

Term 1, Issue 1 – first official one of the year!

Nau mai, haere mai e te whānau

The last few days, although hot and sticky have been wonderful with everyone back at school for 2023. Our new tamariki seems to have fitted right in and we are loving getting to know them all.

Next week, on Wednesday evening from 5.30 to 7.30, we will be having our start of year whānau information and meet the team” evening. There will be a sausage sizzle BBQ run by our School Board during classroom visit times.

Next week we will be walking down to the river on Wednesday afternoon to show the children where they will be swimming and what activities will be taking place. You will be receiving full information soon about this as our start date “in the water” will be Wednesday 15 February.

We are very excited to have the playground team on site from Tuesday 14 February. The first week will be “very loud” as they remove the concrete surface and we are planning activities for that week that will take the children out of their noisy classrooms.

A quick heads up: There will be a **paid union meeting** for all teachers on **Monday 27th Feb.** This means the **school will close at 1pm** on this day so that teachers can attend the hui. Should you not be able to pick up your tamariki please can you let Kelly in the office know – office@birchville.school.nz

I hope to see you all next Wednesday evening.

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn

Visit you child's classroom

5.30-6.00: all learning spaces

In the hall

6.00-6.20: Hero information

6.20-6.40: Swimming info

6.40-7.00: Life Education info

Visit you child's classroom

7.00-7.30: all learning spaces

Kia ora to our new ākonga!

A big kia ora to Bella, Jaxon, Ngawari, Tairua, TJ, Talei, Darcy, Tahae and Mahinaarangi. We hope you love it here!



GEMS FOCUS FOR WEEKS 1 to 3

Make others feel welcome

Waiho i te toipoto, kava i te toiroa.
“Let us keep close together, not far apart”

- Don't always sit by the same people.
- Include others in conversations and in activities you're plan
- Build on common interests.
- Give sincere compliments.
- Smile at people and say Hello.
- Ask them questions about themselves



We are looking at doing some recycled lid art work to put around our kura. If you are wanting to help then we ask that you please save your washed lids from milk bottles, pill bottles, sauce bottles etc and drop them into us at the school. Ngā mihi team!

Kids want some extra breakfast?



KickStart BREAKFAST



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TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

Did you know that we provide the kickstart breakfast programme here at Birchville Kura?

This provides **ANY** student with the opportunity to come over to the hall and have some weetbix and milk for breakfast. We have some amazing parent helpers (Kelly - Heidi's mum & Rebecca - Evie's mum) who will help distribute the food. There are some brilliant Sapphire students who have volunteered to do dishes and clean up each day too. It's available from 8.30am each day until 8.55am.

Message from our Community Constable

Safety Tips for parents/caregivers/whānau

Safety messages to share with your school community.

STOPPING AND PARKING NEAR SCHOOL

Let's all keep kids safe by stopping and/or parking safely and legally every time.



How and where you stop, park and drive can protect our children or put them danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility to be able to see each other.

Parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason - to protect our tamariki.

From the NZ Road Code:

- There are places where you can't park. You can be fined and/or have your vehicle towed away if you park in these places. You must not park **or stop** your vehicle:
 - * in front of, or closer than 1 metre to a vehicle entrance
 - * alongside another parked vehicle – that is, you must not double-park
 - * on no stopping lines – broken yellow lines marked near the edge of the road.

Using the School Car Park

Please refrain from using the car park from 8:20 to 9:10am in the morning, as well as 2:40 to 3:15pm. This is to help our road patrollers do their job safely, as well as students walking along the footpath. Thank you for your support in this!

What's ahead?!

- **WAITANGI DAY – School Closed**
Monday 6th February 2023
- **Life Education Bus onsite for the week**
Tuesday 7 – Friday 10th February
- **Welcome to 2023 Open Evening**
Wednesday 8th: 5:30 to 7:30pm
- **Trip down to Te Awakairangi to observe the River**
Wednesday 8th February
- **River safety activities each week**
Starting Wednesday 15th February
- **Whole School Assembly**
Friday 17th February
- **Loud Shirt Day**
Friday 24th February
- **Poari Hui/Board Meeting**
Thursday 16th March @ 6.30pm

Sausage Sizzle

Available to order each **Tuesday** through the school office. **Starting on Tuesday 14th February**

Sushi

Available to order each **Friday** through [Lunchonline](#)



