

Kōrero

Berhampore Primary School



From the Principals desk...

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening a new class in room 6. This will be to cater for the large number of 5year-old's we now have. The new teacher in Room 6 will be Mel Dol, a young teacher with a lot of skills working with young children.

We have held out first meeting of the new Board of Trustees of Berhampore School. I would like to congratulate Tina Morrison on her election to the Chair of the Board of Trustees. I would also like to thank Alex Lloyd who will be our new Vice-Chair and Finance Trustee.

Principal's Collective Agreement Negotiations

As you know teachers have agreed to terms by the government on their collective agreement this is a great result and shows the government move to value the work our teachers carry out for our students and our community. Sadly, the government has neglected to place the same value on principals. Particularly principals of smaller schools.

The rather limited offer made to principals increases disparity in pay with some teachers and our secondary school colleagues. It also does not address health and wellbeing and will create problems for the recruitment and retention of principals.

Over the past week I have joined principals across the country in writing letters to the Ministry of Education. In these letters we have stated our intent to withdraw goodwill from the Ministry of Education and not engage with the ministry on a variety of activities.

Safety Notice

Berhampore School has a very important gate system in place at all entrances to the school. These gates are critical to keeping all our children safe. If they are left open there are children who do not understand the importance of staying in the grounds.

We are changing the system to increase safety. We will be installing new latch systems and signs requesting the gates are kept closed at ALL times. We believe a child slipped out last week following another adult. If you are coming in and out of the school, please be aware of any children around you and ensure that the gates are secured behind you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this!

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Upcoming Events:

End of Term 2

- Friday 5th July

Start of Term 3

- Monday 22nd July

2019 Term Dates

Term Two

29th April- 5th July

Term Three

22nd July- 27th September

Term Four

14th October- 13th December

2020 Term Dates

Term One

29th Jan. 2020- 9th April 2020

Term Two

28th April 2020- 3rd July 2020

Term Three

20th July 2020- 25th Sept. 2020

Term Four

12th Oct. 2020- 15th Dec. 2020

IN OUR CLASSROOMS



Room 3

Showquest Wearable Art Section

On Monday 17th of June Matteo, Emmie, Hollie Heidi, Sofia and I, participated in the Wearable Art section of Showquest 2019. Showquest is a dance/drama/arts competition between Primary and Secondary Schools from the Wellington Area. We entered two garments Maunga o Te Ahi, designed and made by Jennifer Chisholm and Matteo Spill and modelled by Emmie Young. The other garment called The Unknown Jellyfish was designed and made by Hollie Craig, Heidi Smale and modelled by Sofia Go.

After school we headed to the Michael Fowler Center where the competition was going to be held. When we arrived we were shown our dressing room where we would hang out before the rehearsal and evening performance. At 4:45 pm we fitted our models (Emmie and Sofia) into their costumes and walked back stage. The models stayed in the wings and we went down into the audience with the other schools. We were lucky to get front row seats before the other schools swarmed in. Then we watched as the models were taught where to walk on the stage and when to walk into the spotlights and take their final positions.

Showquest started at 7:00pm but our section didn't begin till 9:45 pm so we able to watch the whole of the first half of the show. At 9:10 pm we got Emmie and Sofia into their costumes All to soon it was time for all the models to line up in the correct order to go backstage. Matteo, Hollie, and Heidi, and I wished our models good luck for the final time then we ran off back to our seats to watch them perform 2 minutes later they were circling on stage. One by one they left the circling circle and walked to the right into one spotlight then left into the other then they walked off into backstage.

When it was Emmie's turn we were all yelling and cheering for her and then came Sofia's turn we all yelled and cheered for her too! Then all the models came back on stage and stood in their final positions as everyone cheered and clapped. Neither garments won the award for best Wearable Art but that doesn't matter it was lots of fun and I really enjoyed it and I wish I could do it again!

By Jennifer Chisholm

Room 10

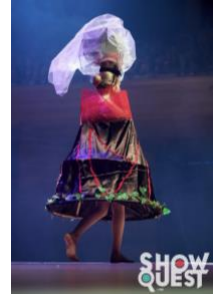
The Annual Midwinter Knack was held on Saturday 22nd June. Here are some recounts from students who ran the Enviro Stall.

On Saturday it was the knack. I was on the recycling bins, helping people sort out trash into the right bins. If we didn't have the bins all of that waste would go to the landfill. It was challenging at the start to know what to put in the bins but then we got the hang of it.

