

Panui/Newsletter

Number 1:

Rāmere/Friday 2 February/Hui-tanguru 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa, Namaste, Talofa lava, Konnichiwa, Ni hao, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Chao, Hello, Zdravstvuite, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Salam, Hola, Annyong haseyo, Hallo, Caio, Nei ho, Suosday, Ni sa bula, Kamusta, Bonjour, As-salaamu 'alaykum, Hola, Γεια σας (Yia sas).

Whakatauki o te wiki

E tū te huru mā, haramai e noho.
E tū te huru pango, hanatu e haere.

*Let the white hair remain here,
let the black hair get up and go.*

We must follow our dreams.

Welcome back to another exciting school year as we embark on this journey together, partnering with families with rich and varied learning experiences at the heart of our school. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team of teachers and support staff to support and work alongside you to ensure your children learn and grow.

New Enrolments:

We start the year with 321 students. A special welcome goes to the following children and their families who have joined our school community: Leland Dysart-Felsner and Maui Gear to Room 1; Beau Dawson, Riddhi Krishna, Emma Knott and Emily Bewley to Room 2; Eliyanah Moodley, Riya Sarvareddy and Evie Ellis to Room 3; Tommy Miller and Ella Hamlin to Room 4; Grace Vivian, Kaiser West, and Isabelle Hill to Room 5; Maia Seedman-Sutton and Aleksandra Protopopova to Room 8; Ethan Vivian, Kobe Sulayao and Amer Al Yousef to Room 11; Hasareli Dissanayaka, Elizabeth and Isabella Asiata to Room 12; Eleanor Win-Mason and Sreya Sreejith to Room 13; Razan Al Yousef and Mia Durham to Room 15.

Staffing:

Congratulations to Annette Blackley, deputy principal and leader of Korowai who has won a position with ACC. Annette is leaving Education. She has worked in our Special Education Unit for the last 20 years alongside many families and students. Her knowledge and passion for inclusive

education will be greatly missed. We are in the process of recruiting a new Deputy Principal and leader of Korowai.

We welcome Maz Webster who is working in Korowai for the first term.

Classrooms:

The children have adapted to their new class numbers quickly. This will be their class number for the year, even when they move to their new classroom spaces on the completion of our building project. When that happens, our classes will align and be beside each other.

Room 1 – Michelle Tietjens	Year 1/2
Room 2 – Diane Bloomfield	Year 1/2
Room 3 – Misty Olney	Year 1/2
Room 4 – Srey Bowron-Muth	Year 1/2
Room 5 – Chloe Johnson	Year 1/2
Room 6 – Megan Blackwell	Year 0
Room 8 – Logan Burton	Year 3
Room 9 – Penny Wood	Year 3
Room 10 – Maz Webster	Korowai Y0-6
Sandy Knighton	
Charlene Hillyard	on leave
Annette Blackley	
Room 11 – Darrel Greaney	Year 4/5
Room 12 – Andrea Geluk	Year 4/5
Room 13 – Lyndall Pettigrew	Year 4/5
Room 14 – Rosalie Anso	Year 4/5
Room 15 – Jo Wilson	Year 6
Room 16 – Angela Rongonui	Year 6

Our School Values: CIPHER – the code for success at Johnsonville School

C: Courage – I give things a try, even if they are new or hard to do.

I: Inclusion – I work and play with all.

P: Perseverance – I never give up.

H: Honesty – I am truthful and fair.

E: Empathy – I show kindness and understanding to all.

R: Respect – I show respect for people, places and property.

Teachers and students are unpacking our CIPHER values in our classrooms and how they relate to our learning and behaviour. E.g. what they look like, sound like and feel like in the classroom and playground.

Mobile Phones: Phones away for the day

I am sure you are aware of the new regulations in education around the use of mobile phones for YO-8 students. Our current rules around mobile phones do not need to change with the introduction of the new regulations.

Johnsonville School **does not** recommend that students bring personal digital device/phones to school. They are not necessary in our learning programmes. However, we understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school.

If a student brings a personal digital device/phone to our school, the following guidelines apply:

- The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices brought to the school but investigates any issues as appropriate.
- The device/phone must be turned off and handed to the classroom teacher on arrival at school and is collected at the end of the day. These are kept in locked cupboards.
- Students are expected to follow our Digital Technology and Online Safety policy when using personal digital devices on school property or the school network after 3 p.m.
- The only exception to phones away for the day is for long term medical reasons approved by the principal.

Property Update:

Thank you to Maycroft who continued to work over the Christmas break and managed to get our asphalt laid ready for the children to play yesterday. In a couple of weeks, the scaffolding around the block is due to come down, as work continues both inside and out. Our teachers had the opportunity for a walk through the building earlier this week and were impressed with the size and spaces.

New fencing and an electronic door were installed in Korowai, our special education unit. The modernisation of this space is now completed and looks amazing.

Thank you to Wellington Painting and Plastering who repainted the roof of the entrance block over the holiday period so it now ties into the rest of the school.

Unfortunately, we had another three panels stolen from our fence on the path leading to Ironside Road around Wednesday evening. This is the second time this area has been targeted. If you are in the vicinity, over the evening period, please keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

Contact Details:

If you have moved home over the school break, changed work places or phone numbers, or your emergency contacts have changed, please ring the office (478-7155) or email Nicola office@johnsonville.school.nz or Shannon reception@johnsonville.school.nz with your updated details. It is essential these are up to date in case we need to contact you urgently.

Absences

If your child is going to be away from school (or will be arriving late) for any reason, please use one of the following ways to inform the school:

- Absentee phone line 478-7056
- Website notification www.johnsonville.school.nz/absences/
- School App notification (see the next page for more info).

Please ensure the office is being notified via one of these 3 ways so that the message doesn't get missed.

It is vital that you contact us regarding absences as the office staff have to account for each student every day. This includes ringing all students we don't know about. This can be extremely time consuming.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi maioha

Tania Cohen
Tumuaki | Principal

School App

If you haven't yet downloaded our school app you can do so via the App Store or Google Play Store to your iOS or Android smartphone. Search for **SchoolAppsNZ** and type in 'Johnsonville School'. You will receive notification alerts that appear on your screen - provided you have subscribed to the alert groups you select through the **Alert Subscriptions** menu button on the top left of the homepage. You can also use the app to notify the school if your child is going to be absent.



Facebook Page

Our [school Facebook page](#) is live and regular posts will keep you up to date with the many activities of the school. Information about fundraising initiatives can be found on the [Home and School Facebook page](#).

Lunch Online

Lunches can be purchased from [Lunch Online](#) on Thursdays again this year. If you have used this service previously, please remember to update the classroom number to the current one! You can order items from Chia Sushi and Nada Bakery.

Coming Up:

Tuesday 6 February

Waitangi Day Observed – **School Closed**

Tuesday 13 February

BoT Meeting, Staffroom 7pm

Wednesday 21 February

School Picnic, 5.30-7pm

Friday 22 March

Mihi Whakatau, School Hall 1.45pm

Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April

Easter break - **School Closed**

Friday 12 April

Last day of Term 1, **3pm finish**

See the calendar on our school's website and App, <https://www.johnsonville.school.nz/calendar>, for further events taking place.