

BC PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2020

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you for the excellent Parent/Student/Teacher conferences this past week. Connecting school and home is essential for us to be on the same page working with children and families. Learning about setting and working towards goals is good practice, even for our younger children, and even more valuable when parents and teachers are part of the process with the child.

This past few weeks there have been some great learning opportunities both in and out of school.

Team Te Maunga had trips to McLaren Falls Forest Discovery where they were able to learn about a variety of natural science - they in fact became scientists for the day.

In the morning they carried out a forest walk with some plant ID and native bird monitoring. The students recorded what bird sounds they heard.

In the afternoon they carried out pre-baiting: students were given an area to pre-bait and a map with a parent. They walked the lines, found the traps, placed peanut butter in the unset traps. This is so the rats get used to the boxes and used to taking bait from close to the traps. They also collected data on whether the bait from the previous pre-baiting had been taken. An excellent day of learning.



TERM 1 KEY DATES

YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING SPORTS

Friday 13th March
Greerton Pool

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP

18th – 20th March
Totara Springs

LIFE EDUCATION

Starting Wednesday 25th March

MUFTI DAY

Friday 3rd April

PRIMARY EASTER SERVICE

9:30 – 10:30am, Thursday 9th April
Events Centre

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Thursday 9th April
School finishes at 3.10pm

Our Vision

To be a Christian learning
community of excellence where
lives are transformed.

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Discovery Time

Each Friday afternoon allows for our younger learners to engage in a variety of skills and social activities. If you look around Te Kari or Te Aka you will see many happy engaged children.



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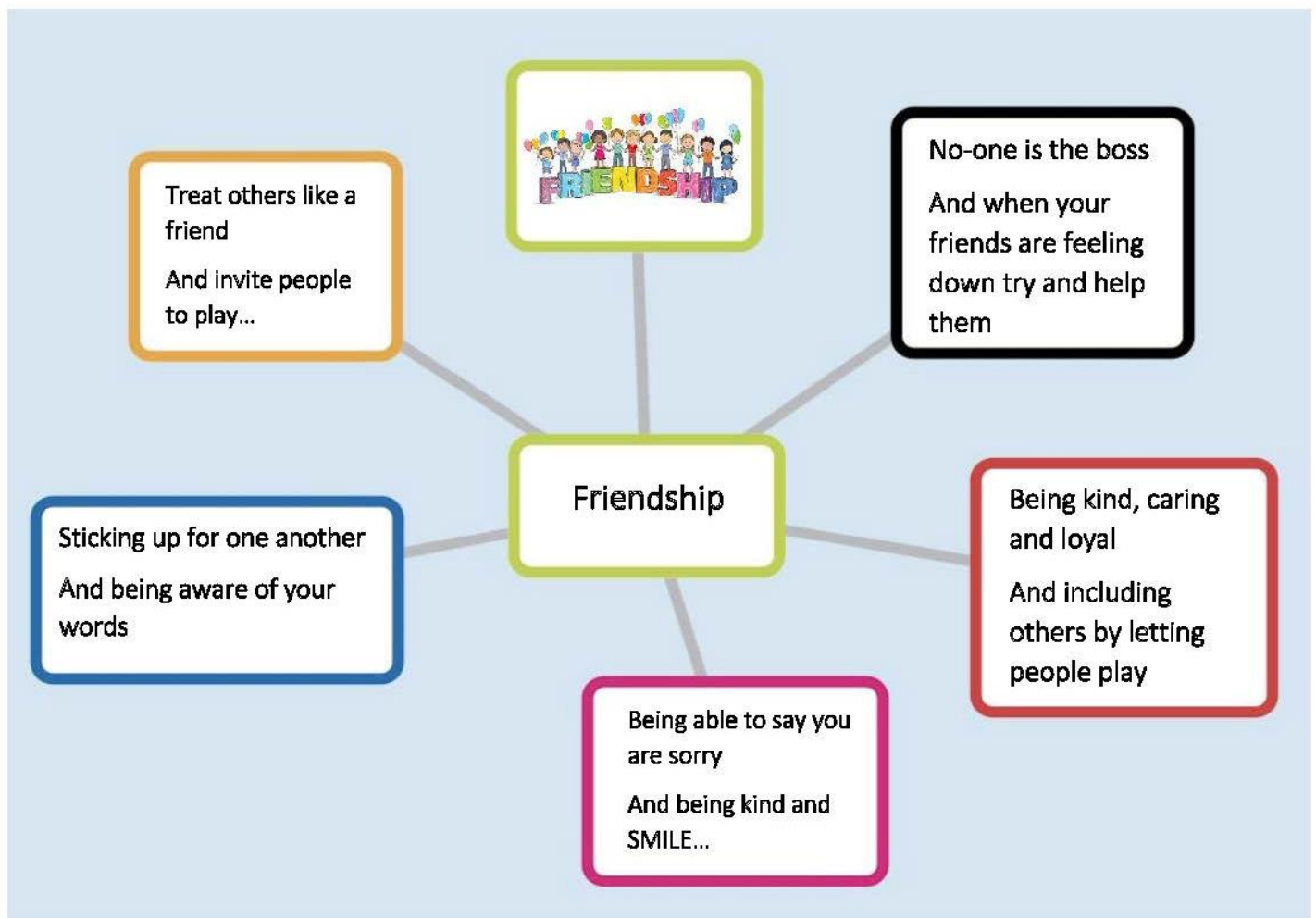
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Primary Assembly

