



"We are here to learn"

19 November 2020

Mai te Tumuaki, from the Principal...

Ata marie koutou,  
It's Thursday morning and I'm surveying our fields after the mower man here earlier this week. He has ensured that the grounds are in much better condition than previous years. Now we have lush green grass instead of a dust bowl as we head into the hotter months.

The staff have been working with the students as they prepare for the upcoming athletics. I remember my days of running, jumping, throwing and competing but most of all I enjoyed the achievements of my mates as well as my own modest efforts. We will be promoting a message of 'do your best and more'

Last night I presented our end of year data to the board of trustees. We are very happy with the results and we'll spend the coming days analysing and reviewing in order to build on and continue what has worked well and develop what hasn't. This data will be shared with you in the next newsletter.

Our school grounds have improved this year. We have a brand new bike track and as previously mentioned, our fields are in a much better user friendly state. The board is investigating options for improving our old playgrounds as well as the relocation of the sand pit. With this good news comes the bad. At this stage we are not at a point of having these facilities available to our whanau during the weekends.

Unfortunately we are having to 'beef up' our security systems to cater for a group of routinely unsupervised minors that would be welcome here if they stopped their undesirable actions of vandalising our school.

We are quickly coming to the end of 2020. We still have plenty to do and are committed to make the good changes that are possible.

Enjoy your weekend with your treasures...

**Robert Clarke**

### Athletics

**This Friday** - 8 Year olds to Year 8's have their athletics day. Starting time is at 9am. Feel free to come down to support your children.

**Next Friday (27th)** - under 8 Year olds will be having their athletics. Starting time is at 9am.

Come dressed in your Whare Manu  
colours!



### Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all of the Parents and family members who came to our student led conferences. We love sharing your children's progress!

### Lost Property

On Friday afternoons, Whaea Kathy will put out any lost property in the Dome. Please only take what is yours!

### Junior Division Fun Day

The Junior Division are having a Fun Day on 10th of December to celebrate the year of learning that we've had. Students will need togs, a towel, sunblock, a sunhat and a change of clothes.

### Road Patrol

We have Road Patrol training for 2021 next Friday 27th of November. If your Year 6, 7 or 8 child has shown an interest, a notice would have come home this week. Please have these back to school as soon as possible!

### Y7/8 Camp

Camp is next week! The Teachers have been busy preparing for the activities. Make sure you have everything packed for Monday!

**Altrusa Young Citizens Award**  
Congratulations to Shaylah-Jay Ruki who was the recipient for Crawshaw School.

### Uniforms

Uniforms will be compulsory for all students in 2021 (With the exception of Year 8 students). These are now available for purchase from Direct Group Uniforms where payment plans and WINZ assistance is available



### Last Day Of School

The last day of school is on Friday 11th of December. School will finish at 12pm. Please make sure you have made arrangements for your children

### Mobile Ear Clinic

Will be here on Monday 23rd of November. No appointment necessary, although parents must accompany their children.

### Middle Division Trip

Thank you to all the Parent helpers who accompanied our students to Te Awamutu. Here are a few photos from their adventures.



### Kevin Lawson Award

The time has come to put in a nomination form for a member of staff to be recognised for the work that they do that is over and above what is expected from them. *Is there someone that you think stands out?* Nomination forms are available to collect from the Office



## Upcoming Events

### November

| Mon                                       | Tue               | Wed                          | Thur | Fri  | Sat | Sun |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|------|--|-----|-----|
| 16  | 17                | 18<br>BoT Meeting            | 19   | 20<br>Athletics Day<br>8 year olds to<br>Year 8's                    | 21  | 22  |
| 23<br>Senior Camp<br>Mobile Ear<br>Clinic | 24<br>Senior Camp | 25<br>Senior Camp<br>Returns | 26   | 27<br>Athletics Day<br>Under 8 years<br>Road Patrol<br>2021 Training | 28  | 29  |
| 30  |                   |                              |      |  |     |     |

### December

| Mon | Tue | Wed                             | Thur | Fri  | Sat | Sun |
|-----|-----|---------------------------------|------|--|-----|-----|
|     | 1   | 2<br>Inter-school<br>Athletics  | 3    | 4  | 5   | 6   |
| 7   | 8   | 9<br>End of Year<br>Prizegiving | 10   | 11<br>Last Day of<br>School - 12pm<br>Finish | 12  | 13  |

My class helped make barti because we are celebrating Diwali. We had to melt the ghee. When it had melted we stirred all the ingredients. Then we smelled it! Then we tasted it! My taste buds were *exploding* with flavour. We poured it into a tray. Then we put it in the fridge and we are waiting for it to harden.

Mikaire Ngawhika  
Room 3 (Multi Purpose)



Isabelle Jury  
Room 7

Strong and formidable, my bright exterior is only a thin wall that hides my hidden vulnerabilities. Carelessly treated, I am easily shattered on the inside. I am shackled and bound to the memories of my past mistakes. This burden I carry is unrequired, unnecessary, unfixable. Few adore me. Most harm and abuse me. To these many, I am seen as a crassly boring obligation. However, to the few creative minds that see my possibilities, I am the key to powerful imagination. Every day is like a playback where I am forced to comply and obey the whims of others. I am powerful yet powerless, often overlooked to be chasing rainbows too mindless to comprehend.  
Dylane Douche Room 12

