

# MĀHURI TEAM NEWS

## TERM 4 2023



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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Māhuri students,

Haere Mai and welcome back to a very busy term 4! We have a term filled with exciting learning experiences for our students. We would like to outline some of them below and as usual, welcome you to make contact with us via email if you have questions, concerns or wish to meet with your child's teacher. The latter is most important as an appointment will need to be made.

Please remind your child that it is a 'HAT' term again in Term 4. Your child is required to wear a navy blue school hat. These are available for purchase from The Warehouse. We are a certified Sun Smart school and hat wearing in Terms 1 and 4 is compulsory. If your child doesn't have a hat they will be required to spend their breaks under the Willow Tree shade and it may exclude them from some classroom outdoor activities.

It is also important that your child has the correct school uniform, both items and colour, and is conforming to the school requirements in the way they present themselves. Therefore we respectfully ask that colourful and flouncy items are not worn in the hair and that all hair below collar length is tied back. This is for both girls and boys. Flowing hair is not only a safety issue with playground equipment, it adds to the spread of headlice. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

As is always the case, many of the activities we undertake are only possible because of the support we get from parents. Thank you for all of the walking, driving, coaching, etc that you have done and are yet to do. We appreciate your time and the effort.

This term Māhuri students will be doing a "Food for Thought" study. This involves visits from food experts and a visit to the local supermarket where they will learn to read labels and identify foods that are necessary or treats. This will be happening in school on the 25th and 26th of October and the trip to the supermarket will be on the 27th of October.

Term 4 is the term where the Year 6 students participate in the "Positive Puberty" programme. The students work with Mrs., Doney and Mrs., Kelso to learn about body changes and to discuss concerns and answer questions. It is done privately in a closed classroom and respectfully. There will be a parent information evening on 23rd of November and the lessons will take place on the 27th and 28th of November. There will be information closer to the date.

While the Year 6's are participating in the Positive Puberty programme, the Year 5's will be undertaking a First Aid course with St John. This will happen on 27th of November with St John staff coming into Māhuri and the 28th with follow-up lead by our staff.

School athletics is taking place on 30th of October for all Year 3 to 8 students with Year 5 to 8 students having the opportunity to qualify for the Rakahuri Athletics Meet. (on the 8th and 9th of Nov). If the weather is not favourable our booked postponement date for school athletics is 31st October.

If all goes well with the Athletics, the students who have opted into the Cricket Carnival will be able to participate in this years Cricket Carnival. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to 'have a go' and interact with students from other schools. Only students who returned their slips by the due date are able to participate. Once again, the organisation has been extensive and the trip made possible by parents helping with team supervision and transport; thank you.

We have the Science Roadshow visiting our school again on the 5th of December. This is an 'opt-in' opportunity for students. We strongly encourage you to support your child in gaining this experience by giving permission when the notice comes home. It is interactive, informative and most educational.

Finally, we are endeavouring to secure dates for Safe Cycling to happen again this year. Once we have secure details we will forward all of the information to families. This opportunity will be for all Year 6 students and your child does not have to own a bike or helmet to participate as there are a limited number that are available to be borrowed.

In between all of these wonderful opportunities, you child will continue to participate in the Teams reading, writing, and maths programmes as we work steadily in preparing them for their next steps in a successful education.

With thanks and warmest regards,  
Kylie Forrest M1; Nicky Kelso M2; Anya Galbraith M3; and Shallie Doney M4.



## End of Year SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Tuesday 12 December

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday 23rd October:** Labour Day
- **Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th October:** Food for Thought
- **Monday 30th October:** Athletics Day
- **Tuesday 31 October:** Year 5/6 Cricket Carnival
- **Wednesday 1st November:** Choir performing in the Chch Music Festival
- **Friday 3rd November:** Māhuri Wero Mahi Challenge day
- **Tuesday 5th November:** Science Roadshow
- **Thursday 16th November:** Teacher Only Day
- **Friday 17th November:** Canterbury Anniversary
- **Tuesday 12th December:** Senior Prizegiving 6pm
- **Friday 15th December:** Last day of school (12.05pm finish)

### REMINDER

We are a



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compulsory outdoors

We are usually available before and after school if you have a question or information to let us know. We do ask however that if you need more than a few minutes that you make a time to meet with your child's homeroom teacher.

## CONTACT US

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