Night	25 August
Schoolwide Event/Learning Celebration (7.00 pm)	7 September
Artsplash	18 September

## COMING UP

One Learning Community Fair	19 November
Swimming (whole school)	Term 4

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	Marzipan Drama Classes
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wheels Day Assembly 2.30 Soccer Practice Ukulele Orchestra 8.00 am
<b>Thursday</b>	Recorder Classes 8.30 a.m. (Advanced) Code Club 3.30 – 4.30 pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora, Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Ni Hao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giddy, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Bula vinaka, Mālō e lelei, Sawasdee, πρεβετ

I hope you are enjoying the sunshine. This morning Mr DB started up his ukulele session and the Pedal Power team arrived in force. As usual lots of planning and preparation went on behind the scenes over the holidays and we have another fantastic term lined up thanks to our energetic and dedicated teaching team.

We continue to focus on Citizenship through Sustainability and this term we are using the Technology learning area as our lens. Following on from our staff training day and new learning about Inquiry with Kath Murdoch we are shifting our thinking and teaching practice from an Inquiry/Topic focus to Inquiry as process that can be used across the curriculum. We are starting by introducing the students to the specific vocabulary. You might pick up on some of this talk when you are sharing your day around the dinner table each night. The team are also honing their teaching practices around accelerating progress. Gillian Kissling from Cognition is coaching us through this.

Here are some reminders around carpark etiquette. The disabled carpark is for those with mobility issues/disabilities and is not to be used as a general park. The 10 minute spaces are purely for quick pick-ups and drop offs. The large gates are our emergency entrance for Ambulance/Fire access and as such are a No Parking zone. They are clearly sign posted as such. I don't want to be the person who tells you that your child couldn't be attended to by emergency services should the occasion arise, because someone blocked the entrance with their car. Children learn by the example we set. There are some rules that do apply and need to be followed by everyone. We are fortunate to have plenty of angle parking available to the side of the tennis courts. Please make use of these spaces.

In preparation for our Term 3 school event we are after donations of recyclables. We would like newspapers, plastic bags, boxes, cardboard, plastic bottles, cans, lids and bottle tops etc. In fact anything that you would normally recycle would be fabulous. All items need to clean as our students will be working with them.

Don't forget to come along to the Parent Link Coffee afternoon this Friday and help with poi making.

Respect  
Originality  
Confidence  
Kindness  
Success

Tineke and the team.

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## WELCOME

Welcome to Tilly Sadler, Desiree and Aurora Gavin-Franks who joined children in Harakeke this week. Tilly has three sisters in Whanake and a sister in Māhuri. Welcome also to Desiree and Aurora's family to our school community.

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## OUR SYMPATHY

To our Board Chair Peter Noble and family who recently lost a beloved sister. Our thoughts are with the family.

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## PEDALREADY CYCLE SKILLS TRAINING FOR MĀHURI

Māhuri (Room 1) enjoyed their Pedal Ready Cycle Skills training today. Māhuri (Room 3) will be having their session tomorrow.

This exciting programme is aimed at delivering best practice cyclist skills training to help achieve the vision of a New Zealand where everyone has the opportunity to become a confident and capable cyclist.



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## PARENTLINK

**Coffee Group - Come along and help us make some Poi for the Kapa Haka group.**

Come along and enjoy good coffee, home baking and help us make some poi for the children this Friday, 2.15pm in the Staffroom.  
Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Parent link Meeting

Wednesday 2nd of August, 7pm in the Staffroom  
Come and join us to help plan the exciting movie night coming up soon. Then stay on for the Fair meeting at 7.45 pm at the Kindy.



The first fair meeting is coming up next week, on **Wednesday August 2, 7.45pm at the Kindy**, straight after their AGM and the school Parentlink meeting. We need all the help and good ideas we can get, so please come along. There are only 7 meetings needed leading up to the fair, and depending on what you choose to help with, it's not always necessary to come to all of them. There is lots of support available and it's a great way to connect with the community and, most importantly, contribute to the school and kindergarten. If you have any questions/ideas at any time, contact [Bindi.Robertson@outlook.com](mailto:Bindi.Robertson@outlook.com).

### Sustainability

Let's make the fair more sustainable! We are aiming to dramatically reduce waste at this year's fair. We already have plans for recycling, reducing landfill, and making reusable bags. We have all seen the effects plastic bags and other waste has on our own Owhiro stream, and we are keen to do our bit to take care of the environment. Contact [Fiona.shearerfiona@gmail.com](mailto:Fiona.shearerfiona@gmail.com) if you have any ideas and watch this space.

