

Pūrākaunui School Pūrākaunui School Newsletter

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Term 1#2

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Hi Everyone

We have had a great first two and a half weeks at school, with lots of interesting learning happening. We have started our Source to Sea topic with John Fisher and have also been on our first field trip which was fascinating. It was great immersing ourselves in the geography of our school area and seeing the Pūrākaunui Stream at various intersections and at the inlet. Big thanks to the Bulow's for hosting us for morning tea. We also enjoyed a visit from Daniel, our Enviroschool facilitator who brought the 'Enviroscape Model' which demonstrated how various pollutants, such as oil from cars; fertilizers from fans; detergent from car washing; etc can get into our rivers and seas by going into our stormwater drains – all of which discharge straight into our natural waterways.



Parent/Teacher meetings

We will be conducting parent/teacher meetings in week 6, the week after camp. These meetings are designed to strengthen the home-school partnership and to inform whānau about their children's academic progress and I.E.P.'s (individual education plans)

Swimming-Every Friday Afternoon

It was really great to get our swimming programme underway for the year last Friday. It was also nice to be sharing this session with St. Josephs school and seeing all the children interacting happily together.



Camp-Glenorchy March 4th- 8th (Week 5)

This is now very close and is coming together nicely. Thanks to everyone who has let me know they are coming, it is very helpful to have a firm idea about numbers. I will put out a gear list and itinerary with any finalized costs at the beginning of next week. We will have a meeting after school on Tuesday next week, the 26th Feb, so join me for a cuppa and a quick planning session around camp, food etc.'

Stationery and Donations

Stationery packs have been purchased and distributed to the children. These cost \$30 per pack. Donations will remain at \$90 for the year. These can be paid at the office or directly into our school account: **03 0905 0078080-00**

Thanks if you have already paid these.

Dates for your Diary

ASK ANTO – Resumes - Weds 13th March

Next field trip with John Fisher- Tues 12th March

School Camp – Glenorchy - Mon 4th - Fri 8th March

Otago Anniversary – Monday 25th March

End of Term Assembly – Thurs 11th April

End of Term – Friday 12th April



Arrival at the inlet at the conclusion of our first 'Source to Sea' field trip.

Term One Topic 'Source to Sea'

Our tamariki have been finding our topic work really interesting. Below are some great examples of questions they have posed about our local stream.

Will there be algae in the stream?

Is our stream water safe to drink?

Is our stream healthy and what can we do to keep it healthy?

How long is our stream?

How many different animals live in our local streams?

NOTICES

As Antoinette will be away at a family wedding in the latter part of next week there will be no ASK ANTO next Wednesday 27th Feb and no school lunch next Fri 1st March.

ASK ANTO



AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CREATIVITY

Welcome back to ASK ANTO 2019

As I will be away at a family wedding there won't be an ASK ANTO session next week February 27th. I hope this won't inconvenience anyone. We will resume again in week 6 after camp! Ph. 0210317369

Tim Cook
Principal