

Te Kura o Tiori - Burnham School

'Standing Tall, Aiming High'

Quality education in a fun, safe and friendly environment, promoting opportunities and challenges for children while preparing them for the future.



Wednesday 7th December 2016

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Kia ora koutou te whanau o Burnham,

Reports will go home tomorrow - Thursday. Please take the time to read your child's report alongside him or her. Praise your child for their achievements and discuss your child's teacher's suggestions about what you can do at home to assist your child in their learning. Your child's class placement and teacher for 2017 will be sent home in a letter which will go home with your child's report. The envelopes

containing your child's report is sealed. It is our expectation that the envelope is delivered to you, for you to open.

Our End of Year assembly is on Friday 9th of December at 1pm. The children have been working hard to prepare for this year's End of Year assembly, which will showcase our children's talents. A Kapa Haka, a Hip Hop, and an instrumental group will perform, along with the winner of our Manu Korero competition. There will also be a stunning and very cute performance from our Junior School children. This is a must attend event. It is also an opportunity to farewell our Year 8 students who are heading off to high school next year. Each year our PTA provide the Year 8 Leavers Gift. This year there are 18 Year 8 students, so the cost to purchase the gifts was considerable. I would like to extend our thanks to Road Metals for kindly matching the PTA, dollar for dollar to cover the cost of these gifts. This is greatly appreciated. Entry to the Assembly will be through our school grounds. If you don't know where the cinema is, I suggest that you arrive at school at 12.30pm and walk over with our children. If you need to enter camp via the main gates e.g. taking someone to the assembly who is unable to walk from school to the cinema e.g. due to sickness, injury etc please e-mail me at principal@burnham.school.nz before Thursday 9am and I will provide a list of names to the guard hut. Each person in the car will still require ID (driver's license) to enter.

School accounts were sent home last week. I ask that you please pay off your account as soon as possible. If you did not receive one - please request another from Trish in the office.

admin@burnham.school.nz If you have struggled to pay your account from time to time, can I suggest setting up an automatic payment into the school's account. A number of families who have done this e.g. putting aside as little as \$5 per week, per child now have enough money in their accounts to pay for camp next year.

All children require their togs, a towel and a rash shirt (contained in a bag) to go swimming with this week and next. If your child does not have a rash shirt these can be obtained cheaply from the Warehouse, Postie Plus or the secondhand shop in camp. We also have a small number we can lend children. On that note if you have some old rash tops at home, that no longer fit your child, please feel free to donate them to school. Please ensure all togs, towels and rash shirts are named.

As summer is definitely on the way please remember to send your child to school wearing a school sunhat (navy blue & wide-brimmed). All children require a SCHOOL sunhat - this is part of our Sun Safe Policy and our school uniform.

Also all children should leave home with sunscreen applied each day in the summer. We encourage children to bring their own sunscreen along to school. Teachers remind students to reapply sunscreen during the day.

We are very fortunate to have a number of staff, both teaching and non-teaching staff who live in our community - both in Burnham and Rolleston. Can I ask that if you would like to talk to a staff member about your child or a school related concern that you speak directly to the teacher concerned or to me as principal at school and during the working week. We have an open door policy and you are welcome to arrange an appointment with either myself or your child's teacher at anytime. It can be rather awkward for our staff when approached out in the community regarding children or school related matters. All teachers require their downtime and I ask that you respect that.

Speaking of staffing, there are a number of exciting changes taking place next year as a result of a number of new appointments. Our classes for next year are as follows:

- Room 1 - Year 5 & 6 - Miss Sue Vaughan
- Room 2 - Year 4 & 5 - Mrs Nicky Spence
- Room 3 - Year 3 & 4 - Mr. Chris Thurlow
- Room 4 - Year 1 & 2 - Miss Amy Tolchard
- Room 5 - New Entrants - Mrs Marie Smith
- Room 6 - Year 7 & 8 - Mrs Kate Ebrahim (was Miss Broadmore)
- Room 7 - Junior Bilingual Class - Whaea Tiare Mareikura
- Room 8 - Senior Bilingual Class - Whaea Hiria Tibble



We have an awesome team for 2017! Exciting times ahead!