### Silent Auction/Raffle

Hi everyone, I hope you all had a great school holidays 😊.

We have been canvassing the town for raffle and silent auction prizes over the holidays and have managed to get a few real goodies. We are still on the lookout for more, so if you have thought of some good prize ideas over the holidays please let me know.

I approached Zealandia and they donated 5!! family passes (value of \$48 each) so that was awesome. We have had a few restaurants and cafes donate so please try and support our sponsors next time you're out eg Forage at the Grand Mercure gave me a \$100 voucher and Columbus coffee in Newtown gave a \$50 coffee voucher. It all helps and even if the item is small it can be grouped with other prizes to make an awesome prize, that will get bids. Ultimately all the money raised goes back to our school and resources for our children that they wouldn't otherwise have! Many hands make light work. Services are also great prizes eg Dean has offered his handyman skills and it would be great to offer a child sitter service with the restaurant vouchers so that the whole night is taken care of! Please email me with any suggestions [debzsanders@hotmail.com](mailto:debzsanders@hotmail.com). Cheers Deb.



(Deb and Kim) Busy organising the silent auction and raffle.  
Feel free to approach them around school at any time!

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## VALUE OF THE WEEK

Our focus this week is "Confidence"

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## SPORTS SPOT

### Netball

Ridgway School is looking for a year 5 girl that is interested in playing netball for their second team during term 3. The games are at 1.10pm on a Saturday and practices are on Thursday's at Ridgway School. If interested please contact Darren Young at Ridgway school [darreny@clear.net.nz](mailto:darreny@clear.net.nz).

### Dates coming up:

Southern Zone Swimming            25 August  
Southern Zone Athletics            7 November

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

To the following student who has a birthday coming up...

~ Charlie Peszynski – 30/7 ~

Have a great day!



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## PIECES OF WRITING BY OUR STUDENTS

### A Special Dinner

"I walked into the buffet room, pastries, pies, desserts! Mouth licking treats galore. My jaw dropped. I ate my fill. I was stuffed, still delightful deliciousness everywhere I turn. I thanked my dad, now that's a dinner to remember.

By Mila Fraser

### Skills and Drills at Government House

On the 30th June four of us went to train with the All Blacks at Government House. When we got there we were given an All Blacks T-shirts. There were eight All Blacks that came to train with students from fifteen different schools around Wellington. The All Blacks names were:  
Kieran Read, Scott Barrett, Jordie Barrett, Damien McKenzie, Ngani Laumape, Akira Ioane and Liam Squire.

The All Blacks gave Dane Patsy Reddy a signed All Blacks T-shirt. When the All Blacks left Dane Patsy Reddy told us to go into the ballroom. We got given a paper lunch box with lots of yummy food in it. On the way out we got an All Blacks Bag with a rugby ball, 3 rugby books, a lolly pop, a little toy rugger, and a poster of Nehe Milner- Skudder.

By Dylan and Te Rira



### Marrzipan Drama Classes

*Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to their peers. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)*

## **Ballentynes Winter Fashion Show Fundraiser for Girls Brigade**

Ballentynes Winter Fashion Show and Supper Annual Fundraiser for the 11th Wellington Girls Brigade

Friday, July 28 at 7 PM - 10 PM

[Ballentynes Fashion Central \(36 Bay Road Kilbirnie, Wellington, New Zealand\)](#)

Tickets: \$15 each with a 20% discount on Ballentyne fashion items

Contact: Anusha Noble for tickets ph: 3838-555



**INSTEP DANCE STUDIO** Taking new enrollments now for Term 3. Offering dance classes in ballet, jazz and contemporary for ages 3-18years. **FREE** trial classes available. Qualified, experienced and registered teachers. For more info visit [www.instepdancestudio.co.nz](http://www.instepdancestudio.co.nz) e: [instepdance@hotmail.com](mailto:instepdance@hotmail.com)

### **Nutrition Classes**

**Upcoming nutrition course for busy parents. Tips for fussy eaters, lunch box ideas, understanding food labels and more!**

**Starts Thursday 17th August, limited places available.**

**To book or for more information, go to <http://www.cecwellington.ac.nz/courses/1282-healthy-eating-for-your-family>.**