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BERHAMPORE SCHOOL – TE WHĀNAU O TE RITO O TE HARAKEKE SINCE 1915 – EVER ONWARDS

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Community,

Another year has sailed by, we've had high achieving sports people, performers and learners. As a school we've focused on understanding resilience and being brave, as well as better understanding behaviours and strategies to manage them. We've also had a strong focus on Te Ao Māori. Jessie has been teaching the entire school Te Reo and Henare has continued to run our Kapa Haka group.

Last night's End of Year Ceremony was another showcase of unique personal attributes and talents. Every year I'm blown away at how every child grows and develops in their own way, on their own journey at Berhampore School. Thank you to the senior teachers for all their hard work leading up to this event. Again, I wish all the students moving on this year the best.

It seems many good things take time; the long awaited new classroom is still in the wings. We continue to wait for the Council to sign off on the designs so we can move ahead with the process. We are also carrying on our search for a Learning Support Coordinator to fill Justine's role and will readvertise the position.

Finally, a massive thank you to all of you; the parents (many of whom are thanked later in this edition) for all your support at school and around the strike action. Thank you to our phenomenal teaching staff, teaching assistants, office team, caretaker and cleaners. Your tireless work does not go unnoticed, and we know you go the extra mile for the children.

A safe and happy break to you all.
Ngā mihi nui, Mark



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Last Day of Term

Friday 13 December

2019 Term Dates

Term 1 Wed 30 Jan – Fri 12 April

Term 2 Mon 29 April – Fri 5 July

Term 3 Mon 22 July – Fri 27 Sept

Term 4 Mon 14 Oct – Fri 13 Dec

Whānau Army Update

Our Kristmas Knack last month raised around \$5,880 a fantastic effort from our entire school community. We're especially proud of the effort that went into all the school stalls on the day - the bake stall, coffee cart, Whānau Army craft stall, plant stall, hot food and Kidzone - we know a massive amount of volunteer time, planning and resources goes into preparing for these stalls and this shows in the great result.

Thanks to our Knack crew all the volunteers, the baristas, sausages sizzlers, cooks, growers, makers and our set up and pack up helpers. You rock!



Fundraising from Whānau Army 2018 events totalled around \$20,000. What a great result for the year! Meaning we achieved all items on the 2018 goal list and start 2019 with some funds. A huge thank you to all the parents, caregivers, staff, extended family members, Berhampore Primary School students and others from the community who have helped out at the many fundraisers this year. Whether you donated time, money, or materials for an event or you came along to support - your contribution big or small makes a massive difference to what we can achieve.



Special thanks to Justine Fletcher, Steph Craike and Polly Bradford, committee members who have volunteered their time, energy, ideas and resources at many WA events over their time at Berhampore. Polly is leaving BPS, with her youngest moving on to SWIS next year, as is Steph as her whānau move north and Justine is stepping down from the committee. You will all be missed! We'd also like to acknowledge Fiona and say a massive thank you for all your work administering the Knack market Facebook page and capturing the Knack events in pictures over the past 7 odd years.



Also for all of our volunteers with Year 6 students or other students who are moving on next year we'd like to say thank you for your past help and support. We hope to see some of you back at future events as punters.



Keen to help with fundraising in 2019?

If you're not already on it, we have a 'willing to help' email mailing list for people who are keen to help when they can. If you'd like to be added to the volunteer list or you have ideas you'd like to share email us whanauarmy@gmail.com to let us know you're interested for next year.

Have a fantastic relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Room 8: Community Project

This term Team Manuka have undertaken the SVA Community Guardian Project. This project is run by School Kit with the support of the Student Volunteer Army (set up after the Christchurch Earthquakes). Ways we can save animals is an almost daily topic of conversation in our class. Room 8 decided they have had enough of all the rubbish, especially plastic, around our local community, and wanted to protect the wildlife in Tapu Te Ranga Marine Reserve. We learnt about the whale recently found in Indonesia with 6kg of rubbish inside it. We measured out the length of the whale, but had to guess the width and put as many kids as we could inside pretending to be plastic.



We have investigated all the drains around school, with the help of Mark. We learnt that the storm water drains lead down to Adelaide Road, where we have seen drains with the sign "dump no waste, flows to the sea "

Oliver, from Sustainable Coastlines has come in to talk about his experiences with rubbish in the oceans, and on our local coastlines and taught us about single use plastic.



