

Kia ora/Greetings

Put your clocks **back** 1 hour this Sunday morning.



Days off school during Easter

School is closed:
 2nd April - Good Friday
 5th April - Easter Monday
 6th April - Easter Tuesday



Cultural Parade



What an amazing day last Wednesday was! Our children all marched with such pride. This year our children represented 74 ethnicities from around the world!



We are so lucky for our children to have an environment in which they are able to share their language, culture and identity and to have amazing staff that nurture this.



Following the parade our classes had so many opportunities to continue their sharing and learning.

A huge thank you to the parents that shared their talents and culture during this time!

Kids on Bikes



This week the Hamilton City Council is working with our senior children delivering the 'Kids on Bikes' programme. During these sessions they get to practice their skills on a bike, consider how to make safe decisions and have lots of fun!

Native Bush Working Bee

A working bee on Saturday morning to clear the weeds from the ngahere (native bush) was lots of fun and hugely successful. I send a BIG thanks to Roy, Royelle, Ruby, Shay, Matariki, Simone, Ryo, Ziontaro, Nyahrose, Kawarikihiro, Rosana Poharama, Kingston, Stephen, Kōkā, Marley, Vicki, Deb W, Anne, Donna and Flynn. Many native seedlings have been discovered under the grass and the stones that were used to create a giant lizard sculpture have been recovered. Papatuanuku is now all but ready for planting more natives and restoring the ngahere to its former glory.

Pauline Gardener Ward.



Senior Athletics



Over the past two weeks, our Senior team has covered ten different aspects of athletics. This culminated on Tuesday last week with our competitive athletics competition and our Run, Jump, Throw Festival. The festival covered all ten running, jumping, and throwing events.



The day began with many students competing in our competitive athletics events, hoping to claim the glory of the top overall student in their group. The competition was tough and it was difficult to separate any year group until the final events. A total of 45 students received awards for their efforts in the competitive events, including our 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place getters overall:

Stuart Armistead
Principal

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st Overall	Alexis Atkins-Wihongi	Knightyn Wikitera-Clay	Te Ataahua Marsh	Hozaye Ormsby
2nd Overall	Milly Paenga	-Kingston Poharama -Jonathan Esop	-Nina Brassington -Marli Burton	Dontaye Rickus
3rd Overall	Reece Matete-Budd	Tangaroa Holman Lee	Abigail Hannah	Sarvesh Balamurugan

Whatever Wednesday

Whatever Wednesday & Wheels Day Fundraiser

On Wednesday 7th April the student council will be holding a "Whatever Wednesday", which will be a fund-raiser for *Autism New Zealand*.

Autism is a difference in the way a kid's brain works. Kids with autism may have trouble understanding the world around them but are amazing people with special talents.

The student councillors have decided that children can come along in **Whatever** on the day. It might be wacky hair, dress up, even onesies or pajamas. We would all be thankful if they could bring a gold coin donation on the day that will be collected from the classroom by a student councillor. Thank you.

Wheels Day

Also on "Whatever Wednesday", the student council is going to run a Wheels Day. At interval Year 1 - 3 children will have their turn. At lunchtime Year 4 - 6 children will have their turn.

All children need to bring a helmet and shoes if participating.