



Thursday 18 May 2023

This week's PB4L Focus: Bully Free NZ - Pink Shirt Day



This week students have discussed the difference between an accident, being unkind and bullying. The classes have learnt that we each have the power for good and that they are powerful to stop bullying. Teachers have talked about the importance of not being a bystander and instead being an upstander. Please discuss these concepts at home too with your son or daughter.

He aha te aha? What's on top? - with Mr Kaiser.

Safety and Wellbeing at the Forefront



We are always mindful of children's safety and wellbeing while at school. We have many staff on active supervision in the playgrounds, wearing high visibility vests. We also actively monitor behaviour, including accidents and instances of bullying.

Safety and wellbeing is even more important whenever we take groups or classes of children out of the school on learning trips, sports events and excursions. Parents may not be aware that on every trip outside of the school, lead teachers are required to undertake an extra level of planning, including a detailed Risk Analysis for possible risks to safety and wellbeing. These are submitted to me prior to a trip, and are shared with the school board. We can never eliminate every risk, but we can plan to identify risks and minimise the possibility of an accident or incident occurring.

This issue was discussed at length last night at our board meeting, and it is on our minds following the tragic death of a student at Whangarei Boys' High School recently while on a school EOTC trip.



School Gates

These are in place to prevent any young children wandering out of the school. They are closed but not locked so it should be easy for adults to enter and exit the school at any time.

Please keep them closed.



Sickness in the school community

We are aware that this week the number of children staying home sick has jumped. For example, yesterday around 70 children (about 11% of our children) were off school for medical reasons. This is not unusual for the start of winter, especially following the recent very cold weather. Do keep your children home if they are feeling sick or unwell, and let us know when they are likely to return to school.



On the other hand, 128 children (20%) so far have had 100% full attendance this year!

Nga mihi
Peter Kaiser



Softball Zonal

On Tuesday, our Zonal Softballers and T-Ballers enjoyed a super day of competition and fun playing against our local cluster of schools. For most of our players, this was their first experience of playing the 'glove sport' but all did their best and got more skilled as the day progressed. Both our Boys and Girls Softball teams achieved 3rd place finishes. Well done to all our players for their efforts at training and on the day! Thank you to the staff, including Mr Kaiser, for the shared effort in preparing the teams for the day.



2023 Read-Athon

On Monday your child will bring home their Athon booklet. Your child's teacher has selected the set that feels right for your child.



What is an A-Thon?

An A-Thon is a fundraising event that brings in donations from friends and family who want to support your child and our school. It is also a way for children to learn facts and to improve memory skills.

We are asking families to support our Read-Athon by encouraging and helping your children to increase their reading mileage and knowledge of books. Teachers will also help with learning the Athon set at school.

In addition, we are asking families to support Read-Athon by agreeing to sponsor your children.

All money raised through sponsorship will go towards buying more ipads to support learning. We encourage families to get sponsorship from other family members and whanau. We do not encourage children to ask neighbours.

Our Parent-Teacher group (PTA) is organizing some great prizes through sponsorship with local businesses.

Read-Athon Tickets

- Every child who participates will receive tickets for the prize draw..
- Children will earn tickets for effort, for the number of reading facts learned correctly and for raising sponsorship.

We do not expect parents to sponsor large amounts of money. If every child at school has a small amount of sponsorship, then all together we will raise a lot of money. We are aiming to raise \$10,000. Last year we raised over \$12,000! With your help we can do this.



Kia ora and Welcome to
Tirimoana School



Year 1:	Caleb Lewis	Burhanuddin Gulamaliwala
Year 2:	Hannah Abenoja	



PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Our PTA will meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd May. Visitors are welcome to join in with the meeting. We plan to talk about a school Readathon coming up later in the term.

Creative Arts Initiative:

Are you creative or handy?

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 learners are working with a Teaching Artist and two teachers on a drama performance this term. This is a Creatives in Schools program and will be performed in the hall on **Thursday 22 June, with a performance at 2.00pm and one at 7.00pm.**

We would love parental help with costumes and lighting. If you can sew, source costumes, or have any contacts for costume hire, or if you can help us source and set up theatrical lighting, please get in touch with Rachael on msrachdubois@gmail.com within the next week.



Have you ordered your class photo yet?

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Please order your class photos this week.

All learners were sent home an Order online card and an individual Access KeyCode.



UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Friday 19 May</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day-Tomorrow</p>	<p>Wear a Pink shirt or Pink accessories to school Gold coin donation</p>	
<p>Year 1 and 2 Swimming</p> <p>Thursday 1 June Thursday 8 June Thursday 15 June Thursday 22 June Thursday 29 June</p>		<p>More information will be coming soon.</p>
<p>Tuesday 27 June</p>	<p>Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences</p>	<p>School is closed for instruction. You come back to school for your conference time. More information will be coming soon.</p>
<p>Friday 30 June</p>	<p>End of Term 2</p>	
<p>Monday 17 July</p>	<p>Term 3</p>	
<p>Tuesday 19th Dec</p>	<p>Last day of school for 2023 School finishes at 12.00pm</p>	<p>Please Note : NEW DATE</p>

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