We have made graphs to show how much plastic is in our own lunchboxes, and what we throw away as a class. We picked up rubbish around school after lunch, and were amazed at the amount of single use plastic we throw away as a community.

We donned our cool kid sized high-viz vests and ventured around our local

neighbourhood to pick up rubbish. We had organised a beach clean up at Island Bay, however, the weather was just not on our side. A team of kids even made surveys for local bus stops to see how important picking up rubbish is in our wider Berhampore Community.

Kids from Room 8 have been spotted in the weekends picking up rubbish around their local communities too.

A smaller part of our Community Guardian Project was our Can

Drive for Women's Refuge. As a school we collected over 500 individual items, Room 8 could not believe the

generosity of people at Berhampore School. Thank you. Room 8 had a great time organising and counting all the donations, everyone was involved. Room 8's favourite quote from this small project was "it's nice to help others."

Room 8 would like to say **THANK YOU** to School Kit and Dairy NZ, who create these amazing resources, around a variety of topics. We have loved opening our boxes.



Parents, we thank you!



Justine Fletcher

For over ten years, Justine has expertly managed the stalls and stallholders at each Knack. This is a huge undertaking of networking, organisation and time. The Kristmas Knack was Justine's last one and we thank her wholeheartedly for all the work she's put in to making our biggest fundraiser such a special and unique event.

Ruth Fraser

The brains and brawn behind the Whānau Army operation. Ruth does it all; running Whānau Army meetings, communicating with parents and managing all fundraising events. The amount of work she puts in is incalculable.

Whānau Army Committee members

Anastasia Aukuso-Lolo, Kylie Hall, Justine Fletcher, Elaine Whelan, Ruth Fraser, Jo Davy, Elspeth White, Amy Watson, Polly Bradford, Kim Baker, Steph Craike, Susie Jones

This crew meet once a month to plan for our various fundraising events and generously donate their time and skills to drive the events. You'll often see some or all of them hard at work on the day/night of the events volunteering along with the WA volunteers - thanks Committee members for your hard work during 2018. New members always welcome.

Our amazing Whānau Army Volunteers

Ailsa Chisholm, Ally Clark, Andrea Speir, Angela Flor, Anna Meyer, Ansa Kennedy, Batt Whanau, Becky Bean, Becky Oliver, Ben Chapman, Claire Dixon, Claudia Riedel, Constanze Schwind, Deirdre Marshall, Dhilum Nightingale, Emma Rutherford, Eniko Lajtar, Fran Renton, Giovanni Tiso, Rajeshree khushal Glen Elliott, Jade Mackay, Jason Timmins, Jennifer Elliott, Jeremy Leslie, Jim Locke, Joseph Tiso, Juliane Sellars, Jule Hartung, Justin Swift, Justine Jungersen-Smith, Karen Lalor, Kate Pennell, Kate Olsen, Kate Spill, Katerina Makarios, Kellie McGrath, Kerryn Pollock, Kris Birch, Linda Moore, Marie Dinh, Megan Voss, Miriam Zeier, Monica Ciolek, Nigel Wells, Peta Hird, Rajeshree Khushal, Rebecca Pool-Morris, Reem Droobi, Rod Lawson, Sara Mikaloff-Fletcher Sarah Fairbrother, Sarah Millar, Sarah Stratton, Shalee Fitzsimmons, Shelley Mercer, Simon Ward, Stuart King, Tim Strang, Tom Fitzsimons, Toni Fraser, Tony Haigh, Tuan Dinh, Wendy Aldred.

As well as the committee we have a mailing list of regular volunteers who help at many of our events and all/some of our Knack markets. None of the events could go ahead without this amazing help and support and we really appreciate all the families that generously volunteer their time or make donations towards the fundraisers.

Elspeth White

Organises and runs the monthly volunteer group BS3G who help keep our gardens and grounds beautiful. Elspeth also nurtured countless seedlings to sell at the Kristmas Knack and gave all proceeds to the school.

BS3G Working Bee group

Blair R and family, Duncan F, Jason T, Marie, Tuan, Mark P, David S, Claire B, Sarah Stratton

Kieran Hughes

The main man behind the Food Fair. Keiran took on this job for the first time this year and blew us all away with managing a huge catering mission.

