

# A Message From Julie

Kia ora koutou,

It's fabulous to be back with the children enthusiastically recounting stories of their holidays and re-engaging with their friends, and teachers reconnecting with their own classes and colleagues. Long may it last!

On Tuesday, teachers met to make some decisions about upcoming events. Needless to say, whichever event we intend to hold this term, needs to fit within the Ministry of Education and wider Government guidelines of what is deemed 'safe' to do.

We appraised each upcoming event and decided to either cancel, postpone or adapt the activities to fit with what we know is allowed. Floral Day has been cancelled this year and Ag Day will be limited to only calf, lamb and goat judging. More details will follow later in this newsletter.

We will be sharing organization of each event with you as they draw closer, as there is always the possibility that things may change quite quickly, should we again get Covid cases here in the north. On another note, you will see that we now have work going on in both the swimming pool and the old dental clinic.

It is exciting to finally get these two projects underway so that they will hopefully be available for use, in the new year.

Nga mihi,  
Julie

## Upcoming Events

<b>October 2021</b>	<b>November 2021</b>
25 - Labour day (no school)	1 - PTA meeting 7pm staffroom
27 - BOT meeting 7pm staffroom	4 - Otamatea fun day
30 - Agricultural day	5 - PTA Quiz night
31 - Otamatea group day	16 - Athletics day
	17 - Helpers morning tea
	18 - Bus monitors aquatics day
	19 - Teacher only day (no school)
	25 - Zone athletics
	26 - Kahui Ako Kapa Haka day BBC

## Ag Day Update - Saturday 30th October

To fit in with the guidelines for holding social gatherings, we have unfortunately had to adapt Ag Day to meet these safety regulations.

We are aware of the enormous amount of time and effort some children have put in to rearing and training their animals and we want to acknowledge that by ensuring that the judging part of Ag Day continues.

So, we are planning to still hold the 'farm animal' part of Ag Day at school on Saturday 30 October. Registration will open at 8.00 a.m. with judging starting at 9.00 a.m.

One adult can accompany each child who brings an animal.

Mycoplasma bovis disinfecting stations will be in place as usual.

Ribbons, certificates and 'goody packs' will be given out on the day but rather than have everyone wait around for the judge's decisions, we will communicate the overall winners to entrants, at a later time. Trophies will be engraved and given out at the end of year prizegiving.

Unfortunately, this also means we will not be able to have a pet's section this year.

There will not be any of the other activities usually associated with Ag Day i.e food for sale, Year 6 games, cake auction, etc.

## Hats Compulsory Term 4

It is **compulsory** for all children to wear a hat at morning tea and lunchtimes, during the warmer months of Term 1 and Term 4. Full brimmed school hats are now part of our school uniform and are available online [click here](#) or at The Warehouse (Whangarei) for \$20 each. Year 6 students will still need a hat but the Schooltex hat will not be compulsory for them.

**If students do not have a hat they will be required to play under the shade shelter.**

Please put sunscreen on your child before they come to school. Sunscreen is available in classrooms if needed throughout the day.

## Chocolates

We've been blown away by the fantastic sales people in your families. Thank you so much for supporting our fundraiser. We still have 6 boxes available and loads of spot prizes to give away. Please let the office know if you would like more boxes to sell. Please remember money can be paid online

12 3099 0833144 00 (Reference: Childs name, Code: Chocolates) or by eftpos in the office. We would like to wind this up by next Tuesday 26th October so that main prizes can be given out by Friday 29th October. All money needs to be handed in for this to happen.

## Dyslexia Awareness Month

If you have a child that may have Dyslexia or have Dyslexic tendencies then this may be the webinar for you.

Raising Achievement's Jenny Tebbutt is providing a free webinar course for parents on **Thursday 4th November 2021 at 5.30pm**

The webinar is about understanding and meeting the needs of children who learn differently or have learning difficulties. Parents register by emailing your name and contact details to [admin@raisingachievement.co.nz](mailto:admin@raisingachievement.co.nz)

## Kidz Club - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Kidz Club will start again this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the Northpine Hall from 2.40pm-3.40pm . If you have any questions or queries contact Joseph Pyle on 021 050 9013 or [joseph\\_pyle@hotmail.com](mailto:joseph_pyle@hotmail.com) All children welcome.

## Scholastic Book Orders

**Welcome to Term 4 and a Special Home Edition of Book Club!**

While some are currently schooling from home, Scholastics have created a special digital catalogue to help families stay inspired to read and learn. It's jam-packed with bonus Christmas pages and the best of the best books of 2021!

This issue is available by viewing the catalogue online and placing an order on the [LOOP platform](#). All orders will be delivered directly to the home!

Special home edition - order inline through the Loop serve and your order will be delivered to your home not school. There will not be any orders through school this issue.

# **R**uakaka Skate Comp

*Saturday 23 Oct at 11am*

**Two Levels:**

*Under 18yrs and Under 12*



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