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He Kura e ako taumano ana hei whai painga

COMING EVENTS

11th April	Red Cross Community Day
12th April	Term 1 Ends
29th April	Term 2 Starts
7th May	Flax Weaving Y3-6
16th May	Support Staff Day
17th May	Assembly 9.15am

Kia ora koutou Grovetown School

Earlier this week we had our Grovetown School ANZAC service. This included representatives from the RSA, special guests, family, friends, locals and even the mayor attending. Our Grovetown children were fantastic, and many people commented to me on how well the children represented our school. I was very proud of them all.

I would like to thank all of the people who helped organise the event and also those that contributed to the morning tea as well. It truly was a special occasion, and a great honour for Grovetown School.

On a similar theme, we have another special ANZAC connection. This year Grovetown School is one of three schools carrying wreaths at the Seymour Square ANZAC service. Pippa Yuen was chosen and will be carrying the wreath on our behalf. It's a big honour Pippa, and we know you will make us proud. Ka pai to mahi!

As we are at the end of term one, I want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday break. I hope you all have a fantastic time and look forward to seeing you all back at school ready for term 2.

Dave

NEWS AND NOTICES

School Accounts

Did you know you can get tax credit for paying your school donations? If you have any questions please see Debbie. School accounts need to be paid by 12th April.

Contact Details

If you change your address, or cell phone number please let Debbie know.

Absentees

If your child is away from school please ring or text school with the reason why they are away each day please. Our school cellphone number is 0275116818.

Earth Day Family Picnic

Sunday 28th April 10am-3pm at Pollard Park. On the last weekend of the school holidays a family picnic will be held at Baden Powell Reserve at Pollard Park to celebrate the 49th International Earth Day. Families and friends are warmly invited to come along to this event which will offer a range of fun activities for children.

The theme for International Earth Day 2019 is Protect Our Species. A number of local environmental organisations are expected to attend and offer activities and displays. This will be an opportunity for children and their families to learn about New Zealand's threatened species and the reasons why many species around the world are facing extinction.

Families are asked to bring picnic baskets, and to come prepared to take home any waste they may have at the end of the day.

Teacher Only Day: Please make a note of this in your diaries or on your calendars. On Friday 24th of May, school will be closed for a teachers only day. The teaching team will be joining with several other schools around Marlborough, working together as a part of the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NPDL) group.

Parent Support Group

Thank you to those families who donated goodies to our Easter Basket. A great big thank you to those families that sold raffle tickets. A special thank you to those mum's who sat and sold raffle tickets at the supermarkets on Monday and Wednesday. We have banked **\$1948.70**

CLASS AND SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Board of Trustees Elections

We have two parent representatives vacancies on our board for this election.

Dates to remember for this are:

- Call for Nominations by Friday 10th May
- Close Supplementary Roll Noon Wednesday 22nd May
- Nominations Close Noon Friday 24th May
- Voting Papers Sent by Wednesday 29th May
- Election Day Noon Friday 7th June
- Count Votes Thursday 13th June
- Board Takes Office Friday 14th June

For more information please see one of our Board members or Debbie. Returning Officer
Debbie Wallis

Hi all,

The year is well and truly underway as we near the end of term 1. It's been a great start to the new year with all the teachers reporting that our kids are doing well and from talking to a few of the children they have really enjoyed being back at school. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers and support staff for the hard work that they have put into this term. I also want to congratulate Dave on his first term in charge as the principal and commend him on the wonderful job he has done.

As you may (or may not) know the school is run under the guidance of the Board of Trustees (BOT). When I first got onto the BOT I never really knew what they did, but quickly learnt. The basic way to look at it is that the BOT governs the school through monthly meetings, looking at all things like budgets, staffing, property, health and safety etc. Whereas the principal (Dave) runs the school taking charge of day to day jobs, overseeing planning, support for teachers as well as teaching. So why am I talking about this you may ask?? Well every 18 months an election is held for BOT members. The board consists of the Principal a staff representative and community representatives (parents/grandparents etc). This year's elections are being held in early June. So, we are looking for anybody who is willing to put their hand up and help out. We encourage parent and whanau participation on the BOT in order to help shape and support the education of their children.

The 2019 election theme is "Step forward for our schools". We aim to encourage potential candidates to think about the difference they can make in the lives of Kiwi children.

So, if you think you might have the skills or keen to just give it a go, then keep an eye out for when registrations open. For this election we have 2 positions, so we will be actively looking for some new talent to fill at least one of the roles.

If you have any question or just want to chat over what this involves then please give me a text or ring.

Cheers Matt (021495065)
BOT Chairman

Newsletter

Please remember we need your updated email address for the newsletter delivery next term.

Honey and Jam

We are selling Grovetown Honey, Blackberry and Plum Jam. \$5 per jar. Please see Debbie in the Office.

The Kiwi Can Corner



Positive Relationships

Means working and playing in safe and thoughtful ways with others.

It's been a great term learning about "Positive Relationships" in Kiwi Can. It's been fantastic seeing the children applying the idea of "working and playing in safe and thoughtful ways with others" through lessons on fair play, conflict resolution, role models and leadership, and much more.

Some of our Kiwi Can tamariki have been learning about responding to conflict using their 'WITS' (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help). Why not talk to your children about a time they found themselves involved in or watching a conflict this week - and ask them what they did. Talk about the idea of 'using your WITS' and if one of those options might have been helpful in that situation. (If you are interested, you can find out more about the idea of WITS here: <https://witsprogram.ca/families/using-wits-with-your-child/how-can-i-help-my-children-use-their-wits-to-resolve-conflicts>)

Have safe and happy holidays, and we can't wait to see you in Term 2!



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