Birthdays coming up

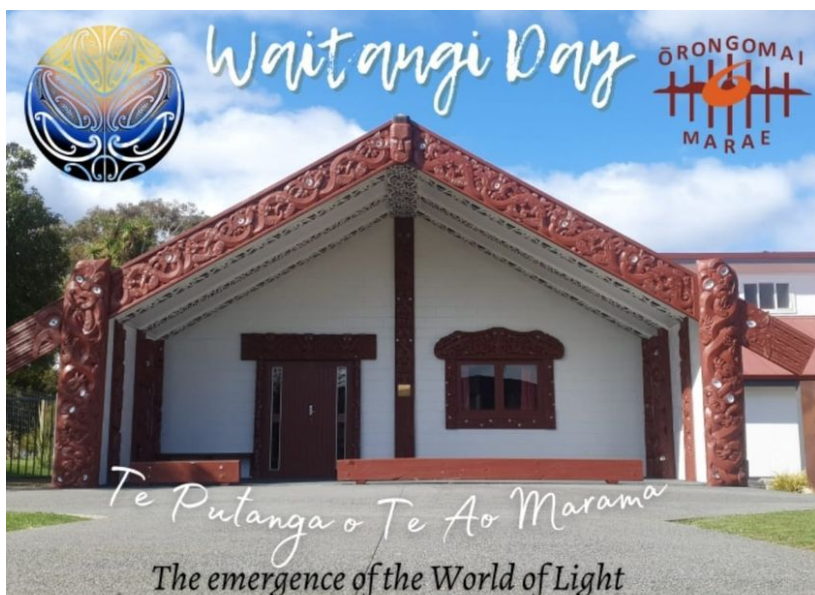
Greenstone: Ngawari

Emerald:

Moonstone: Raghav, Sophie S

Sapphire: Kaitiaki, Marlee

Waitangi Day celebrations at Ōrongomai Marae



LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

**HANGI FOR SALE
READY @ 1PM**

Monday 6 Feb 2023

Haere mai ki Ōrongomai Marae
Hei whakanui i te
rā o Waitangi!

Bring the whānau down and
enjoy celebrating Waitangi day
at Ōrongomai Marae.

Pōwhiri - 9am
Finishing - 2pm

**TRADITIONAL
WELCOME-PŌWHIRI**

VARIETY OF STALLS



Student emails and passwords

All students who are at Birchville Kura have an email address. It is (firstname.initial of surname@birchville.school.nz) EG sebastian.s@birchville.school.nz
Mrs Healey is updating passwords so that they are current - students may not be able to access their email accounts through the long weekend. Students will be told on Tuesday how to access this if needed (EG greenstone won't need this information on Tuesday).

Tough Guy / Gal information!

Where: Camp Wainui – 203 Coast Road, Wainui
When: Wednesday 24th May, Thursday 25th May
Cost: \$30
Entries close: Monday 22nd May 2023

This is the information that I have been sent: It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that the parents select the **CORRECT ENTRY, DATE & VENUE** for their child.

They must also select **THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER** when they come to the Bib Collection question. You will pick it up when you are there.

Please write the School Name in **FULL** (i.e. Birchville School - not BS. Here is the [Online Registration Link](#).



Community Notices

Come along to Keas!!!!

We cater to all ages, ethnicities, religions and genders, we are all about adventure and fun based learning-skills that will last a lifetime while making new friends and doing things and gaining experiences that youth might not otherwise get the opportunity to do, some of these include camping, tramping, cooking outdoors and indoors, pioneering, water skills and many many more!!!

Heretaunga Scout Group has just started up their Kea section for ages 5 to 8, they currently have space would love to have your child join them, they run from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on a Wednesday at their Scout hall on McLeod Street-opposite Irmgard Ritchie Kindergarten.

We also have Akatarawa Scout Group who run on a Friday from 6pm to 7pm at their hall on BlackBeech Street in Birchville. Both Kea Clubs have an exciting term planned which includes an overnight stay at the Wellington Zoo!

Why not get in touch and come along and see what it's all about! For Heretaunga Scout Group please email Heretaunga@group.scouts.nz For Akatarawa Scout Group please email Akatarawa@group.scouts.nz
We look forward to having you along!

Steve Carter
Remutaka Zone Kea leader



SCOUTS
New Zealand

Upper Valley Primary School Sport Association Netball Tournament Event Notice #1

Upper Valley Primary School Sports Association Netball Tournament on **Tues 28th February** (postponement Thursday 2th March). The event will start at 9.30am with a briefing; games will commence at 9.45am sharp and should be finished at approximately 2.30pm. The tournament will be held at the **Heretaunga College Netball Courts**.

Need to let Matua know [HERE](#) via email (jarod@birchville.school.nz) please by Friday 10th February so he can organize teams, transport etc.

Details:

- This year we will only have one grade **participation**. This is for students who are new to the sport and haven't played before. Great chance for kids to have a 'taste' of what it is before they sign up for our school teams later on in the year.
- Each team will need to have its own bibs and ball.
- Each team will need to supply their own umpire - we are unsure if Heretaunga College can supply any at this stage.
- Teams can be made up of years 3 and 4 - boys and girls.

Participation grade rules:

- 7 a side on the court at one time
- maximum of 3 boys allowed on the court per side at one time
- rolling subs are allowed

As per our association vision we aim : To provide inter school sporting opportunities that promote both excellence and participation through healthy competition, fun, enjoyment and friendship. Please keep this in mind when selecting teams, parent helpers and supporters.

Big congratulations to Locke Wilson!



Locke Wilson (Sapphire block) attended the North Island Colgate Games Athletics in Wanganui over the holidays where he scored a second in his division for discus and a first in his division for shot put. He has been putting in the mahi over the holidays and will be attending the Sola Power Throwing Academy with ex Olympian Shaka Sola in the lead up to the Wellington Championships.

Floorball notice

There was a notice handed out on Thursday, 2nd February for any ākonga interested in playing floorball for Terms 1 & 2. Floorball is available for anyone (equipment is provided) from years 3 to 6 at Birchville School. Please see the notice for more information - or ask the amazing Mandy in the school office for another paper copy :)

