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Te Aro School Newsletter – 6 April 2023

News from the Principal's Desk

Tena tatou katoa e te whanau. Dobar dahn, Nabad, Hola, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Talofa, Bonjour, Konnichiwa, Kia orana, Bula, Buon giorno, Guten Tag, Cześć, Salamu Aleykum, Hola, Ciao, Haye, Hallo, Merhaba, Akkam, Asalaam-walaikum , Selamat datang, Walang anuman

Thank you to all the families who attended parent teacher interviews last week to meet with your child's teacher. Over the course of the two afternoons and evenings teachers in our six Year 2 – 8 classes hosted 146 interviews.

Wishing you and your whānau a safe and happy Easter break. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Wednesday 26 April. We hope that over the holidays your children enjoy their down time and that they return to school refreshed.

We held an earthquake drill this morning just after 9.10am. We chose this time to see if the students who arrived late for school were able to join in quickly with our drill procedures. Having heard the all clear the school assembled out on the top playground where the teachers called their class rolls to account for everyone. The drill was completed successfully in seven minutes.

A reminder that Term 2 starts on Wednesday 26 April.

School Production

We will end Term 2 with our biennial school production. We have booked Wellington High School's Riley Centre for our production night on Thursday 29 June. Please put this date into your diary now as it is a not-to-be missed occasion.

Our Year 5 – 8 students have begun working in their production groups on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. I spent time on Tuesday afternoon catching up with Mathew's musicians.



We came up with a composition using percussion instruments. Each of us added to the piece of music we created. We started with Louie playing first, then Len, then me and finally Darcy joining in. I like hearing what the others play and getting feedback on what we've done. – Wajih

I like being able to make up whatever we want. – Len

I like making a lot of noise. – Louie

I like making beats. - Darcy

You really can't go wrong. All sounds we make sound good. I also like how everyone has a part to play. – Troy

I like how we're working with different age students and we get to try new things in our production groups. - Rose

End of term highlights

Students across the school shared these highlights of Term 1 with me this week. This term's education outside the classroom (EOTC) activities were extremely popular.

Definitely our sleepover at school and the trip to the pool in Wainuiomata. I really liked being able to sleep beside all my friends here at school. Some of my friends had never had a sleepover with me before. It was exciting to have our first sleepover together here at school. – Zhen

This term I liked the sleepover at school and having Hongming come from China and him joining our class. - Yajun

Since coming back from Vietnam I have enjoyed learning about mushrooms in our gardening time. I am happy to be back at school. I like how we each have a chromebook to use in class rather than sharing one with other students. I like our Friday Golden Time. I like to play outside at that time if I have finished all the work for the week. – Minh

Being a Year 5 is fun. Garden to Table has been the best part of this term. I have enjoyed being in the Bee Theory group, researching in Eco Warriors and cooking. In cooking we made rainbow slaw and in our second cooking session we made wraps. I have really enjoyed our literacy contract this term. I am learning to manage my time to complete everything. I like doing more work on the chromebooks. – Lane

I just like how easy-going Year 5 is. I didn't think it would be like that. I thought it was going to be a lot harder. I'm challenged not stressfully challenged. I like the challenges in Maths. I'm working on my skills. I have never been the best of the best in Maths. In the junior school lots of decisions are made for you. Now we get to make some of our own decisions such as choosing what to do first on your reading contract. – Alexandra S



I love Anna reading to us. She's been reading chapter books to us. I like the books she has chosen. I get excited when it is time for her to read to the class. I have also loved Maths this term. I am enjoying learning tricky stuff in Maths. – Remy

The sleepover was a real highlight for me this term as well as eco warriors work on a Thursday. I enjoyed doing our own research in eco warriors and presenting our work in a series of slides. As a Year 5 we use chromebooks so much more than last year. In Year 5 we each have our own chromebook that we can use. – Huia

