

Panui/Newsletter

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Rāmere/Friday 13 June /Pīpiri 2025

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

Whāngaihia te ara whakapakari a ngā uri whakatupu.

Nourish the pathway of growth for future generations.

New Enrolments

We welcome the following new students and their families to our school community: Roven Habaradu Attatage in Room 1 and Ivan Wang and Amber Basas in Room 4.

Google sites for Home Learning

At our recent three-way conferences, some parents enquired about homework. Our school policy is there is no set homework in terms of homework sheets. This is due to research showing homework sheets don't provide any educational benefits. Practising the basics, reading from a variety of sources and discussing what has been read, practising basic facts and writing for authentic purposes such as shopping lists, connecting with friends and family members through letters, emails etc is beneficial.

Our teaching teams have developed Home Learning google sites with links for students to practise the basics in reading, writing and mathematics. Please take the time to check these out and use if you want your child/ren to do extra practise at home.

Muka:

<https://sites.google.com/johnsonville.school.nz/muka/home>

Raranga:

<https://sites.google.com/johnsonville.school.nz/raranga-syndicate/home>

World Vision Challenge

Twelve of our Year 6 students (also enviro leaders) attended a World Vision conference in May. It was a very powerful day of learning and developing leadership skills. As part of their learning, students explored the work of World Vision and this year's fundraising focus—supporting communities in the Solomon Islands who are experiencing challenging living conditions as a result of climate change.

The other big part of the learning was developing leadership skills by organising a challenge. They decided that the World Vision Challenge of no technology for two days was a great challenge to attempt!!!

Below is a link to more information related to this challenge. <https://fundraise.worldvision.org.nz/>

They are asking the school community to support in the following ways if possible:

- On Sunday 15th and Monday 16th, refrain from using as many electronic devices as possible - e.g. computers, TV, Chromebooks, ipads, phones, gaming (teachers are attempting to go device free for the day too)
- Draw a picture, write a recount ... of anything you did on Sunday that was free from electronics and bring this to school Monday.
- If possible bring a cash donation (possibly a gold coin) to school which we will collect and donate to World Vision and the Solomon Islands.
- Wear colours that are in the flag of Solomon Islands (green, yellow, blue, white) if you have any. Or bright colours could be an option too.
- Enjoy being technology free :-)

Matariki Celebrations

Matariki, the Pleiades star cluster, marks the beginning of the Māori New Year. It is a time when we gather together to acknowledge and celebrate the past, present, and future. Matariki reminds us of the interconnectedness between ourselves, our ancestors, and the natural world. It serves as a reminder of our resilience, wisdom, and the guiding principles that have sustained Māori for generations.

We have several opportunities to celebrate Matariki. Thank you to the Home and School committee for organising a Matariki Disco for the children next Wednesday night 18 June.

On Thursday afternoon 19 June we have an open afternoon from 2 – 2.45pm where we would love you to join us for Matariki activities in our classrooms if you are able to.

To complete our Matariki activities our Y5/6 students in our Kapa haka group are performing at the Johnsonville Mall at approximately 5.10 p.m. Thank you to Matua Alwyn and Angela Rongonui for organising this opportunity for our children. Feel free to wander down and join the community in their Matariki celebrations.

Pulse Players

On Monday afternoon our Senior netball teams were treated to a visit and training session from Pulse players Whitney Souness and Kelly Jackson.

Despite the cold, wind and rain lots of fun and enjoyment was had along with learning some valuable netball skills from legends of the game.

This was such an amazing opportunity for the girls and a huge thank you goes to David Aitken for organising this for us.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education

Currently we are investigating the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to support staff by enhancing productivity and reducing workload, particularly in planning, resource creation, and administration.

While AI is a helpful tool, staff remain responsible for maintaining professional integrity by reviewing

outputs for accuracy (treating any outputs as a first draft), protecting privacy (no personal data used) and using their own voice when writing student reports. Students are not permitted to use AI tools.

We are committed to ethical use, recognising potential bias and cultural limitations, especially regarding te ao Māori and other cultural contexts. Ongoing professional development and regular review of our AI procedures will ensure we stay informed and responsive to this evolving technology.

