

Ngā toi o te whakatau tūrangawaewae unveiling

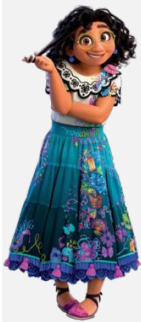


(Te whakatau turangawaewae o tenei kura)
Tēnei au he kākano
i ruia mai i Orongomai
ko Remutaka e tū ana
ko Te Awakairangi e rere ana
ka tū i te māhaki me te mana
I raro i te korowai manaaki,
o te kura o Birchville

Tihei Mauriora!



Big things coming up



Movie night fundraiser

Thursday 7th July
4:30pm to 6:30pm

Check out the advertisement for more details

Whole School Assembly

Friday 8th July

Greenstone Block will be hosting our last Full School Assembly for the term on **Friday 8th July**. You are more than welcome to come and celebrate along with us!

School Holidays
School closes at 3pm on
Friday 8th July

happy holidays!

Bits and pieces



PRINCIPALS LEADING
OUR SCHOOLS,
OUR COMMUNITIES
OUR FUTURE!

Principal's Week Tu Meke Tumuaki Wiki

We are so blessed at Birchville to have Robyn Brown as our Principal. The workload that Principals do has increased a lot during the Covid-19 pandemic. Every community has responded differently to the challenges of Covid-19 and Principals have been at the forefront of keeping communities connected and learning. Next week is about celebrating and appreciating our Principals while they care for us. Their campaign for better conditions is called Te Ao Kei Tua, Our Schools, Our Communities, Our Futures. This link is to a quiz that sheds some light on some of the things Principals do: <https://nzei.typeform.com/to/PzDx10rz> Our wero (challenge) to you is to wear blue on Monday and pay Robyn a compliment.



Get involved!



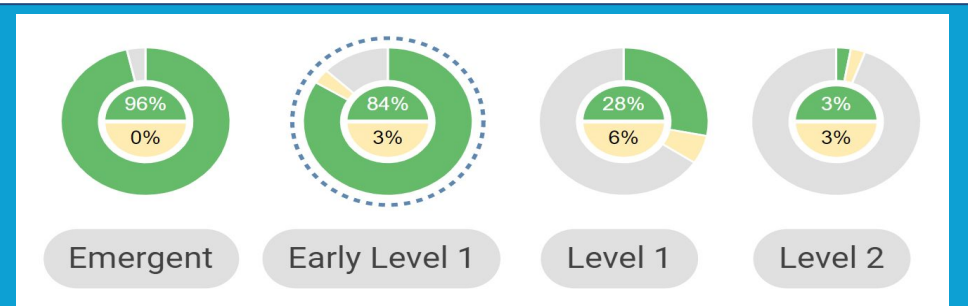
- Put your hand up to help out where needed
- Join in on activities that you don't usually do
- Have a go at things
- Ask questions if you are unsure of something
- Try something that might make you nervous

WHOLE SCHOOL GEMS TIME!

We had another whole school GEMS time today...it was unbelievable! Such a cool range of ways to show the GEMS. Have a look at the video [HERE!](#)



Reports



The mid term 2022 reports are now available to view. You can see this through the HERO app - under Reports 2022. You should be able to see a comment written by your child's kaiako, as well as their GEMS video explaining how they show our school values. Here's a bit of a breakdown of an example so hopefully it makes a bit more sense!



The dials represent the student's learning across the curriculum level.
Green = they have achieved goals in that curriculum level.
Yellow = goals that the student are working on at the moment.
Grey = goals that are either not achieved / haven't been worked on. It's perfectly normal to have learning either working on, or achieved across different curriculum levels. This happens because teachers are teaching to the needs of your children - as learning can cover a range of curriculum levels! If you click on the grey bar at the bottom, you can see the actual goals that are at that curriculum level.

In order to progress further in writing will:

 use different joining words (because, and, but, so, if) to join 2 ideas in 1 sentence 

 make my writing better by adding some more detail 

[SEE RECENTLY COMPLETED](#)

Here you can see the goals in the learning area that they are currently working on. If there is a little "green eye" next to it, you can click on it and see some of your child's work. You can also click on "see recently completed" to see some goals they may have just recently achieved.

Writing Progress

The current expectation for is: Level 1.2.

currently working **At Expected Curriculum Level** expectation (Mid Year 2) at Level 1.3.

Here you will be able to see where the expectation for your child is against the national expectation in that curriculum area.

If you have any questions or concerns, your child's classroom teacher should be the first point of contact. An email is usually the best way.

