

Team Kūkupa Pānui



Pānui - holidays

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.

Goodbye Jackson!

Jackson and Bella will be leaving Ridgway School at the end of this term. They will be moving to the Wairarapa over the holidays. While we will all miss them, we wish them and the whole whanau all the best on their next adventure!

Moveathon

All students took part in the moveathon this week. Our Kūkupa students did a fantastic job and completed an impressive number of laps around the field. There were some sore legs the next day. Well done to all!

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.

Spotlight

We will be communicating via the Teacher Messages button on Spotlight from next term. This means that we will no longer send a weekly panui. If you have the app on your phone, you can leave notifications turned on, so that you are alerted when a new message arrives.

If you access school via your computer, remember to check it weekly for communication and on other occasions where cancellations or reminders may be posted. You will also be able to see photos of things happening in the classroom via a blog, which you can also access from Spotlight.

We have recently posted the latest piece of writing and made comments with regards to these. The children have worked hard towards this writing!

Reading over the Holidays

Encourage your child to read over the holidays. Holiday reading is not only fun, interesting and a desirable thing to do, it also makes kids better readers and smarter individuals! Read together with your children and for those parents that don't like reading aloud, audio books are a great option.

Swimming

Next term Kūkupa will have swimming lessons on Friday afternoon.
We wish you a safe and relaxing school holiday break.

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Upcoming Events

- **Friday 9 July: Last day of term 2.**
- **Monday 26 July: First day of term 3**

Pānui mo te wiki 10 o te Wahanga 2

(Pānui for week 10 of Term 2)

Kia ora tātou,

Thanks to all the children and parents for adhering to the COVID rules for Level 2 - seems we're getting pretty good at this now.

Spotlight

We've still got a couple more posts to add before the end of term, one is a blog entry regarding our Discovery this term and the other is their latest piece of writing. The children have worked hard towards this writing.

Life Education

Harold came and went and the children enjoyed learning in a completely different environment, away from the classroom. The children learned about empathy and how it was to walk in other people's shoes. They also learned about kindness and how it can be shared. Hope you see some of that at home.



Discovery

Our Discovery topics have come to a close until next term. It's great to see the children enjoy the learning they selected.

Swimming

In Term 3 we'll be swimming each Friday at Little Makos. We'll give you more information in Term 3.

Lost Property

As we approach the end of the term the lost property is starting to pile up. Please have a quick look inside the black container in room 2 and make sure there is nothing that belongs to your child. Anything left will go into the clothing bins on Friday.

Upcoming Events

- Some time week 10: Whole School Moveathon Fundraiser
- **Friday 9 July: Last day of term 2.**
- Monday 26 July: First day of term 3

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Pānui mo te wiki 9 o te Wahanga 2

(Pānui for week 9 of Term 2)

Kia ora tātou,

Back into Level 2 and we are stepping up our procedures in the classroom. Parents must stay outside and sign in if they enter the classroom. The children are washing their hands and cleaning the desks and still working hard.

Spotlight

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Life Ed.

Next week sees the return of the Life Education van and Harold, the giraffe. Years 4 and 5 will be split into separate groups.

Discovery Learning

Next week is also the last for this term 2 discovery learning. Keep an eye out for their fantastic creations and presentations.

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

- 28 June-2 July: Life Education all week
- Wednesday 30 June: Whole School Moveathon Fundraiser
- Friday 9 July: Last day of term 2
- Monday 26 July: First day of term 3

Stay safe, stay warm,

Harriette and Daniel.



Pānui mo te wiki 8 o te Wahanga 2

(Pānui for week 8 of Term 2)

Spotlight

Keep a lookout for the great work and achievements the children have made and let us know if you are having any issues accessing Spotlight.

Discovery Trips

Many of our children have continued to have exciting trips and activities as part of discovery learning. Our Hero Journalists visited Stuff newsroom, and interviewed Doctor Ashley Bloomfield. Our Who Are You students went to Government House and met the Governor General. A big thank you to Connie and Blair who helped on the trip.

Ice-creams

Our students were lucky enough to buy ice-creams on the bottom field at lunchtime on Thursday this week. Thank you for great work from the Kaka students who organised the sales.

Interzone Cross country

Congratulations to Caitlin who competed in her first interzone sports event. We look forward to more cross country events to come.

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

- 28 June-2 July: Life Education all week
- Wednesday June 30: Whole School Moveathon Fundraiser
- **Friday 9 July: Last day of term 2**
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Pānui mo te wiki 7 o te Wahanga 2

(Pānui for week 7 of Term 2)

Welcome back

We hope everyone had a great long weekend and your children are enjoying their short week back at school.

