

Panui/Newsletter

Number 2:

Rāmere/Friday 16 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

Ruia taitea

Kia tū ko taikākā

Strip away the sapwood,
The heartwood remains.

**Shed those outer layers and reveal
your inner courage.**

New Enrolments

We welcome the following new students and their families to our school community: Reuben Grommans in Room 3, Ethan Jackson in Room 5 and Joshitha Senthil and Shah Abbas in Room 13.

Farewell

Today we farewell Annette Blackley, Deputy Principal and team leader of Korowai. Annette has been with Johnsonville School for the past 20 years and will be sorely missed. She has been a strong advocate for our students with neurodiversity and we wish her all the best with her new journey.

School Family Picnic

We would love to see you at our School Picnic on Wednesday next week. Sausages will be \$2.50 and ice blocks \$1 each.



Better Start Learning Approach

Muka team (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 9) are using a new, research based way of teaching reading and spelling. It is called the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA).

www.betterstartapproach.com

You are invited to come and find out more about this Approach and learn how you can support the journey at home. **Monday 26 February 6:30 – 7pm** in Matahourua (the new room beside the library).

Year 6 Leadership Programme

This year we have an exciting new leadership programme to ensure that all students have the chance to explore and nurture their leadership abilities. Whether it's through organising events, leading group discussions, or spear heading projects, we want to foster a sense of confidence and initiative in all our students. We aim to empower all students to believe in themselves and develop their leadership through their own interests.

Students are already stepping up for leadership roles – e.g. road patrol, playground sports monitors, senior buddies to junior classes, library monitors, enviro leaders, art club etc. We encourage you to support your child as they explore their interest and take on leadership opportunities throughout the year.

Communication with Families

Johnsonville School communicates with families in a variety of ways over multiple platforms e.g., school apps, facebook page, seesaw, our website and email. Where possible, we try to use google forms for responses to save on the amount of paper we use as we are an enviro school. Please ensure your email addresses are up to date at the office so you receive our communication.

School Phone Numbers

Please note that the absentee and Special Education Unit phone numbers are now the same number as the main office line – 04 478-7155. You will still be prompted to dial 1 to leave your absentee message or 2 for the SEU. You can also use the absentee form on the website or the School App to report any absences.

Chinese New Year – Year of the Dragon

Ruma Tahi and Rua (Rooms 1 and 2) have been celebrating Chinese New Year with the dragon and lanterns they have made.



Yummy Apple Stickers

A big thank you to those families that collected the Yummy stickers last year. Our free sports equipment has arrived and the children are very excited!



Sunhats

Sunhats are required to be worn whenever we are outside in Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure students have a sunhat to wear each day. We encourage play in the shade, if children do not have a sunhat.

Emergency Kits

Thank you to those who have provided an emergency kit for school in case we are required to be at school for a prolonged length of time e.g. road closures due to flooding delaying your ability to pick your children up. If you haven't already prepared these, please spend some time over the weekend organising this. We have spare containers at school, if you require one to pack supplies into.

Ngā mihi

Tania Cohen
Tumuaki | Principal

Weetbix Tryathlon

A reminder that if you are wanting to register your child in the Weetbix Tryathlon, you will need to click the link below and enter by choosing Johnsonville School.

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/79108/wellington-sanitarium-weet-bix-kids-tryathlon>.

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 you 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. You can order items from Chia Sushi and Nada Bakery.

If you have used this service previously, please remember to update the classroom number to the current one. To do this, after logging on:

- click on the three bar drop down menu on the top left of the screen
- select Members
- click on the name and update their details.

Coming Up:

Wednesday 21 February

School Picnic – 5:30 - 7pm

Postponement date – Wednesday 28 February

Thursday 22 February

Hui – School Hall 1:40pm

Rms 15 & 16 Presenting

Monday 26 February

Better Start Learning Approach Workshop for
Parents – 6:30 - 7pm

Thursday 7 March

Hui – School Hall 1:40pm

Rms 8 & 9 Presenting

Thursday 21 March

Hui – School Hall 1:40pm

Rms 11 & 12 Presenting

Friday 22 March

Mihi Whakatau – 1:45pm

Welcome to new students and their families.

Tuesday 26 March

3 Way Conferences 3:10 - 8pm

More information to come.

Wednesday 27 March

3 Way Conferences 3:10 - 6pm

More information to come.

Friday 29 March

Public Holiday (Good Friday) – **School Closed**

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