

Panui/Newsletter

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Rāmere/Friday 15 March/Poutū-te-rangi 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

Wawata – Aspiration

Ko te pae tawhiti,
Whāia kia tata; ko te pae tata,
whakamaua kia tīna

**Seek out distant horizons and
cherish those you attain**

The last two weeks have been filled with a variety of learning experiences to engage our students. Congratulations to all children who have been displaying our values inside the classroom and in the playground. As the principal, I feel privileged when I receive positive messages about our students, your children. This week a parent commented that our senior children displayed amazing respect and manners whilst running past them on the cross country course. Ka mau te wehi!

New Enrolments

We welcome the following new students and their families to our school community: Millan Hettige and Jitya Dhanalasetti in Room 4 and Vicky Zhao in Room 5.

Sea Week

Thank you to all students who participated in our Sea Week hat dress-up day. We managed to raise \$157.10 for Project Jonah. The Enviro group presented Project Jonah representatives with our donations on Monday. We have some extremely creative students and whānau who produced some exquisite hats.



Muka Athletics Day

Thank you to our teachers and our Year 6 Leaders who organised and ran our junior school athletics day on Monday. The children rotated around eight fun activities including an obstacle course, sack races, egg and spoon races and 3-legged races. Energy levels, laughter and participation was high. It was lovely to see parents who were able, come and enjoy the event.





Pūrākau

For the past year, our school has been part of the Kura Ahurea programme, delivered through Te Wharewaka o Pōneke. This programme provides a Te Ātiawa ki Te Whanganui a Tara/Taranaki Whānui perspective on local historical narratives, tikanga and kawa. Last Thursday we were thrilled to have a visit from Sharee Adam, one of the kaiako for the programme. Sharee shared a pūrākau (stories) with the classes. Students had a great time acting out parts of the story. There were some really entertaining 'battles' between the wind, the forest and the ocean, as children retold the Battle of the Elements. Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to observe and learn from Sharee.

What's the Buzz?

Matahourua, home to our hands-on learning has been abuzz with excitement for the last two weeks. The children are spending time in there learning about bees, looking at them under microscopes and seeing a bumblebee hive in action. There has been a lot of interesting conversation about bees. The teachers were learning and growing together over a bee staff meeting as well.



Science Opportunity

On Wednesday some of our enthusiastic Year 4 and 5 scientists had an opportunity to learn from Tianyi, the 2024 Academic Prefect for Scots College. Tianyi led the students through four activities and then explained the science behind each activity. Each activity focused on a different area of science. The spherification activity was a particular hit with the students. The children were really engaged and asked some great questions.



Three Way Conferences

Just a reminder that the bookings open for three-way conferences on Monday 18 March. This is a chance to come and set some learning goals moving forward and discuss how students have settled into their learning environments. If you have difficulty booking online, please ring the office and they will book them for you.

Reminder: NZEI Paid Union Meeting

Our teachers will be attending a paid teacher union meeting on Thursday 28 March at 2.00 p.m. School will finish early on this day. Please collect your child between 1.00 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. **from their classroom** if you are able to. The teachers will sign them out. All of our teachers are union members which makes it difficult to staff the school. We will have a couple of relievers onsite to supervise students who are unable to be picked up early.

Students remaining will be in two classrooms (Room 12 and Room 4) and can be released at 3 p.m. to head home as usual, to the YMCA or collected from the rooms. We apologise for any inconvenience.

From the Johnsonville School Board

Tēnā koutou e ngā kaiako me ngā kaiāwhina o tō tātou kura, Johnsonville School.

The Board wishes to show our appreciation to all of the kaiako and kaiāwhina at Johnsonville School for the mahi and time you have invested in setting up and facilitating opportunities for learning and whanaungatanga in the new Matahourua space.

We are excited to see tamariki discovering and learning new things, including in science, te reo and mātauranga Māori. It will also be a fantastic space for our community to gather in and grow connections to our school.

Here are a few reflections of tamariki so far...

“I love how there is a kitchen and learning things such as science, te reo and peer mediation. It’s such a creative space to be in!” (Amélie)

“I love the Lego and the kitchen and also how it is not too loud.” (Jack)

“I can’t wait to have pizza at the hui-ā-whānau!” (Evie)

The Board looks forward to continuing our support for this awesome initiative.

Kōia anō te mihinui, nā

Clare, Tania, Misty, Ben, Siva, Eugene and Christa

New School Board Member

The Johnsonville School Board is pleased to announce that Simon Scannell has joined the Board to fill the casual vacancy which was filled by selection.

Ngā mihi

Tania Cohen

Tumuaki | Principal

Netball

Thank you to those that have registered their child for netball this year. The google form closes at 5pm on Monday 18 March so that we can get teams together. This was sent via email but if you cannot locate it, please email jo.wilson@johnsonville.school.nz who will re-send it.

Weetbix Triathlon

Good luck to those competing in the Weetbix triathlon. There will be a small marquee set up for Johnsonville School at the event.

Coming Up:

*Please note the Term 1 Mihi Whakatau is now postponed until Term 2.

Monday 18 March

3 Way Conferences Bookings Open – 10am

Thursday 21 March

Hui – School Hall 1:40pm

Rms 11 & 12 Presenting

Monday 25 March

3 Way Conferences Bookings Close – 3pm

Tuesday 26 March

3 Way Conferences 3:10 - 8pm

Wednesday 27 March

Wacky Walking Wednesday

Dress up your shoes to celebrate the end of Movin' March.

3 Way Conferences 3:10 - 6pm

Thursday 28 March

NZEI Teachers Union Meeting – **Early Pick-up
between 1 – 1:30pm**

Friday 29 March

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

Monday 1 April

Public Holiday (Easter Monday) – **School Closed**

Tuesday 2 April

Easter Tuesday (School Holiday) – **School Closed**

Monday 8 April

Cupcake Day

More information to come.

Friday 12 April

Last day of Term 1 – School closes at 3pm

Monday 29 April

First day of Term 2

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