Spotlight

While our tamariki enjoyed a long weekend break, we were brushing up on our Spotlight skills, so keep an eye out for more of your children's work and achievements.

Pedal Ready

Pedal Ready has wrapped up for Kūkupa - congratulations to all our tamariki who have improved their cycling skills.



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Discovery Trips

Many of our children will be going on exciting trips next week as part of their discovery learning. Our Hero Journalists are visiting the Stuff newsroom on Tuesday, while our Who Are You students will be heading to Government House on Wednesday.

Goodbye, Paul

Our student teacher Paul Harper is leaving us on Friday, May 11 after six weeks with Kūkupa. He says he has loved teaching and getting to know all our wonderful tamariki, and working alongside the amazing team at Ridgway. The teachers will miss Paul's hard work and extra pair of hands and the children will miss his sense of humour, endless enthusiasm and the great relationships he built.

Upcoming events - School calendar [Link](#)

- Tuesday 15 June: Discovery Trip - Hero Journalists Going to Stuff News
- Tuesday 15 June: Interzone Cross Country - 4 students
- Wednesday 16 June: Discovery Trip - Who are You? Going to Government House
- 28 June-2 July: Life Education all week
- Wednesday June 30: Whole School Moveathon Fundraiser
- **Friday 9 July: Last day of term 2.**

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Pānui mo te wiki 6 o te Wahanga 2

(Pānui for week 6 of Term 2)

Pedal Ready

All the children have now been trained by Pedal Ready and they should continue practising these skills so that they have the skills to be able to be trained on the road as Year 6s.

Lots of children conquered fears and worries and many tackled the skills on the bottom field such as the seesaw and the table top.

Spotlight

Let us know if you are still having problems with the Spotlight. It seems that most whānau can access this now. Kathryn will be holding a korero for anyone who would like to join next Wednesday evening to talk about it. We have posted work from the children this week including Te Reo and maths strategies.

Teacher only days

Remember that Friday and Tuesday are teacher only days. A great opportunity to get away for a few days! Have a relaxing and happy long weekend!

Upcoming events - School calendar [Link](#)

- **Friday 4 June: Teacher Only Day - school closed**
- **Tuesday 8 June: Teacher Only Day - school closed**
- Wednesday 9 June: Korero with Kathryn - 7pm, Staff room.
- Thursday 10 June: 2nd School Photo day - Siblings...
- Thursday 10 June: Ice Cream Sales to Kōtare, Tui and Ruru Lunchtime
- Tuesday 15 June: Discovery Trip - Hero Journalists Going to Stuff News
- Tuesday 15 June: Interzone Cross Country - 4 students
- Wednesday 16 June: Discovery Trip - Who are You? Going to Government House
- 28 June-2 July: Life Education all week
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Pānui mo te wiki 5 o te Wahanga 2

(Pānui for week 5 of Term 2)

Pedal Ready

Pedal Ready missed a few sessions due to the weather - the children won't miss out though; they are being rescheduled.

Poetry

The children have been writing some great poems this week. They learnt about many of the devices used in poetry and have put them to good use. Ask them about metaphors, similes and onomatopoeia and how they used these in their writing.

Spotlight

Teachers and children are beginning to get to grips with Spotlight. We're aware of a few hiccups but there should be some of the children's work to show you over the next few weeks.

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- **Tuesday 8 June: Teacher Only Day - school closed**
- Wednesday 9 June: Korero with Kathryn - 7pm, Staff room.
- 28 June-2 July: Life Education all week
- Wednesday June 30: Whole School Moveathon Fun Run
- Friday 9 July: Last day of term 2.



Pānui mo te wiki 4 o te Wahanga 2

(Pānui for week 4 of Term 2)

Pedal Ready has been helping the children learn new bike skills this week. There's one group that missed out on Monday's rain but we'll catch up with them in a couple of weeks.



Spotlight

We're aware that some parents have had difficulties logging on. Further information will be shared. Teachers are learning too.

PB4L

The children have earned another PB4L reward for all their great efforts. We will be having a games afternoon tomorrow. Children can bring any board games they wish to play.

Fractions and statistics

Please use fractions in your conversations with your children as this is what we're currently learning in maths. Last week we used M&Ms to learn about statistics - and yes, we got to eat them! Here are a few of our tamariki making pictograms.