Matariki Disco

When: **Wednesday 18 June 2025**

5:30–6:30pm Junior School (Yr 1 - 3 **Muka Team**)

6:45–7:45pm Senior School (Yr 4 - 6 **Raranga Team**)

Students are not able to attend both discos.

Where: **Johnsonville School Hall**

Entry fee: \$5 (includes a packet of chips).

Glow in the dark face painting available for a gold coin donation.

Please ensure that your child/children are dropped off at the hall and collected from **INSIDE** the hall: they will not be allowed to leave without an adult.

Please pay into the **HOME AND SCHOOL ACCOUNT 06-0549-0637957-00** and include your child's name and Room number as a reference.

Please complete the following google form to ensure we have the correct information for the evening.

<https://forms.gle/GoVXn6LEN3SvqUVdA>



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property at the moment including some good quality jerseys and jackets. Come and have a look through if you are missing any items of clothing, water bottles, swimming gear etc. Any un-named items left at the end of the term will be donated to charity.

Puāwai Awards – Focus: Courage



Room 1	Benji Vakarur	Benji is a kind and caring member of our class. He is always prepared to help others when they are upset or hurt, and has a lovely way of putting others at ease. Ka rawe, Benji!
Room 2	Angus Scannell	Angus is so kind and caring. He sees the best in everyone. He notices when anyone is sad or needs support and steps in to support them. Ngā mihi nui e hoa.
Room 3	Carter Champion-Dowman	Carter is an encouraging and thoughtful friend to all in our class. He checks in and supports

		tamariki that may be having big feelings and need a pat on the back or a high five. Tino pai rawa atu!
Room 4	Avery Steinmetz	Avery demonstrates quiet but powerful empathy every day. She is consistently attentive, inclusive, and supportive of her classmates—especially those who are still finding their voice in English. He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai – If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.
Room 5	Amelia Stewart	Amelia is able to notice when others are feeling upset or down and respond with kindness and care. Ka rawe Amelia!
Room 6	Manuthi Benthara Arachchige Don	Manuthi shows kindness towards others and includes them when she recognises they need a friend. Ka rawe, Manuthi.
Room 8	Sarah Saqib	Sarah instinctively knows when those around her need some help. She is kind and caring toward others who may be feeling left out, or have had an accident.
Room 9	Feliz Juson	Feliz is kind and understanding. She recognises when a classmate is feeling unhappy and makes an effort to help them to feel better. Ka pai hoki koe, Feliz!
Room 10	Leo Saber	Leo, you have been working so hard on being patient and empathetic to your classmates. We are all so proud of you. Ka rawe, Leo.
Room 11	Ella Rathgen	Ella is a thoughtful and considerate classmate who always checks in with anyone who may need a hand. She is a supportive and loyal friend. Ka pai tō mahi, Ella!
Room 12	Honor Teal	Honor is a kind inclusive classmate who always has a positive influence on everyone she interacts with.
Room 13	Irene Bijoy	Irene is a kind friend who checks in with others to make sure they are included and feel part of things. She tries to show empathy to all her classmates. Ka rawe, Irene. Great work!

Room 14	Klair Olango	Klair is kind and considerate to her classmates. She is able to put herself in someone else's shoes and understand what they are feeling. Ka rawe Klair!
Room 15	Omar Soliman	Omar is a fantastic member of Room 15. He is always respectful and kind, and shows empathy towards everyone at the school. Tino pai, Omar.
Room 16	Helan Meepe Ganithage	Helan consistently shows kindness and care towards others. He is always looking out for his classmates and offering support whenever someone is feeling upset or needs a helping hand. He also goes out of his way to help the younger tamariki in the school to feel valued. He mīharo koe, Helan!

Coming Up:

Tuesday 17 June

School Board Meeting – 7pm Staffroom

Wednesday 18 June

Matariki Disco - School Hall

Thursday 19 June

Matariki Open Afternoon: 2- 2:45pm

Friday 20 June

Matariki Public Holiday – **School closed**

Wednesday 25 June

Hui a whānau - Matariki

Friday 27 June

Last Day Term 2 – School finishes 3pm

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