There were bins for landfill, organic waste also plastic and cardboard. It was great to have compostable containers being used and it was quite fun in the end! The Wednesday before we made posters for the bins. I was surprised at how many people knew what went in each bin!



By Jyoti



At the knack on Saturday 22 of June, I was on the enviro stall with Sylvie. We had Kawakawa balm, worm wee, spider plants and aloe vera to sell. The kawakawa balm was made at our school from leaves and bees wax from our own hives. The worm wee was from our worms in our worm farm. The spider plants and aloe vera were donated from people's garden. To get people buying our Kawakawa balm, worm wee, spider plants and aloe vera we had to be loud and clear. Me and Sylvie shouted "come buy our kawakawa balm made from our school students! Worm wee produced by our worm farm awesome for your garden! Spider plants, they clean the air and GROW! Aloe vera good for rashes and cuts!" The kawakawa balm was most popular.

By Josephine

IN OUR CLASSROOMS



Tuatara Room

We have been up to heaps of great things in the Tuatara Room this term, here are a few snaps of our activities.

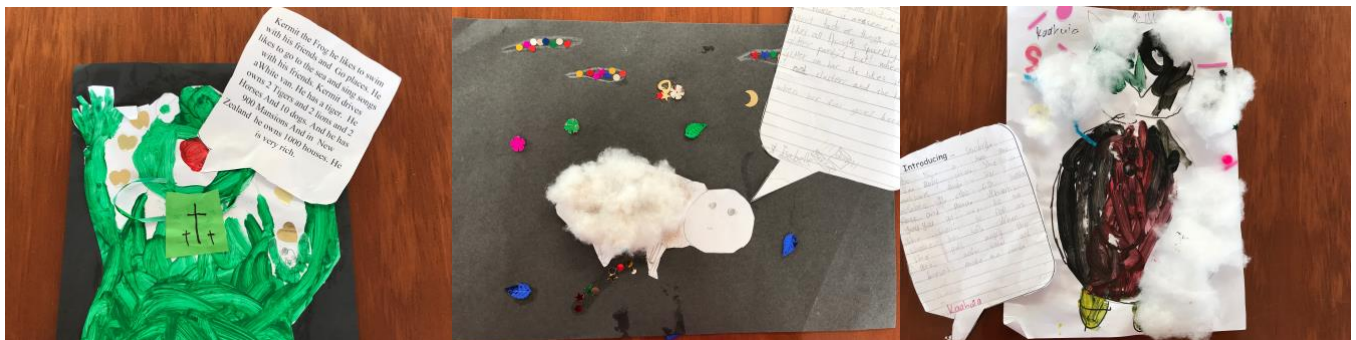


Dinosaurs, Lego, new equipment, cross country, maths, Samoan and Aboriginal art, yoga, science cooking, Matariki, Ramadan, Eid and more.



We have had such a great time exploring new ideas and activities!

Room 8



Room 8 have spent the term looking at developing characters, as part of our writing this term. We had to develop their looks and personality, and work out how they would solve the problem of helping Little Red Riding Hood find her grandmother's house. Enjoy a selection of our characters.



UPDATES



Whānau Army

Mid-winter fun at knack

A big thank you to all the parents, staff and children of Berhampore school who came out and supported Mid-Winter Knack- we raised around \$2,600. The shortest day of the year was cool but luckily stayed dry and we had a steady flow of people checking out the funky craft on offer, getting little faces painted, visiting our volunteer baristas, snagging goodies from the school bake stall, having a tasty home cooked Indian lunch (thanks Regina) and being entertained by the buskers! You can see photos of all the action [here](#) at the knack Facebook page.

Thank you to;

- Our enviroschool kids and Collette - who did an amazing job with a recycling, waste and composting station to help us reduce knack waste,
- Becky for being our stallholder liaison, Havana for the coffee machine and our parent baristas who keep us fueled throughout the day
- Our amazing Whānau Army Committee (who work behind the scenes getting knack ready, helping out on the day, and making generous donations towards supplies),
- All the incredible parents, students and staff who helped with set-up, did a stall slot, sizzled sausages, cooked curry, dished up food or came to school for pack down - you guys are awesome!



The fundraising events can't happen without your support so we really appreciate everyone who helped on the day or donated ingredients for school stalls.