Fiona Coughlan

Knack Market Facebook page administrator. For 7 odd years Fiona has been quietly doing FB posts and taking photos on the day for the Knack page. She's going to be handing over to someone new from 2019 but we'd like to say thank you Fee for all the amazing work you've done over the years.

Parents, we thank you!

Ruth Fraser

Senior netball legend/manager

Claudia Campbell, Elaine Whelan, Peta Hird, Nadia Ward, Marie Dinh, Matariki Williams

Organising the junior netball children and encouraging them each Saturday.

Marie Dinh, Charles Hautapu-Prime, Jim Locke, Harriet Palmer

Organising the tough rugby children and encouraging them each Wednesday afternoon of Terms 1 and 4.

Marie Dinh, Jeff Beggs, Kieran Hughes, Glen Sturgess, Dave Lintott

Organising the Futsol children and encouraging them each Friday afternoon of Terms 2 & 3.

Sarah Chambers, Rose Mihajlovski, Rebecca Bean

Coaching and Managing the Minipolo teams.

Soroptimist Women - Volunteer Reading Group

Wendy Harland, Pauline Penny, Kristeen Johnston, Catherine O'Donnell, Julia Risk, Margaret Riordan, Paulette McElroy

Each week these lovely Reading Angels have been visiting some classes to read to or with children.. This is a fabulous opportunity for children to have extra opportunities to practice their reading and the teachers have been very grateful for the time these ladies have donated.

Hāngi Volunteers

Jeff Bullock, Sarah Stratton, Justine Fletcher, Kristen Birch, Caroline Garbutt, Tamati Ward, Camilo Borges, Mara Te Kahika, Fran Renton, Matariki Williams, Ruth Fraser, Vic Hema, Chris Stuart

Hāngi day! All these parents and friends literally dug in and made for a fantastic day. They were there the day before and on the day. Collecting kai, supervising children washing and chopping vegetables, making stuffing and serving hāngi. Ngā mihi!

The Unfortunate Disclaimer!

We are only able to offer your kids the range of experiences and resources we do, with your help. As you can see **so many of you** generously help in lots of ways. If we have missed someone who has helped out more than on a once-off, we are so very sorry. You may read this list and get inspired to get more involved in 2019 and reap the benefits of working alongside our kids & community. Don't be shy, we'd love to hear from you!

The Sports, Education, Community & Cultural Foundation (SECC)

Kindly donated 101 sports item for our P.E. shed, including rugby, basketballs, footballs & netballs.

Rosanna Rahman & Toro Hill

Donated a set of bicycle helmets to our school.

Alan Chambers from the French Door Factory

Donated life jackets used for the water confidence training.

Ian Walton

Completed repairs on the hall as needed

Camp 2018 Parent volunteers

Jeannette and Michelle would like to thank all the Year 6 parents that joined them in Wainuiomata in February of this year to support their child's camp. Parent volunteers are essential in making sure Camp is a success for everyone! Thank you to you all! We wish all the graduating Year 6 children all the best for next year.

Trip Volunteers

We work hard to find opportunities for education outside the classroom. Often we rely on parents to come with us on trips and adventures. For all those who have done so this year; we love sharing time with you and thank you so much for making these experiences happen.

Ailsa Chisholm

Ailsa organised a wine fundraiser, and raised a huge amount for the EOTC Y6 Camp in 2019. It was successful because Ailsa went outside of the school community to try and gather sales.

Pharu Clark

Helped with Kowhai Community events throughout the year

David Craig, Holger Spill, Jule Hartung, Tina Craig, Sarah Fairbrother

Always helped with the Kōwhai EOTC activities.

Board of Trustees Update

This year the board has reviewed and refreshed the school charter, which sets out the priorities valued by the school community.

The process began last year when we canvassed the views of the 2017 Year 6 class and continued into this year as views were gathered from children throughout every level of the school. We engaged consultant Tess Casey to collate the ideas, which were displayed on a talking wall which moved around the school so parents and whānau could see the comments and add their own ideas.

