

Kia ora koutou! I hope you managed to enjoy the lovely weather we had last week. I hope those of you who have children involved in Saturday sports are enjoying the start of season games. I hope you have enjoyed at least one of those yummy pies collected last week. Thank you so much for your support! I saw lots of beautiful Mother's Day cards and greetings being sent last week. I hope you all had a very special day.

It is that time of the year when people begin to be affected by winter illnesses. As colds, coughs and tummy bugs are easily passed onto others it is important to keep your child home if they are unwell. Children with tummy bugs should stay away from school until 24 hours after they were last ill, and children with a fever or flu like symptoms shouldn't return to school until they are well enough to cope with a full school day. Remind your children also about the importance of hand washing to prevent the spread of bugs.

Last week we had a visit from the Kahurangi Dance Group. There has been lots of positive feedback from children and teachers about this visit. I am sure your children have shared this with you at home.

This week the NZ Association of Primary Science Educators are promoting becoming "eco-champions" as part of the National Primary Science Week. It is also Bully Free Me Week. As a school we are supporting the Pink Shirt Day. Information about this is available [here](#).

We have received advice from the NZEI (the teachers' union) that PUMs are scheduled for local schools on **Thursday 28th June, starting at 2:30pm**. While the school will remain open at this time, there will be reduced staffing, so you would be most welcome to collect your child from school earlier in the afternoon. We will send out further information closer to the time.

Wendy Taylor
Acting Principal



Cross Country

Our annual whole school Cross Country event is being held in Week 5, on Wednesday 30 May. The postponement date is Friday 1st June. We need whanau/parent/caregiver support as marshals. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist.

The inter-school event, of all Wairarapa Schools is being held at a new venue this year, Tauherenikau racecourse on Wednesday 13 June. This event is for year 4-8 students. Selection for competing in this event will be from placings in our school event.

(Order of events and organization on the last page of this newsletter).

SAUSAGE SIZZLE - EVERY FRIDAY

Sausages \$2.00 each

Juicies \$1.50 each

Order outside Akonga Maori classes before 8.55am on Friday



SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING - Friday 18th May – Pink Shirt / Māwhero Day

On Friday 18th May we will be participating in Pink Shirt / Māwhero Day. Pink Shirt / Māwhero Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, gender, ability or cultural background. On Pink Shirt Day we ask New Zealanders to Stop Bullying. On Pink Shirt Day, look out on the sea of pink and know that together we can stop bullying.

Children could either wear a pink shirt or have something pink on. This could be a ribbon, pin or hat, anything with pink on it. This is not a fundraiser, students can choose to wear pink OR their school uniform. Kirsty Hull

NYLD Conference - Week 4 Tuesday 22nd May

National Young Leaders Days are annual leadership events held around New Zealand to inspire primary, intermediate and secondary school students. The students selected have been chosen because they have been identified as having great leadership potential and this year I will be taking 8 - Year 8 students along to the conference in Porirua. If your child has been selected, they will be bringing home a permission slip this week that will need signing and returning as soon as you can. Any queries - please see Lesley Kennedy, Rm 14.

School Photos

We are expecting school photos back in the next 1-2 weeks. Unfortunately, some of the class photos had to be retaken; some of these were taken at the end of last term, and some at the beginning of this term. I know lots of people have been waiting patiently for their photos to be returned, and we apologise for the delay in the process this year.

Did you know Carterton School is an Enviroschool?

We have the Silver Enviroschools Award and we are working towards attaining the Green-Gold Award. If you would like to know more about what an Enviroschool is please have a look at this link <http://www.enviroschools.org.nz/about-enviroschools>

If you have any ideas for us as an enviroschool please let Whaea Mel know in Room 5 or email her at mmacgregor@carterton.school.nz



Reminder about SCOOTER DAYS: Scooter Days this term will be on a **Friday only**. This is because with the wetter weather, we have more children playing on the concrete rather than the grass, and this area becomes too congested and dangerous if we also have many scooters / skateboards / ripsticks being ridden around. Children may still scooter to and from school during the week, but they will only be allowed to ride their scooters at break times on a Friday.

Congratulations to last week's Mahi Pai draw winners: Ariki-Fortchyne Ako Tahi, Shania Rm 5, Hannah Rm 3, Isaac Rm 2, Laura Rm 12, Te Ariki Ako Tahi, Aperahama Ako Rua, Marley Rm 3,

Diary dates for May:

18th May We're in the pink /māwhero day

22nd May School Board meeting, 7:15pm

23rd May National Young Leaders Day in Porirua

24th May PTA meeting, 7pm in the Staffroom.

30th May School Cross Country, postponement date 1st June

Carterton School Cross Country 2018

Wednesday 30 May 2018 pp Friday 1 June 2018

PTA are providing Hot Chocolate / Milo after the race.

Students to bring their own cup if they would like this treat.

Order of events

Boys and girls will run separately

Year 8 boys and girls 3 big laps (big lap means it includes the Carrington park walking/running track)

Year 1 boys and girls 1 lap (Patersons paddock and our rugby field)

Year 2 boys and girls 1 lap

Year 3 boys and girls 1 big lap

Year 4 boys and girls 1 big lap

Year 5 boys and girls 2 big laps

Year 6 boys and girls 2 big laps

Year 7 boys and girls 3 big laps

(below is the Wai Schools event distance table: We have aimed our track and distances to replicate this)

Order of Events

Approximate Distances

Year 4 Boys and Girls

1 km

AWD

1 km

Year 5 Boys and Girls

2 km

Year 6 Boys and Girls

2 km

Year 7 Boys and Girls

3 km

Year 8 Boys and Girls

3 km

Children in Years 4-8 may go on to represent the school at the Wairarapa Interschool Cross Country at Tauherenikau Racecourse Week 7 (13 Wednesday/pp.15 Friday June). They will get a notice about this when teams are decided.