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Term 3#6

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Hi everyone.

It has been an excellent term here at school. It feels like we have achieved a lot and enjoyed a nice variety of activities. Highlights include some very cool science work, lots of great writing for our media topic, a brilliant day in town at the art gallery and the ODT and our hike up Mt Cargill - Kapukataumahaka was a cool adventure. Last night's assembly was also a great celebration of the kid's efforts throughout the term and it is always lovely to gather everyone together. Well done to the kids for presenting their work so well and also to the parents for providing all of the yummy food. Thanks to Rach, Anto and John for all their hard work all term and also to the Board of Trustees for their efforts and support. I hope everyone has a relaxing and/or adventurous holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone back here on Monday October 12th. We have lots planned already for Term Four which is great and we look forward to ending 2020 with a bang!

Junior Writing - here is some nice imaginative writing from the Junior Class

The Aeroplane by Liana Monks

This is an aeroplane. It is going to Auckland. It has my friends from school in it. I am the pilot.

The Play Date by Jasmine Fiala These are two snakes, a moon, an alien and a snowman. They are playing happily together.

The Witch Fairy by Aurora Ingham (Chapter One)

Once upon a time there was a unicorn and a fairy. The fairy's name was Lilly. The unicorn's name was Aurora. The unicorn was the fairy's slave. One day the fairy turned into a witch. The witch cast a spell on Aurora the unicorn which made her fall asleep.



Fluffy Ducks - Josh and Lawrence

The latest recipients of Fluffy Duck are Josh and Lawrence.

Josh

Josh received the award for his excellent efforts recently with maths and science. He was able to demonstrate some seriously impressive skills correctly working out the square meterage of our jungle gym play area and he also did some very accurate measuring during our science work with shadows and sundials. Great work Josh.

Lawrence

Lawrence has been doing some excellent writing recently, working on an epic story. He was also disappointed when the Otago Cross Country Champs were cancelled due to Covid19. He had been training most mornings running around the hills of Port Chalmers. He kept a positive outlook though and is now looking forward to Term Four's athletics calendar.

At the summit of Kapukataumahaka.



Board of Trustees News - Vacancy on the BOT filled.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to say a very big thanks and also offer a warm welcome to Britt and Bas who have offered to join the BOT. We really appreciate this and look forward to working with you in the future.

Just a reminder that BOT meetings are public meetings which people are welcome to attend. I will put the scheduled meeting dates in future newsletters to give people some forewarning.

Covid19 - Level One!

Hooray, we are in Level One which is perfect timing for the holidays ahead! I hope we get through the holidays (and the rest of the year) with no changes and disruptions to people's plans. We managed things pretty well during Level 2 which according to my paperwork was in place since August 12th!

Senior Athletics - Tuesday October 20th

We will literally hit the ground running (and jumping and throwing) next term to get ourselves ready for the Senior Athletics day up in Palmerston on which is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the term. The postponement date is Thursday the 22nd October. I have arranged the Cooke Howlison van for transport for the day so transport is all sorted but of course people are welcome to join us for any or all of the day.



Liana enjoying her first horse ride on Funi. Thanks to Aurora for providing some great support and thanks to Danielle and Pi for bringing their horse to Little Papis!

Dates for your Diary

Term 4 begins - Monday October 12th
Senior Athletics - Tuesday October 20th
Labour Day - Monday October 26th
School Working Bee - Sunday November 1st
School Fair - Sunday November 8th
Artist in Residence Parade - Sunday November 22nd
Term 4 ends - Friday December 18th

Pick-ups and drop offs from school

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting while reviewing the Health and Safety procedures the BOT have decided to implement a change in procedure around arriving and departing, which for the most part is already happening but we thought it wise to formally document this procedure.

- Students arriving by vehicle can be dropped off in the car park area without teacher supervision.
- Students leaving by vehicle are to be picked up from the school grounds; students are not allowed to wait out at the gate due to road risk and practicalities around supervision.

Portfolios - early next term

We will send out portfolios early next term. This is slightly later than normal as we had to delay the first portfolio from the end of Term One due to lockdown. We look forward to sharing some highlights from the second half of the year with you soon.

Thanks to Antoinette

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Antoinette for everything she has contributed to Pūrākaunui School during her 8 years as school secretary, she has contributed massively to the school culture here. We will all miss Anto's presence at school but fortunately it is not a complete farewell as Anto is going to continue the Wednesday Ask Anto programme and she will also still be available for some relief teaching which is great.



Tim Cook
Principal