Going up Matairangi (Mt Victoria) and going down the waterslide at the pool in Wainuiomata were the best things I did this term. Oh and of course the sleepover at school! I also have enjoyed the artwork we have done this term too. – Veer

I like having more people to play football with in Anna's class. I like the tricky questions Anna asks us in Maths. I also like writing this year as we get two free writing sessions each week. I like how Anna chooses books to read to us that have lots of details in them. – Luka

I like being a leader in the class this year. I love all the books Anna has read us. I like how Anna uses her voice when she is reading as she builds excitement about what is going to happen next. I liked visiting the aquarium in Island Bay. I really enjoyed feeding the giant fish. – Ella

I am proud of myself because this term my handwriting has got so much better. I am proud too that my Maths has got better. I know my Maths has got better because I am doing times tables. I have made more friends this term and that makes me feel good too. – Harper

I have liked working with Cathie. She helps me with my English and I like how Cathie ends our lesson with us playing a game. – Lara W

Noho was definitely the best thing this term. It was so much fun spending time with everyone in the class. Technicraft has also been great. I am enjoying learning how to programme a robot. Year 7 learning has been great especially working on our chromebooks. – Esther

I loved noho. Hanging out with everyone for such an extended period of time was so much fun. Golders Cottage and Maidstone Park were both great. We are doing so many new and fun things as a year 7 including leadership time and technicraft. – Lexi

I love Maths this term. I'm working with Ray. We have been exploring negative numbers. As a Year 7 I feel powerful! – Anh

The best thing I have done this term was going to noho. We got to do lots of walking and playing but not lots of sleeping! I really liked orienteering and being able to play at Maidstone Park. – Romel

Book Fair Visitor

We hosted Geronimo Stilton at school last Wednesday. He helped us tell the classes about the book fair. In some of the senior classes Esther had to speak for Geronimo as he became a little shy. It was really great to have such a guest visit our school. – Esther and Lexi



Technicraft in Year 7 & 8

Students in Year 7 & 8 travel by bus each Thursday morning down to Mt Cook School to participate in a number of technicraft workshops including woodwork, cooking, electronics and design, sewing and robotics. Over the course of the year the students rotate around the different options. Last week I interviewed some of our Year 7 students about their first term of technicraft lessons.



I'm in electronics and design. Jason is our teacher. We're making lights for our bedrooms. It's new and exciting going to technicraft. I am really looking forward to cooking and robotics. – Lexi



Electronics at technicraft is fun. I like how we are creating robots. It's great to try new subjects like this before we go to college. – Norton

I have been in robotics working on robotic cars. We have started to invent our own robot out of lego. We use a computer to programme it. I've never done this before. – Melody



In woodwork I have been making a box out of wood. My box has a lid on it. It is quite hard at times doing woodwork and a bit dangerous. We have to keep ourselves safe by following all the woodwork workshop rules and that way we are careful with our fingers. – Lam



Mandarin learning

This week Chang taught Mandarin in Rūma Nikau and Rūma Kauri.

I liked learning new words in Chinese. We learnt that laoshi is what we call Chang as she is our teacher. I hope we are going to learn the names of animals in Mandarin. – Isabella

I learnt to say who I was in Chinese. I told people at home about how I was learning Chinese. Chang gave us stickers if we could answer her question. – Nathan

Mandarin on Tuesday afternoon was so much fun. This was our first language lesson. I liked working with Chang our new teacher. I hope Chang teaches about pandas. – Pia

I felt excited and happy that we had someone teaching Mandarin in our class. I also felt a little sad because Chang didn't choose me to answer her questions because I already speak Mandarin. – Skye

Tadra taught us how to introduce ourselves in Mandarin. She introduced us to the Chinese character for human. The character when you write it looks like a person. Chang showed us maps of China and her map pieces looked like animals. – Tadra

Garden to Table

Last Thursday in our gardening time we went to check on our remaining hue (gourds) growing in our garden. While out in the garden we came upon three interesting looking mushrooms.