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Pink Shirt Day

Be sure to wear a pink shirt tomorrow (Friday 21st May) for Pink Shirt Day which celebrates Bully-Free week in New Zealand.

Upcoming events - School calendar [Link](#)

- 24-28 May: Y6 Pedal Ready - all week
- Monday 24 May: Southern Zone Cross Country - Houghton Valley School
- Tuesday 25 May: Discovery Trip - Ruru Yr4/6 Museum
- Wednesday 26 May: Discovery Trip - Who are You? Going to Te Papa
- Thursday 27 May: Our Kids Online - parent evening at Vogelmorn Hall 7pm
- Friday 28 May: Y7-Y8 Te Awe Library
- Wednesday 2 June: School Photos all day
- Wednesday 2 June: Discovery Trip - Who are You? Going to He Tohu National Library
- **Friday 4 June: Teacher Only Day - school closed**
- **Tuesday 8 June: Teacher Only Day - school closed**
- Wednesday 9 June: Korero with Kathryn - 7pm, Staff room.
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Pānui mo te wiki 3 o te Wahanga 2

(Pānui for week 3 of Term 2)

Tēnā koutou katoa!

Learning Conferences

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Learning Conferences. We hope they were useful to you. Remember that we are both here throughout the year, should you have any issues or anything you wish to discuss.

Pedal Ready



Pedal Ready are here this week upskilling the Year 4 and 5s on the court at school. They'll be teaching them skills they need to ride on the road (looking behind you, signalling to other road users, etc). The children can bring their own bike or we'll provide one for them. They must have closed toe shoes.

Earthquake Drill

We were delighted with the skills and calmness during our earthquake practice. Ask the children to demonstrate to you what they should be doing.



Upcoming events - School calendar [Link](#)

- 17-21 May: Y4-5 Pedal Ready
- Tuesday 18 May: Discovery Learning begins

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- Tuesday 18 May: Whānau Hui in staffroom 6-8pm, all welcome
- Friday 21 May: Cafe Catch ups at VBC from 9.15 with Kathryn & Sarah
- Friday 21 May: Pink Shirt Day a culmination of Bully-Free NZ Week
- 24 May - 1 June Year 6 Pedal Ready (Permission slips to office)
- Monday 24 May - Southern Zone Cross Country
- 24 - 28 May: Y6 Pedal Ready
- Thursday 27 May - Our Kids Online - parent evening at Vogelmorn Hall 7pm
- June 2: School Photos
- June 4: Teacher Only Day - school closed
- June 8: Teacher Only Day - school closed
- June 9: Korero with Kathryn - 7pm, Staff room.
- June 30: Whole School Moveathon fundraiser
- 28 June-2 July: Life Education

Stay warm, stay dry,

Harriette, Paul and Daniel.

Tēnā koutou katoa! Pānui mo te wiki 2 o te Wahanga 2
(Pānui for week 2 of Term 2)

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The children have returned from the holidays excited to be back at school and eager to learn. In the first week of the term, we've covered statistics and learned about persuasive writing. So expect to hear some convincing arguments from your tamariki!

May the Fourth be with you

On Tuesday, May 4 (Star Wars Day), Kūkupa saw an invasion of jedi and villains as children were encouraged to dress up as their favourite Star Wars characters. We were impressed with their efforts - the force is strong with these ones!



Welcome Paul

Student teacher Paul Harper has joined Kūkupa from Victoria University where he is studying a Graduate Diploma of Primary Teaching. Paul was previously a journalist for 12 years, at Stuff and the New Zealand Herald. He will be with Ridgway for six weeks. Please say hello to him and make him feel welcome if you see him at the school.

Parent teacher learning conference

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Parents will have an opportunity to discuss their tamariki at parent teacher learning conferences at Vogelmorn Bowling Club next week. Kūkapa's teachers will be available on Wednesday, from 8am to 12pm and 12.30pm to 6pm, and on Thursday 12.30pm to 6pm.

Make [bookings](#) for your teacher here.

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.

Please complete the [permission slip](#) attached.

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.

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

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

- May 10 - 14 May - NZ Sign Language Week
- May 12th and May 13th - Learning conferences
- Monday 17th to Friday 31st - Pedal Ready
- Tuesday 18th May - Discovery learning begins
- Thursday 20th May - School Art Show
- Friday 21 May - Pink Shirt Day a culmination of Bully-Free NZ Week.
- Monday 24th May - Southern Zones Cross Country
- Thursday 27th May - Our Kids Online (online safety information evening for kids)

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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 awhi 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,

[Harriette Cowan and Daniel Crow](#)