

Team Kūkupa Pānui



Tēnā koutou katoa! Pānui mo te wiki 11 o te Wahanga 1

(Pānui for week 11 of Term 1)

The children have worked really hard this term and have made great progress. They should all be proud of themselves. Thanks for all the support from home and at school.

Lost Property

Tomorrow will be the last day to look through the lost property before we put the remaining items in the clothing bins. We have accumulated a lot of items so please take a look through these before the school break begins.

Pedal Ready

Pedal Ready will be visiting in Weeks 3 and 4 to teach the Year 4, 5s and 6s some bike skills. The year 4 and 5s will be mostly in week 3. If the students have their own bike it would be great if they could bring it in that week.

Athletics Wellington

The Junior Committee invites Primary School athletes in Years 3 – 8 to take part in a fun cross-country race.

Date: Sunday 9 May

Venue: Trentham Memorial Park

Entry Fee: \$3 if you Pre-register Online. Payment via Credit or Debit card. (link to Pre-Register <https://kidsxcmay2021.eventdesq.com>)

\$5 on the Day. Cash ONLY – Sorry NO EFTPOS Available.

NOTE: Cut-off for Pre-Registration is strictly 5pm Friday 7 May.

Race Distances:

Year 3 & 4: approx. 1km

Year 5 & 6: approx. 1.5km

School Cross Country

This is another opportunity for our keen runners. This will enable us to get names for the Southern Zones cross country competition. A google form will be sent out week 1 of Term 2 for children to opt into this.

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Our whole school will be participating in a Moveathon Fun Run on 30 June. This will be for everyone. More details next term!

Upcoming events! - School calendar [Link](#)

- Friday 16 April - last day of term
- Monday 3rd May - Term 2 starts
- May 4th - Star Wars dress up day
- Monday 10th to Friday 14th - Life Education Trust
- Monday 17th to Friday 21st - Pedal Ready
- May 12th and May 13th - Learning conferences
- Tuesday 18th May - Discovery learning begins

We wish you a safe and relaxing school holiday break.

Nga mihi na,

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Tēnā koutou katoa! Pānui mo te wiki 10 o te Wahanga 1 (Pānui for week 10 of Term 1)

We made it through the term and we have settled into a good routine. Thanks for all the support.

Discovery

We have now finished our first term of Discovery Learning and are working on the options for next term. This term there was drama, music videos, Wearable Arts, Bug Hotels, musical instruments, sports, children's book making and nuts and bolts (which was working with bikes). There were out of school trips, performances and loads of other exciting learning going on. Big thanks to all the parents who came in and supported us with our first ever Discovery Learning!

Pet day

Our PB4L reward is Pet Day tomorrow, Friday 5th April. Click on the [link](#) for full details.

Lost Property

Look out for any lost property towards the end of term, we have lots of clothes in the big black box in Daniel Crow's classroom. At the end of the term we will place unclaimed items in the clothing bins. (Room 1)

Pedal Ready

Pedal Ready will be visiting in Weeks 3 and 4 to teach the Year 4, 5s and 6s some bike skills.

Upcoming events! - School calendar [Link](#)

- Friday 16 April - last day of term
- Wednesday 14th April - Pet Day

[Week 11 Timetable](#)

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Discovery

This week our tamariki completed their Term 1 Discovery Programme. There were many successes with videos, books, plays, Wearable Art and Bike information. What a wonderful learning opportunity for us all. Now we wait for Term 2 topics for selection. This will happen during week 11 of this term.

Spotlight

Don't forget to have a quick squiz at this to see some of your child's evidence of achievement and also events that may appear on the Blog.

Bakesale - 8 April

A group of Kākā leaders are planning to run a bake sale at lunchtime on April 8th. There is going to be food available for those with allergies too. The money is fundraising for camp 2022 and the prices will range between 50c and \$3. This is an opportunity for our students to develop their organisation and leadership skills and they have been working hard behind the scenes to get this off the ground.

Upcoming events! - School calendar [Link](#)

- Thursday 1 April: Teacher Only Day - school closed
- Friday 2 April - Tuesday 6 April (inclusive) - Easter break
- Friday 16 April - last day of term

[Week 10 Timetable](#)

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Thanks for the remaining Emergency Bags - we've almost got everybody's pack now.

Easter is approaching and school is closed on Thursday 1st April for a Teacher Only Day. Hopefully, you'll be able to make the most of this time and enjoy a break.

Next week, we'll be starting Multiplication and Division in our maths. Also, talk to your children about their mountain, river (sea) and city or town as we are compiling their mihimihi.

Discovery is coming to an end and there will be some presentations to show what the children have achieved.

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[Week 9 Timetable](#)

Upcoming events. School calendar [Link](#)

- Thursday 1 April: Teacher Only Day - School closed
- Friday 2 April - Tuesday 6 April (inclusive) - Easter break
- Friday 16 April - Last day of term

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Tēnā koutou katoa! Pānui mo te wiki 8 o te Wahanga 1 (Pānui for week 8 of Term 1)

Thanks to all the parents who came to help and to cheer on all the children at our Athletics' Day last Friday. I think everyone had a great day.

Next week is Week 8 out of 11 - time is flying by and we're really happy to see the children are working hard at their PR1ME Maths (addition and subtraction) and getting some great results.

The children are also working hard in literacy to give their story writing some structure (orientation, problem and resolution and an ending). We've already seen some great improvements here too.

