



Ko Rāpare, tekau mā rua o Poutu-te-Rangi : Thursday 12 March 2020

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After two years of planning and build up to camp, the event has finally happened. A huge thank you to our Senior School Teachers, Staff and Ms Cooper, 'camp mother' who led a successful camp. The hours of work involved to meet the changing demands of modern students is immense. A special thank you to our Parent Helpers and our amazing parents and grandparents who donated money to our camp. Thank you also to the whole community who supported all our fundraising efforts.

EL RANCHO CAMP 2020

Our 2020 camp experience at El Rancho Waikanae was awesome! Over for another two years, our Year 5 and 6 kids overcame their nerves and worries, and exceeded all of our expectations. They rose to challenges, gave new things a go, looked after each other, made lots of night noise, hid their lollies (fairly) well and pushed through the boundaries of tiredness to finish with a beautiful team walk to Waikanae Beach.

As is expected, something of this magnitude couldn't be organised without the support of our brilliant Levin North School staff and community. Another thank you goes to Mr Bennett and the senior kids from last year who helped to raise funds for our camp even though they weren't attending. It was a very generous and special gift they helped to give our current seniors. **The Fundfinders and anonymous donors were also crucial in supporting our costs.**

During our three days, we were lucky enough to have school staff come and visit, bringing



renewed vigour, happy smiles, warm hugs and positive support for the seniors. A thank you to Mrs Campbell, Mr Perigo, Mr Davis, Mr Clark, Mrs Vickers and Mrs McKenzie.

I would however, like to pass on my heartfelt gratitude in particular to David Malcolm, Karen Shaw, Diego Gracia Plazas, Sally Ransfield and Whaea Aleisha. You were my backbone throughout the final stages of our camp preparation and on camp.

I also don't have enough words to thank the adult helpers that came on camp...and survived! You were so supportive of my directions, my mahi, and you stepped in just at the right time

when the kids needed reminding to sleep! We didn't lose anyone, there were no broken bones and the kids all chatted frantically about their experiences during our reflection times.

Ross Kerr, Brian Wilton, Mike Pennycook, Bruce Saggars, Jason Post, Isaiah Eager, Richard Raika, William Gilbert, Dylan Booth, Ann Mackay, Tracey Thomson, Claire Turner, Sammy-Jo MacDonald, Shannon O'Connor, Lynette and Tony Collis, Carol Hopkins and Sarah Barone...you made a great team! You led the kids with love and support whilst providing safe boundaries and opportunities for fun! Along with the tea and coffee to keep us awake at night to support the kids, you added to the nightly chats.

I'm sure lots of you are keen to see photos, chat to the kids and hear all about it. Next week you will be able to read stories, quotes and poems written by our wonderful group of Year 5/6 kids.

Just on another note, we have HEAPS of lost property from camp, so if you are missing something, please come in and have a look!

Anna - Camp Mother

Parent Interviews NEXT WEEK: We are having our parent interviews next week.

These will be held over two days; 3.15 pm - 8.00 pm on Wednesday 18 March and 3.15 pm - 5.00 pm on Thursday 19 March.

Login to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the Event Code: **fykcb. If you need help booking your interview time, please come into the office or give us a phone call and we can make the interview time for you. It would be awesome for the teachers to meet as many parents as possible.**

HERO

You will have noticed a change in our text messaging when students are absent. We are slowly organising our internal computer systems and are replacing systems that double up. HERO allows teachers to share learning anytime, anywhere and this can be viewed on any device. We are excited about the potential that the software offers. We are currently trialling this system internally and will inform you when it goes live.

Our aim has been to implement a robust system that allows teachers, parents, and students to access learning in an online environment that is secure, easy and effective.

Vandalism

Over the weekend we have had a number of minor incidents, most involving smashed bottles. Thank you to Raeleen and Kerry who came in and picked up the glass and water blasted the courts.

Thanks also to Isaiah Eagar and family who spent Saturday painting the Athletics track and to Dean Armstrong who has been helping with our pool while Mr Murray was away.

It's brilliant to see our community helping out again.



Liam Bruce

Well done to all those involved in the BBQ, Book Day, Crazy Hair Day and cake stall. The proceeds were so appreciated by Liam and his family. Another amazing community experience!

SENSATIONAL SPORTS WORD: Week 6, Term 1 2020

LOCATION OF THE WEEK: Waikanae Beach

CRICKET, SOCCER SUMMER 7s AND TWILIGHT HOCKEY

These sports are well underway now. Thank you for your patience with draw changes, large group numbers and sideline action. All volunteers are doing this in their own time and without them, we couldn't enter kids into these sports.

Please keep an eye on Facebook as draws are up on this.

The office has a folder with sports information in it should you need to come and write down times and locations.

NETBALL

Grading Day begins this Saturday. There are two games for the girls, 9am and 11am (both games on Court 10). You are expected to be at both games. Uniforms and bibs will be handed out.

Please arrive in plenty of time to warm up and gather together. These games are to find out which grade you will be playing in so as to make it fair yet competitive.

SPORTS DATE REMINDERS

- Year 4-6 Sports Day, Tuesday 17 March starting at 10am (postponement dates announced if needed)
- Year 4-6 Swimming sessions, Tuesday 24 March / Thursday 26 March / Tuesday 31 March / Wednesday 1 April / Monday 6 April / Wednesday 8 April
- Year 4-6 Interschool Athletics Sports Day (chosen school kids), Wednesday 25 March (postponement dates announced if needed)
- Year 0-3 Sports Day, Wednesday 1 April, starting at 11:20am (postponement dates announced if needed)

And finally...

Remember, if you already have a uniform at home then use that one. We want to make sure uniforms are brought back rather than being 'collected' at home.

Mā te whiritahi, ka whakatutuki ai ngā pūmanawa ā tāngata

Together weaving the realisation of potential

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COVID-19

We are having regular communication with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education regarding Covid 19. The Ministry of Health is working with the health sector and other Government Agencies to ensure New Zealand is as prepared as possible for any potential pandemic.

Some of the key messages are:

Staying at Home

You may need to stay at home because:

- you are sick
- you are caring for a sick family member or household
- you are caring for a dependant (for example, if schools close).

Get prepared

Here are some simple things you can do to make sure that you and your family / whānau / household are prepared for a pandemic.

Have a plan

Make a plan with family and friends that includes:

- who will help with food and supplies if you and your household are ill
- who will look after your extended family if they don't live nearby (for example, who could deliver groceries or meals to sick family members)
- who would look after your children/dependents if they need to stay at home and you must go to work.
- Think about whether you could work from home and what you would need to do this.

Learn more about [infectious disease prevention and control](#).

List key contacts

Have key contact numbers in a place that is easy to find (for example, on the fridge door).

Include the phone numbers of:

- the people living nearby who you could call if you needed help
- your doctor
- HealthLine (freephone: 0800 611 116)
- your workplace.

Build up your emergency supplies

Keep at least a week's supply of food, tissues, and your usual medicines so you don't need to make trips out in public.

You can read a list of suggested supply items to include in the pamphlet: [Getting ready for a flu pandemic – HealthEd website](#).

If you have an existing medical condition make sure that you:

- don't run out of your regular medications
- take medications to keep any medical condition under control.

Whole School Assembly: This Friday at 12:00 pm