World Food Fair - Friday 16th August

The popular Berhampore School World Food Fair is on in week 4 next term. The Food Fair is a wonderful opportunity to sample many delicious dishes from the myriad of cultures that make up the diverse Berhampore School community. In previous years we have had amazing dishes from Samoa, Italy, Ireland, the Philippines, Somalia, Syria, India, France, Vietnam and Greece. Can we get even more countries represented this year? If you're keen to cook please get in touch with Anastasia on annaa@berhampore.school.nz to let us know about the dish you will be making this year to help with our school fundraising. We can assist with ingredients.

Our next WA Committee meeting is Monday 29 July, 7:15pm in the staffroom. We'll be working on our food fair event - all welcome.

Board of Trustees

At its first meeting, the new Board of Trustees co-opted some additional members to strengthen its skill set and ensure a wide range of voices at the school were represented. New Trustee Wendy Aldred was co-opted for her legal expertise while Constanze Shwind, who has previously served as a Trustee, was co-opted to ensure the board hears the views of parents with additional learning needs.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Juliette (our previous ELL teacher) and her whanau on their new arrival - River Jack Davies who was born on the 24th of June. Welcome to our Berhampore community.



UPDATES



Berhampore Grounds and Gardening Group

We are a group of friendly parents, children and staff who meet every second Sunday of the month from 9- 11 to put some time into our school environment.

Some of our recent projects have included: cutting back and weeding in the rainforest, clearing and cleaning the school drains, creating and maintaining planter boxes and flower beds, maintaining the worm farms and laying turf where it's needed on the field.

In the past school Enviro projects have included construction and installing of the School sandpit, family painting of the school picnic tables and the restoration of the fort in the rainforest.

Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see you at our next working bee.

If you have any questions email Colette; coletted@berhampore.school.nz

World Vision- 40hr Famine

Congratulations to all those who participated in the 40hr Famine a few weeks ago. There was a variety of projects going on throughout the school to raise money for world vision. **All up \$1950.40 was raised.** Well done to all that participated and thank you too all those who sponsored!

Enjoy
Childcare
BEFORE & AFTER
school care

Weekdays
before school
7am - 9am
after school
3pm - 6pm

LOCATION
Berhampore School
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Berhampore, Wellington

Before school Price
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Daily \$15/\$25, Weekly \$65/\$110

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Your Parenting ACT

Parenting can be both a joy and very hard work.

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Your Parenting ACT is a 5 week course that helps you parent in line with your own values. It uses principles from ACT — Acceptance and Commitment Therapy — to help you make room for all your thoughts and feelings, so you can respond flexibly as a parent. ACT uses acceptance, mindfulness and behavioural strategies to help people pursue what matters most to them, including being the parent they want to be.

Berhampore Centennial Community Centre, 493 Adelaide Rd, Wellington.
Mondays, from the 19th of August between 7:00pm and 9:00pm.

For more information and registrations:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/your-parenting-act-evening-august-2019-registration-60031599129>



Want to learn an instrument, play in a band and perform on the big stage?! Well your child's school is one of the lucky schools that has Goodtime Music Academy here each week to run its one-of-a-kind Music Bus Programme.

Learn more at <https://goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz>

Students can choose from learning the Drums, Keyboard, Ukulele and Guitar. These small group lessons (3-5 students) are 30 minutes long and are held weekly, on the school grounds and throughout the school day. Spaces in lessons are limited and students that are not able to be placed this term will be placed on a waiting list until a space opens up.

Send us an email at schools@gtma.co.nz to be sent a registration pack!

Berhampore Centennial Community Centre- Venue for Hire

Renting a small apartment?

Need to host a dinner party with friends and family?

Celebrating a child's birthday?

Organising a meeting for your group?



493 Adelaide Road Berhampore

To view contact Co-ordinator or visit our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/BerhamporeCommunity/>

Affordable community/non-community rates. Fully equipped kitchenette.

Tables and Chairs. PA system and overhead projector.

Contact Merio: 021 389 823, berhamporeccc@berhampore.school.nz

Got questions about Antarctica?

Come along to our FREE family-friendly Antarctic information day and have all your questions answered by Antarctic experts. We'll have lots of hands-on activities including:

- Putting up a real polar tent
- Trying on real Antarctic clothing
- Reading climate from a sediment core
- Antarctic rocks and fossils
- Mummified Emperor Penguin

We'll also have short information sessions throughout the day from Wellington-based experts on topics like:

- What life is really like in an Antarctic field camp
- What it's like to dive under ice and into the frozen ocean
- What role does Antarctica play in Earth's climate



Saturday 10 August
Miramar Central School Hall
Drop in anytime between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm
For queries contact WellingtonAntarctic@gmail.com

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