We found the previous charter was still aligned with the community's values, emphasising a strong desire for the school to meet diverse needs and ensure everyone is given an opportunity. As a result, our updated charter continues with the same big idea that 'Berhampore School is Everyone's School', but includes more detail about what that means in practice.

We hope that you can hear the voices of our children in the charter as this has been a child-led process and we think you should be very proud of the inspirational thinking of our children.

The new charter will be turned into a graphic artwork which will take pride of place in the foyer and be on display around the school.

Staff News

Two of our outstanding Teaching Assistants are moving on this year.

Christine has been supporting the students at Berhampore School for 4 years. She has worked with a variety of children supporting their needs with a calm and caring nature. Christine is off to pursue other passions and we will miss her. We wish her all the best.

Maeve has been a recent employee this year, coming to fill a gap when it was created halfway through the year. We'd like to thank her for the work she has done in this time and also wish her all the best for her next adventure in 2019.

Congratulations to Mark who was a finalist in this year's Welly awards, celebrating Wellingtonians of the year. He was nominated in the Education category for being an ardent inclusive education advocate. This is a reflection of the outstanding work that goes on in our school.



Room 11: Change Makers

This term, in the Kahikatea Team, we studied people who have made positive change in our community, country or world. We identified their positive attributes and then created speeches and presentations about them. Our goal in Room 11 was to create an introduction for our speech that grabbed our listeners' attention. Can you guess who we've chosen as our change maker based on our introductions? See if you can join the dots.

The elevator goes up and the doors open. Waving goodbye to people and walking onto the ship.
Sitting down in the seat and hearing "OK...3 minutes till takeoff." 3 minutes later sitting in space.

The show is about to start. It's dark. The audience was talking. Then, when the lights turn on, it reveals a very successful band. The lead singer steps forward...

The tremendous jungle with dim light catches before your eye. A woman is sitting on a root watching a group of animals. A pencil slowly creeps over a notepad when the scene gets interesting.
Suddenly, the termite fisher appears...

When will I see my mom and dad? Why did I get kidnapped? He thought as he desperately tried to get out. Wondering and waiting, hoping that his parents would come to get him soon.

The show was about to start. Nothing but darkness. Everyone stops chatting. The dark disappears and the TV host steps on to the stage.

There are many lightbulbs that were invented and many failed. And then it was darkness until someone switched on the light.

Imagine having thousands of followers and comrades, imagine making people change a law! Imagine helping hundreds of people feel free and just. A great civil rights activist.

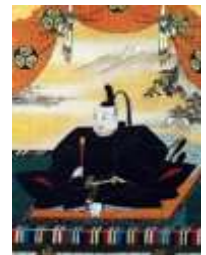
Martin Luther King Jr.



Neil Armstrong



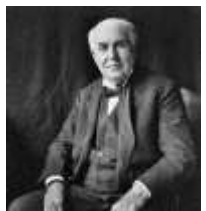
Tokugawa Ieyasu



Oprah Winfrey



Thomas Edison



Peter Garrett



Jane Goodall



Kōwhai Syndicate: Play



Here are pictures of a play which a group of children have been busy practising this term. The Play is called "Mouse Trap". The children have made their own props, costumes and have managed to learn all of the lines.

They have performed it to the class and then to the whole school.



Sports



The Berhampore Mako's Minipolo team, who came third in the B Grade this term. Pipi, Samuel, Gustav, Alice, Sam DL, Clem, Ngaio, Ashleigh, Ciara.



The Netball Asteroids (Y1/2) Izzy, Franka, Lulu, Maraea, Pim, Aislinn, Zoey, Vanni.

EAL Learners - Out and About



'We went to the Jumparama with Rama, Alex, Parmida, Juliette, Aya, Tadiwos, Michell and Shadiya. The best part was the foam pit because we jumped in it then we stuck.'

Parmida



'I went to Te Papa also we went to the kaleidoscope and we played the best place was the light room. Then we went to the rainbow room it had all sorts of medicines it was cool. Then we went to the art room, it had all sorts of art and a lot of people.'

Shadiya

'I went to the Island Bay beach and I saw the big spray. I saw the sandy house and I got the big stick I threw the big stick. I saw the huge mountain. This is a cool trip.'

Theepak



'I went to Te Papa. I liked the kaleidoscope because it turned me into a witch.'

Alex