

NORTH STREET SCHOOL ISSUE NO.7

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Dear Parents & Caregivers

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Whanau

What beautiful weather we are having! Well done to all of our triathletes who participated in the interschool triathlon yesterday, by all accounts it was a very successful event with all of our competitors representing our school with our REACH values clearly evident. Big thank you to Matua Layton for his organisation and Pa Nopera for running the elite sport training sessions for our competitors. Next week the 'Weetbix Tryathlon' (purposeful spelling error), will take place and a sizeable contingent will represent North Street School. This is a huge event with over 300,000 kids having completed a 'Weetbix Tryathlon' since its beginning in 1992. Hopefully we will see the emergence of our next Kiwi triathlete!

It is great to see cars parking outside the school grounds and ensuring that our children do not need to navigate between moving cars - awesome! While the weather stays as bright and sunny as it has of late, it doesn't seem that important to keep out of the staff car park, however when the rain hits (typical Manawatu winter) it becomes a very dangerous endeavour to keep cars and children apart safely. I have seen in the past some very near misses when the traffic becomes heavily congested and the weather is atrocious. Thank you for your consideration.

On a positive note, our consents have finally come through from the Council and work will resume on the upgrade of Te Ara Mangopare. When it is finished we will have a new Modern Learning Environment (MLE), with breakout spaces, collaborative teaching spaces and a walk out deck for indoor-outdoor flow. This will see the last of the classroom teaching spaces being remodelled, a process that has taken a very long time to complete. The next project involving the school library has started and will begin a transformation to a new STEAM HUB. More information will come out as each phase is completed. Also, the reconstruction of our school pool is nearly there. Unfortunately there was a complication with the install and we had to rectify a small defect. We hope to start swimming sometime next week ... watch this space.

A fantastic day had by our staff at Kauwhata Marae learning about local history, whakapapa and significant historical sites in and around Feilding - Kawakawa.

As always, any questions or concerns please come in and see us in the office. Ka kite ano. Paora Pomare

GENERAL

REACH AWARDS – Congratulations to Tebwebwe Poma, Karlae Tahau-Mackay, Ms Temata, Alistair Aragon, Joe McKelvie and Pohiva Poutu-Fa'avae who were last week's recipients of the Honesty Reach award.

PENHEY CUP – Next Monday, 22nd March the following students will be representing our school in the various Penhey Cup swimming events – Leah & Nicole Buckby, Siena & Jordie Kotuhi, Asher Lowe, Williams & Alisabeth Penn and Nathan Smith. Good luck everyone!

VISION & HEARING TECHNICIANS – On Monday, 22nd March the Vision & Hearing Technicians will be in school testing Year 7's and some of the newer new entrants. They will also catch up on some retests or children who were absent on their last visit.

HPV (Y8'S) & Dtap (Y7's) VACCINATIONS – The 2021 Ministry of Health School Based Immunisation programme begins next Friday, 26th March for those students who have consented.

REMINDERS

Mon. 22nd Mar
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Tues. 23rd Mar
Fri. 26th Mar

Penhey Cup – Makino Pools
Vision & Hearing Visit – Year 7 and latest new entrants
Weetbix Tryathlon
Year 7/8 immunisation

Whānau Circle (PTA)

Last week you would have received a Pie Order form for our first Fundraiser of the year. These are due back by Wednesday, 31st March and will be delivered to school on 14th April ready for pick up at 3pm from Room 1. Extra order forms are available at the school office.

We welcome any new members to join our group. We have some amazing fundraising events coming up so please make contact if you are interested. Thank you for your continued support.