[Week 8 Timetable](#)

Upcoming events. School calendar [Link](#)

- Thursday 1 April: Teacher Only Day - School closed
- Friday 2 April - Tuesday 6 April (inclusive) - Easter break
- Friday 16 April - Last day of term

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Whānau Kūkupa: Term 1, Week 7 (starting Monday 15th March)

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Athletics Day

Ridgway is off to Newtown Park tomorrow (Friday The students 12th) The students will participate in long jump, high jump, sack races, sprints, and many more. Remember to send your child/ren to school with a drink bottle, extra food, sunblock and a hat and appropriate clothing/shoes for running, jumping and throwing.

Emergency food bags

We're still awaiting a few emergency food bags - please send them with your children.

[Week 7 Timetable](#)

Upcoming events! - School calendar [Link](#)

- Thursday 1 April: Teacher Only Day - School closed
- Friday 2 April - Tuesday 6 April (inclusive) - Easter break
- Friday 16 April - Last day of term

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Thanks to all who have provided their children with emergency food bags. There are still a few children without emergency provisions - let's get these in as soon as we can please.

We have started PR1ME Maths and the children have got their own books, at their own level that they complete at their own pace. While we don't want to stop children working on these books at home, it is imperative that they work in their book every day at school so it cannot be left at home. Check out the PR1ME website here: <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/schools/education/prime-maths/>

With Athletics coming up next Friday 12th March, we are practicing our skills. Ask your children about their skills and help them practice with vortex, sprints, tennis ball throwing and quoits, if you can. Please remember sun hats, running shoes, water bottle and a big lunch.

The Discovery groups are trying to post a blog this week so see if you can see it from the Spotlight parent portal.

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[week 6 timetable](#)

Important dates:

Friday, March 12th	Athletics Day, Newtown Park
Sunday, March 14th 12:00 - 4:00pm	Car Boot Sale
Thursday, April 1st	Teacher Only Day (School closed)
April 2 - 6th	Easter Break
Tuesday, 16th April	Last Day of Term

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Whānau Tūi: Term 1, Week 5 (starting Wednesday 1st March)

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Thanks for coming to our picnic. We were lucky with the beautiful weather and lots of great information was shared in the presentations.

Please send in your emergency food bags as soon as possible.

We are now underway with Discovery (Project Based Learning) and we are seeing great attitudes and enthusiasm.

Te Reo Extension Class

Te Reo is taught in every classroom at Ridgway School and we offer a te reo extension group for learners that meet [the criteria](#). This class is open to Year 4 - 8s. Please email sarah@ridgway.school.nz if your child would like to be part of this group.

Important dates:

Friday, March 12th	Athletics Day, Newtown Park
Sunday, March 14th 12:00 - 4:00pm	Car Boot Sale
Thursday, April 1st	Teacher Only Day (School closed)
April 2 - 6th	Easter Break
Tuesday, 16th April	Last Day of Term

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Important dates:

March 14th 12:00 - 4:00pm Car Boot Sale

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Whānau Tūi: Term 1, Week 3 (starting Wednesday 15th February)

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Many thanks to all the parents who helped and those who offered help for our Parliament and City and Sea Museum trip. We were overwhelmed with helpers and we are really grateful. Without parent help, the trip couldn't go ahead. We all had a great day.

Thanks also for providing your children with their ICT form, stationery and their hats.

Touch Rugby

We've heard there's some interest in entering a year 3/4 touch team in this term's mixed competition. Touch is a great fun game that uses passing, catching and running skills, and teaches teamwork and the value of all roles playing their part in a team.

Here's are the details:

- The team is open to girls and boys, and we need at least 7-8 children to form a team (5 on the field and 2-3 subs).
- No experience is necessary – at this level there's a coach on the field during the game to help players know what they need to do.
- It's a super short season with only six games in total. Practices are at school from next week and the season itself kicks off on 24 February.
- Games are at Wakefield Park on the artificial turf – they're played between 4 and 6pm and last 30 minutes. They take place in all weather.
- The cost is \$165 per team – the exact amount per player will be calculated once we know how many players we have.

If this sounds like something your child would be interested in, fill out this [Touch Rugby enrolment form](#) by the end of this week (Sunday 14 February).

And if you have a child from another year that would like to play, still fill out the form – if we get enough interest, and enough parents able to coach and manage, we can enter more teams.

If you'd like to know more about what's involved, contact Kerry McCarty (027 454 5628 or kerrymccartynz@gmail.com).

We will be starting a Peer Mediation programme. The training will start on Monday from 9 to 10 am and will be run weekly by Mr Crow and Mr Verhelst. This exciting program will teach the volunteers essential life skills for peaceful conflict resolution.

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In week four we will be starting project based learning. This will work across the whole school on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. The children will get the opportunity to choose an area that interests them and work on that project for the rest of the term.

[Week 3 timetable](#)

Important dates:

February 23rd 5:30 - 7:00pm Picnic and Information evening

March 14th 12:00 - 4:00pm Car Boot Sale

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Whānau Tūi: Term 1, Week 1 (starting Wednesday 3rd February)

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and the children are ready to meet all their friends back here at school.

There are a few reminders to start the new year so here's a short list

- Sun hats/sunscreen. All students must wear a sun hat outside, otherwise they will need to be in a shaded area
- Kūkupa will be taking a trip to Parliament and the museum on the 11th February - parent helpers will be needed (details to follow)
- Stationery - bring everything you have from day one in a labelled bag as the teachers will keep spare books [Year 4 and 5 Stationery list](#)
- We have put children into smaller awahi groups however, students will be working with both teachers throughout the year. This will include Martin Anscombe who will be releasing Daniel on Fridays
- Water bottles - there are no drinking fountains on the field
- Ruru year 4 and 5 students will be joining us for core learning and other events
- Please label all your childrens' clothes
- We will be handing out an ICT agreement form which parents/carers must sign before the children can use any device

We're looking forward to seeing all the children on Wednesday and will keep you regularly updated with important information as we get it.

Nga mihi nui,

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