The farewell planned for Pam Golding is no longer going ahead, as Pam is going to return in Term 1 to cover our Classroom Teachers Release (two for each class during the term). In Term 2 Linda Douglas will take over this role.

We are still looking for parents to join us on our school picnic on Monday. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to attend.

Please come along and join in the fun on the last day of term. We will be having our annual water fight - it is likely to begin at 12.30pm. Children and parents are encouraged to bring along their water pistols. Please do not bring along water balloons! School closes at 1pm on Friday the 16th of December.

Kind regards

Sandra

Dates for 2017

The first day back in 2017 is
Tuesday the 31st of January.
This is in line with most schools in the Rolleston Cluster.

There will be an Open Afternoon on
Friday the 27th of January from 1.30 - 3pm.
This is an opportunity to come along and meet your child's teacher.

Manu Kōrero! (Speech competition)

Rūma Korimako/Rm3 will run their annual speech competition all in Te Reo Māori at 5pm.

2016 Strategic Planning Survey Summary

The School, Parents/Guardians and BOT should be very proud of how the school is going this year.

The data reflects that the school is tracking extremely well with its core values with 74-91% of all respondents 'agreeing to strongly agreeing' that we are achieving our School Values of Respect, Achievement, Responsibility and Confidence. We should all be very proud of this.

Respect - Whaikoha

Confidence - Māia

In the 2015 survey, two areas were identified that we needed to focus on. The first being a need to focus more on the "sense of community", and the second, providing more challenges and focus in the area of sport. This year's survey results showed an increase from 63% to 78% of respondents agreeing to strongly agreeing that they felt part of the Burnham School community. This is good to see the needle move in the right direction, however we would like to see this grow further as we did receive a couple of comments from new families to Burnham School about not feeling part of the Burnham School community.

While providing more opportunities and acknowledgement of achievement in sport, the data shows we still need to focus on sport. The BOT has recently appointed a permanent teacher with strengths in Sport and has represented NZ internationally. We look forward to working with Kate in 2017. Staff also plan to strongly encourage all children to participate in sport outside of school, e.g. joining local clubs.

The survey did identify two areas of improvement that stood out that we are looking to address:

School Environment. The data showed that we do have an environment that encourages learning, however we had 3 respondents comment on bullying in the school. This is something we take very seriously and in 2017 Burnham School will begin the first of three stages of introducing a new positive behaviour for learning framework. This Positive Behaviour for Learning is not about changing the students, but changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support the children in making positive behaviour choices. In addition the BOT will be doing an audit on our bullying policy and its implementation.

Transparency with the Curriculum. The results showed that we dropped in 2016 with respondents understanding of the Burnham School curriculum, and then if the teachers were meeting the Curriculum. In 2017 we will be looking at ways to communicate how the children's learnings fit in with the curriculum, and what the curriculum is.

The BOT would like to very much thank all who responded to the 2016 Strategic Planning Survey, the data we received is very valuable.



Coming up:

Term 4

Week 9 - Swimming

- Wed 7th
Newsletter
Canterbury Athletics
Manu Kōrero 5pm
- Thurs 8th
Chapel Service
- Fri 9th
Prize Giving Assembly 1pm

Week 10 - Swimming

- Mon 12th
Spencer Park School trip
- Tues 13th
Year 8 Day out - Cansail
Year 6 Technology visit to Lincoln
- Wed 14th
Army Band to visit in morning
- Thurs 15th
Subway ordered thru lunchonline
- Fri 16th
Last day of 2016 - 1pm Finish

Term Dates

2016

Term 4 - 10th Oct - 16th Dec

2017

Open afternoon - 27th Jan 1pm - 3pm

Term 1 - 31st January

Responsibility - Takohanga