We brought them inside to look at them more closely. We placed two in a container on two pieces of paper – a black piece of paper and a white piece of paper. Using the two different colours of paper we thought that if the mushrooms dropped spores we could see the spores on one of the sheets of paper depending on the colour of spores they dropped.



We thought the mushrooms might be wood blewits after talking with Tess about them. We did some research on wood blewits and found a video about them. We learnt that blewit was an old word for blue. We also learnt that mushrooms have gills.

The mushrooms did release some spores which were a purple but we still aren't sure if the mushrooms were actually wood blewits.

- Huia, Veer, Minh, Zhen and Yajun (the gardening team).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries that you have about the school or feedback which you would like to share with me.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,
Sue



ALLERGY AWARENESS

We have a child with severe and life-threatening allergies in our school.

This child is highly allergic to hazel nuts, brazil nuts and walnuts.

This means that we are asking all our families to please ensure that you do not send Hazel Nuts, Brazil Nuts or Walnuts to school for your children. This includes Nutella as this has a high content of Hazel Nuts, and any other sandwich spread that contains Hazel Nuts, Brazil Nuts or Walnuts.

We already have a policy of children not sharing food at lunchtime but the concern for this child with allergies is that a class mate may have some of the nut or nut spread on their hands and then touch something subsequently used by this allergic child. This could cause a life-threatening allergic response.

Please feel free to speak to Georgie or Jo or any of the teachers at our school if you have any queries regarding this.

Thank you as always for your care of all our children.

Te Aro School Cross Country
Happening on Friday 5th of May
Time Table and other information
Coming in early Term 2!

By the year 7 organising committee



This Y kids holiday programme will be running at Te Aro School these April holidays.



Easter Holidays April 11 - 21 2023

WHAT'S COMING UP THESE HOLIDAYS

the **Y**

Carlucci Land

The Y's Got Talent

Fear Factor

Zoo

Disco Party

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EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS: 19/03/2023

the **Y**

MT COOK

EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Y-KIDS

Please note: This programme will operate at Te Aro School during these holidays.

Book Here

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
<p>Mon 10 Apr - Easter Monday No Programme</p>	<p>Mon 17 April Fear Factor \$60.00</p> <p>You will be challenged to your limits, using your knowledge to answer questions about the universe. But that's the EASY part... to GET to the questions you must complete disgusting dares and chilling challenges.</p>
<p>Tues 11 April Easter Party and Crafts \$60.00</p> <p>Join us for an Egggiting day of fun.....Easter games, Bunny Statues, baking AND an Egg hunt. A day for Easter lovers of all ages!</p>	<p>Tues 18 April Zoo \$70.00</p> <p>Mt Cook is off to the Zoo! Time to see your favorite animals!</p>
<p>Wed 12 April Carlucci Land \$70.00</p> <p>Four! Time to grab your clubs and head to the course for some whacky minigolf fun!</p>	<p>Wed 19 April Swimming \$70.00</p> <p>Splish Splash Bubble bath? Well we have the Splish and Splash covered today as we get wet in the Kilbirnie Pool.</p>
<p>Thur 13 April Movies \$70.00</p> <p>The Y Mt Cook is going to the Movies! Super Mario Brothers!</p>	<p>Thur 20 April Space Place and Botanical Gardens \$70.00</p> <p>Calling all humans! Never been to space? NO PROBLEM! The Y space place day has got you covered! Come along to the carter observatory to learn everything you need to know about SPACE.</p>
<p>Fri 14 April The Y's Got Talent \$60.00</p> <p>Here's your chance to show off! Come and show us what you are best at.</p>	<p>Fri 21 April Disco Party \$60.00</p> <p>Come and spend the last day of the holidays with us! We will play games, do lots of dancing. It'll be fun! Come and say Goodbye to your new and old friends as you get ready for School.</p>

About

YMCA holiday programmes are the perfect way for your kids to get out and about with their friends over the break. Our friendly, fully trained staff can't wait to have your kids on-board. For those of you with busy schedules, our site operates from 7:30 – 18:00 for one inclusive cost.

