

## Panui/Newsletter

Number 5:

Rāpare/Thursday 28 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 - Tokelau

Totō hau tōkiga nei,  
aua na tupulaga  
e fāi mai.

Plant a seed today  
for the future generations.

Help your children to learn about  
their culture and heritage so they can  
be confident in their identity.

### New Enrolments

We welcome the following new students and their families to our school community: Josie Williams in Room 3 and Srishti Marumamula in Room 5.

### Wacky Walking Wednesday

Thank you to all students and families that participated in Movin' March by walking, scooting, or biking to school. It was lovely to see the children excited by this initiative. It culminated with Wacky Walking Wednesday and an array of amazing creative footwear designs.



### Emergency Procedures

Each term we practice an emergency drill, sometimes fire, earthquake or lockdown. Last week we practiced a fire drill. I can happily report that our students throughout the school know what to do if our fire sirens are activated, even if they are in different places from their classroom. Well done everyone!

### Three Way Conferences

Thank you to everyone who came to our Three-Way Conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday evening to meet with our teachers and set goals for the learning journey ahead. Thank you also for updating your emergency contact details and medical forms and having input into what "Learning and Growing Together" looks like at Johnsonville School.

Thank you to our teachers who have spent time preparing for these and had extended evenings on top of their teaching day. If you missed this opportunity, please contact your child's teacher, and book an appointment for the beginning of next term.

### School Cross Country

Our children have been practicing for the school cross country this term. This will take place on Wednesday 10 April, weather permitting. The races will begin and end on the field. Please feel free to come and support your children if you are able to. At the end of the races, there is a colour run for students who wish to participate, an old t-shirt would be good for this although the colour washes out relatively easy.

#### Start times

Yr 6 Boys - 9.20 a.m.

Yr 6 Girls - 9.30 a.m.

Yr 5 Boys - 9.40 a.m.

Yr 5 Girls - 9.50 a.m.

Yr 4 Boys - 10.00 a.m.

Yr 4 Girls - 10.10 a.m.

**Interval** – 10.30 a.m.

Yr 3 Boys - 11.00 a.m.  
Yr 3 Girls - 11.10 a.m.  
Yr 2 Boys - 11.20 a.m.  
Yr 2 Girls 11.30 a.m.  
Yr 1 - 11.40 a.m.  
**Colour Run** – 11.55 p.m.

### Learning and Growing Together

On Monday evening, our School Board met with other Boards in our Kāhui Ako at Amesbury School to unpack a self-review tool. This tool helps review where we are as a school giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It was a great opportunity for our Boards to learn from each other, to share ideas and to listen to others' opinions.

### Property Update

Unfortunately, the completion of our new learning spaces is not going to fall in the school holidays which would have allowed for a seamless move into our new spaces. We don't have a confirmed completion date yet however indications are in the first half of term 2. This means that a moving company will pack and shift the entire school over one weekend. We will need a teacher only day on the Monday to unpack and set up our classrooms before students arrive to their new spaces on Tuesday. We will give you as much advanced notice of this teacher only day as we can and appreciate your support with our move. When completed, the heart of our school will be the asphalt area with all of our classrooms together.

The teachers had another walk around the new building this week and have been putting their requests in for the new furniture. Excitement is building with both staff and students.

### News Media

This morning, a TVNZ news crew decided it would gather parent voice on a report released by ERO. As a school we were not informed this was happening outside of our school grounds. I would like to apologise to any parents who felt uncomfortable by their actions.

### NZEI Paid Union Meeting

Thank you to all who were able to pick up students early so our teachers could attend the meeting.

### Easter Break

It's been quite a few years since we have had an Easter break during term one. Usually, it falls in the term one holiday along with ANZAC day. Please note that all schools are closed for Easter Tuesday 2 April.

Have a fantastic Easter break with your friends and family, travel safe if you're heading away. We will see you back on Wednesday 3 April.

Ngā Mihi o Te Aranga ki a koutou katoa!

Tania Cohen  
Tumuaki | Principal

## Coming Up:

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### Monday 1 April

Easter Monday – **Public holiday school closed**

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### Tuesday 2 April

Easter Tuesday – **School holiday school closed**

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### Monday 8 April

Cupcake Day

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### Wednesday 10 April

School Cross Country

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### Friday 12 April

Last day of Term 1 – School closes at 3pm

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### Monday 29 April

First day of Term 2

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### Monday 3 June

King's Birthday – **Public holiday school closed**

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### Tuesday 4 June

Staff Only Day – **School closed to students**

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

## Home and School Cupcake Day



The Home and School Committee will be holding their annual Cupcake Day on **Monday 8th April 2024**. Cupcake day is a morning where the children can buy a cupcake (or 2) for morning tea for \$2 each. It's a very exciting day for the kids!

We would like families, if you are able, to make cupcakes for us to sell and these can be dropped off in the hall on the morning of 8 April. The money raised will go towards play equipment for the school. Please contact Annuschka if you can help with either setting up and selling at 8:30am – 11:00am and/or 3:00 – 3:30pm. Even for just a short time, every little bit helps. Come and join the excitement!

[annuschka.martinsen@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:annuschka.martinsen@hotmail.co.nz)

Please label any cupcakes that are suitable for children with allergies and label any containers that you would like returned with your child's name and room number on it.

## 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 478-7155
- Website notification  
[www.johnsonville.school.nz/absences/](http://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.

## 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](#).