

Term 1, Issue 2

Kia ora whānau,

The Māori Atua (gods) have been busy - Tāwhirimātea (God of the weather) and Ruauumoko (God of earthquakes) have definitely kept us on our toes. We hope that this newsletter finds you well and safe. We hope to be swimming down at Awakairangi next Wednesday if we have enough parent helpers. Robyn sent out a pānui last week asking for support in this, please sign up on HERO if you are available.

You might have noticed the container in the carpark in your travels to school. This is for the team that is about to start on our outdoor learning space underneath the pergola (in the middle between all of the classroom spaces). They were meant to start this week, but because of this weather they have been held up. We are hoping that work commences as early as next week.

We are organising to have whānau connects in week 8 (Wednesday 22nd March & Thursday 23rd March). This is another opportunity to have a chat to your child's kaiako about anything, and everything - from how they are going in class, to discussions around how they are showing the GEMS as well as setting goals moving forward through the year. The team are looking into different ways in which we can book times - we will let you know as soon as possible to give you time to organise a suitable time slot.

Unfortunately Due to the national state of emergency and the recovery efforts that will follow in our communities, The Hearing House have made the decision to postpone Loud Shirt Day 2023. Loud Shirt Day is a significant event for The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme as its purpose is to raise awareness and fundraise to ensure that Kiwis living with cochlear implants have access to lifetime support including outreach programmes in the regions. We look forward to wearing our brightest outfits and getting loud later in 2023 and will let you know the revised date for our fundraising activities when it is confirmed.

We had our first hosted assembly today, as well as our Digital Tech sessions. Students got to choose from a number of experiences from Kahoot!, cracking codes, making posters on Canva as well as programming little bee bot robots. Students choose an activity that interest them. We do a range of activities after each assembly...next up it's reading, writing and speaking activities in 3 weeks time!

Ngā mihi, Jarod on behalf of team Birchville.

Digital Tech sessions across the whole kura



GEMS FOCUS FOR WEEKS 4 to 6

Make improvements to your work



Hard Work - Whakanuia te tangata ringa raupā
"Respect a person with calloused hands"

- Ask for feedback from others
- Ask yourself "Is this the very best that I can do?"
- Quality over quantity!
- Reread your work once you have finished. Ask yourself, "Does this make sense?"
- Challenge yourself to use different words in your writing

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!

Assembly Award Winners



Message from our Community Constable

Safety Tips for parents/caregivers/whānau

Safety messages to share with your school community.

DRIVING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- Ensure everyone makes their seat belt click before starting the car on any trip long or short.
- It is the law that: All children under seven must be secured in an approved child restraint appropriate to their age and size. Best practice recommends that children stay in a restraint or booster seat until they are 148cm tall.
- Car seats can be tricky to install. Checks have found over 80% of car seats are not installed correctly. The Upper Hutt City Council run **free car seat checks** on many months throughout the year. The next one is scheduled for Friday 17 February. To make an inquiry or booking contact: catherine.pulford@uhcc.govt.nz
- Let children in and out of the car on the footpath side only.

Parents • Grandparents • Whānau

FREE CAR SEAT CHECKS

Is my Car Seat installed correctly?

Held monthly at the Upper Hutt Plunket in Logan Street.

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE, EMAIL: catherine.pulford@uhcc.govt.nz

What's ahead?!

- **Lucky Book Club Orders Due In** Wednesday 22nd February
- **Swimming @ Te Awakairangi** Wednesday 22nd February
- **Movin' March Begins** Wednesday 1st March
- **Swimming @ Te Awakairangi** Wednesday 1st March
- **Wheels Day** Friday 3rd March
- **Swimming @ Te Awakairangi** Wednesday 8th March
- **Swimming @ Te Awakairangi** Wednesday 15th March
- **Poari Hui/Board Meeting** Thursday 16th March @ 6.30pm
- **Whānau connects** Wednesday 22nd March & Thursday 23rd March
- **Te Ahi Ora Performances** Tamariki Empowerment and Wellbeing Monday 27th March & Tuesday 28th March

Sausage Sizzle

Available to order each **Tuesday** through the school office.

Sushi

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

Birthdays coming up

Greenstone:

Emerald:

Moonstone: William, Oliver, Eli & Addy

Sapphire: Chelsea



YES, OUR FINANCIAL ADVICE IS FREE!

I can provide advice about:

- ✓ KiwiSaver
- ✓ Life, Health & Disability Insurance

Our team can also help with:

- ✓ Home loans
- ✓ Commercial lending



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Want to play rugby for the UH Junior Rams in 2023?

Online registrations to play school girl and school boy rugby for Upper Hutt Junior Rams has now opened (closing March 5th). Players of all ages, genders and abilities are encouraged to sign up to play.

Grades

Year 0 to Year 8 Rippa
Year 3 to Year 8 Tackle

Cost

\$75 per player

Season start

28/29th April

[Click on this link to register](#)

If you'd like to know more, will be down at the Brewtown Markets on Sunday 12th, 19th and 26th of February or you can check out our facebook page or email through to juniors@uhramsrugby.co.nz



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TICKETS & INFO
AT FRINGE.CO.NZ



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LIVE FESTIVAL

TE AUHA
NZ Institute
of Creativity

TE AUHA BAR
65 DIXON STREET
TEAUHAEVENTS.COM

If you use the the discount code "ffschools" to book ticket to the Flying Femmes Show, you will receive 30% off the full ticket price.

Interested in Autism? Come to our FREE presentation



Brain, Body and Behaviour

Tuesday 7 March 2023

The Johnsonville Club
1 Norman Lane
Johnsonville, Wellington
6pm - 9pm



Presented by
Joanne Lawless

**ALTOGETHER
AUTISM**
TAKIWATANGA
0800 008 011

RSVP by Tuesday 1 March
info@altogetherautism.org.nz
Kelly Booth, 07 903 7013

Out of respect to people with sensory sensitivities, please avoid wearing perfume, deodorant and other strong smells. We would also appreciate if you could keep your phone on silent.