Our holiday programmes run Monday to Friday and all children must be on site by 8:30. Alongside our holiday programmes we also run a selection of holiday camps at Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre. For more information on all holiday programme sites and full T&Cs please head to our website www.ycentral.nz.

You may be eligible for a WINZ subsidy which you can use towards the cost of our programmes. Visit the Work & Income website for more information.

This programme is funded with support from the Ministry of Social Development. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we may need to amend our programmes at short notice.

DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT - PAYMENT WILL BE TAKEN ON 27/04/2023

What to bring

- Water bottle
- Sunscreen and hat
- Warm waterproof jacket
- Enough food for morning and afternoon tea plus lunch
- Appropriate clothing and footwear for an active day

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Here are recounts from two of our senior students about activities at NOHO.

I Slip Over

By Loki Manley-Hunt, Year 8

I slipped over. You will have to read on to find out how. Before we went ice skating, I was not excited. Trampolining sounded better. I had tried ice skating before, and I still have some bruises from that day. Anyway, I got my ice skates and put them on. Well, more like I TRIED to put them on, because all of the design budget for those things must not have been enough.

After that was sorted out, I half walked and fell onto the ice rink. I then slipped over. Not for the last time though. I moved slowly along, hugging the wall all the way. Luckily though, someone gave me this seal shaped thing so that I wouldn't fall over. I passed all of my friends and I felt good. I had to give the seal to someone else. I was back to hugging the wall. After a while though, I let go of the wall. I was actually fine for a while. I was just starting to get confident when - I slipped over.



I didn't hit the ice though because I kind of twisted around and grabbed the wall behind my back. Slowly, I pulled myself up but I was shaking for the rest of the time.

Overall, ice skating was definitely better than I thought it would be. Mainly because my limbs didn't get broken.

THE END

The Game in the Dark

By Caith Prangnell, Year 8

Suddenly Jhony got the ball off Antek. He passed to me and I passed it up the field. Khanh takes the ball and he dribbles it toward the goal. He's about to shoot when he screams and abandons the ball!

Me and my class were staying on a marae in Upper Hutt that was right beside Maidstone Park which we visited multiple times.

I choose football (soccer) and the skate park to be my two main activities there and this piece of writing is about one of the football (soccer) games we had. This game was in the dark, and something about it being dark made it more fun.

Surprisingly, despite the fact that the team that I was on had good players and more players, the score still ended up about even but our opponents were Antek and Jay so it did make some sense why we ended up being about even. I'm now going to finish this by telling you a funny story during this game. Basically, Khanh was so scared of Jay slide tackling him that I had to stand in front of Jay and push him back with my back so that Khanh would touch the ball!

Here is a recount and drawing from the Junior Syndicate's EOTC trip to the Island Bay Marine Education Centre

Octopus

By Pasha Kunitskii, Year 3

Inanahi we went on the bus to Island Bay to explore the seashore. I saw an octopus and fish.



Important Dates for your Diary

<u>In April</u>	<u>In May</u>
Thursday 6 April Last day of Term 1	Tuesday 2 May School Photo Day
Monday 24 April Teacher Only Day – school closed for tuition	Friday 5 May School Cross Country
Tuesday 25 April Anzac Day – school closed for tuition	Monday 8 May School Cross Country (<i>postponement day</i>)
Wednesday 26 April First day of Term 2	Tuesday 16 May Central Zones Cross Country

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 2023

Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 6 April
Waitangi Day – Monday 6 February

Term 2 2023

Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June
Teacher Only Day – Monday 24 April
Anzac Day – Tuesday 25 April
King's Birthday – Monday 5 June

Term 3 2023

Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September

Term 4 2023

Monday 9 October – Monday 18 December
Labour Day – Monday 23 October
Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 24 October