Sushi

Available to order each Tuesday through [Lunchonline](#)

Tricky's

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

What's coming up / reminders

- Movie Night**
Thursday 7th July
- Last Day of Term**
Friday 8th July - Finish at 3pm

TERM 3

- 1st day back of Term 3**
Monday 25th July
- Koka Missey starts teaching placement in Emerald**
Monday 25th July
- Red Nose Day fundraiser**
Friday 29th July
- Footsteps dance in for 5 Fridays**
Friday 29th July
- STEMM challenge (Sapphire Block)** Tuesday 2nd August
- Birchville Yr 6 to Maidstone for orientation** 4th August
- Sapphire led Assembly** Friday 12th August
- Random acts of kindness day** Thursday 1st September
- School Board Election** Wednesday 7th September
- Moonstone led Assembly** Friday 12th September



Birthdays coming up

Emerald: Ethan, Jordan, Charlotte, Hoani
Moonstone: Treesa, Olive, Julian, Mason
Sapphire: Riley K, Meli, Lucy, Aaron, Lacey, Damon, Fulori

Quick links

Buying something from Noel Leeming? Look at these [two promotion](#) flyers
The settlement: link [here](#)
Sticker promotion [HERE](#)

We are still on the hunt for a kaitiaki/caretaker - please ask around and help us find someone amazing for this position @ Birchville School. [CLICK HERE](#) to have a look at the information regarding this!

Growth in our classroom environments

As part of our 10 year property plan, the ministry has agreed to some upgrades of some classroom spaces (Emerald first, and then Sapphire) which will start in the upcoming holidays. The main features include new carpet, new lighting and removing benches from the cloak bays.

This is going to cause some disruption however. **Greenstone (NE-1)** will move into the library whilst the renovations are happening. **Sapphire** will move over into Greenstone for the whole of the term. **Emerald** will move into Sapphire's classroom to use while the renovations happen in their block. All affected blocks will be moving next week so they end the term having spent a few days in their new learning spaces before the school holidays. We appreciate your support through this process.

Showing our EMPATHY GEMS to an amazing community resource!

We are writing to ask for your support (show our GEMS of empathy) for a programme which is currently under threat of closure.

Whirinaki has been running a Ministry of Education (part) funded programme for the last three years, led by Claire Mepham, with great success. Our whole school got to experience this last week with our trip there!

Last week they received the sad news that their application to renew the programme for another three years has been declined by the Ministry. Whilst the Trust contributes 50% of the funding for the programme, they very much rely on the Ministry of Education funding to keep the programme running.

They are going to appeal the decision and ask, if you are happy to do so, to reply to this message with a voice of support for our programme. They will collate these and pass them on.

It is important to note that the new gallery is focused on Local curriculum and is the only place in Upper Hutt to do so.

They key points they are debating are as follows:

- We (whirinaki) are the ONLY LEOTC providers in Upper Hutt and have been for the last three years.
- We offer our programmes for FREE, subsidising the costs by approx. 50%.
- Last year we opened the new \$9-million-dollar extension of Whirinaki which included a new custom-built, fully accessible classroom built for this very purpose! How sad that this will now sit empty.
- We ALWAYS offer hands-on interactive activities. These are incorporated into each programme so that practical learning takes place across the curriculum and are FREE.
- We offer eight diverse programmes (Art, STEM, Environment etc) which complement and enrich the whole New Zealand curriculum. Many recognize and value the unique bicultural and multicultural character of Aotearoa and with a focus on the Aotearoa/New Zealand Histories Curriculum.
- All our evaluations report over the last three years have been excellent. From the last report I quote the NZCER LEOTC Monitoring Team *"The staff are passionate and enthusiastic. They work collaboratively with personnel within and from outside the gallery. Programmes are well considered and adapted as needed and schools have great confidence, knowing that their students will gain an authentic and exciting programme when they visit."*

We are asking if you could write an email to Claire.Mepham@whirinakiarts.org.nz with support so that this resource that Birchville School uses a lot can still continue!

Matariki Whirinaki Trips & Celebration



Help wanted!

Activation have over 100 bikes in need of repair and are looking for help! With the prison operation on hold, we are seeking alternative solutions to keep our [Bike Recycling Project](#) ticking along to provide bikes to families in need and to support school bicycle programmes.

They have scheduled a bike repair working bee for 11am-3pm Saturday 2nd July at the Totara Park Softball Clubrooms at Whakatiki Park on Whakatiki St. They will have a couple of bike mechanics on board and will have volunteers of all sorts of abilities/capabilities. They will also be providing some light refreshments on the day.

Upper Hutt Libraries

are very excited to be part of Beyond the Page, a Wellington Region wide, completely free festival focussing on stories in all their forms. We have all sorts of events, from Lego, to large scale building with cardboard, Toro Pikopiko and Little Dog Barking are running puppet making workshops, zine making, poetry writing workshops, stop motion, and String Bean Puppets are doing one of their amazing shows! The festival runs from July 11 to July 22, and you can find information about all the events happening on the Beyond the Page website, <http://beyondthepage.nz>.



Advertise your business -

For a small koha which will go straight towards the Year 6 dinner at the end of the year, you can have an advertising space for your business. Please contact Kelly at the office if you would like to do this.