Te Awa were represented by D3 and D4 this past week sharing what they have been learning about friendship in their classes. What a great reminder for all of the Primary as we were encouraged how BC Learners can be a friend.



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ABC's of Friendship

A
lways be honest.
B
e there when they need you.
C
heer them on.
D
on't look for their faults.
E
very chance you get, call!
F
orgive them.
G
et together often.
H
ave faith in them.
I
nclude them.
J
ust listen.
K
now their dreams.
L
ove them unconditionally.
M
ake them feel special.

N
ever forget them.
O
ffer to help.
P
raise them honestly.
Q
uietly disagree.
R
escue them often.
S
ay you're sorry.
T
alk frequently.
U
se good judgement.
V
ote for them.
W
ish them good luck.
X
-ray yourself first.
Y
our words count.
Z
ip your mouth when necessary.



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Introducing Demi Coombe C3 Year 5

Demi and her dad Bernie are climbing the Mount 38 times in 50 days. Their aim is to raise money for Child Cancer. Demi's young cousin is currently undergoing chemotherapy at Starship Hospital. You can catch up with them on [Demi and Dad on givealittle.co.nz](https://givealittle.co.nz).

Go
Demi!



Go Mr Edmeades

Team Te Aka had an unexpected visitor join their jump jam this past week.



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Wairoa Marae Trips

This week our Year 2, 4 and 6 classes were able to visit our local marae.

What a great opportunity for our children to be involved in this important cultural experience that allows them to see and understand such an important part of our Maori culture. The Wairoa marae were so welcoming and helpful in making this experience so worthwhile.



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Health & Safety – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The School continues to take the issues pertaining to Coronavirus seriously and is receiving regular updates and advice from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. You may be aware that the latest restrictions affect people returning from Northern Italy and South Korea.

The Ministry of Health has updated their advice for all travellers which is [available here](#).

All schools are still in the Keep It Out phase of a pandemic plan. The preventative measures that the Ministry of Health is encouraging schools to practice are those of good hygiene, which include:

- Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating, as well as after using a bathroom
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in rubbish bins
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

Importantly, the Ministry of Health asks everyone to wash their hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, making sure you dry them thoroughly.

We will continue to provide students with the advice and guidance.

A general reminder to parents that should your child be ill we ask that you keep them at home until they have fully recovered. Sending students to school who are ill, will not aid recovery and instead can spread colds and flus. The following is drawn from advice from the Ministry of Education: "As always anyone who is unwell should not be at school or at their early learning service. If there is a particular concern about any child, parents are urged to contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or their GP for medical advice," Anyone with serious concerns that they have Covid-19 should call 0800 358 5453.

Further advice from the [Ministry of Health about the virus](#).

Safety

In the last newsletter there was a gentle reminder about checking out children.

Please remember that all children must go to the office to check in or out within the following hours:

ARRIVING LATE: When arriving after 8:45am

LEAVING EARLY: Departing before 3:00pm

Please also note that parents coming into school for volunteering and or coming to events do need to check in at the school office in L block and receive a visitor sticker. Again this is for safety, knowing who is in the school is important in the event of fire or any other such emergency, thank you.



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Pick up / Drop off zone

We have a number of children who get dropped off or picked up in the zone across from the chapel each day. The area can become congested at peak times so we encourage drivers to move in and out safely and in a timely way that respects all parents and their children. Thank you for helping us keep all safe in this area.



Wanted

If any family has an unwanted doll house that they are happy to donate, it would be welcomely received by our primary office.



Thank you.

Nga mihi



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Primary Sports

Here is the link to the Primary Sports page: <https://www.beth.school.nz/primary/physical>

Here is a quick summary of some winter sports opportunities:

- Football is now closed for the season
- Basketball is open for approximately another week
- Netball is open until the end of March
- Badminton will remain closed until notified
- Minifootball is open from yr 1 - 4
- Hockey will be open on Monday

Year 5 / 6 Swimming sport entries are closed and the schedule has been sent to all parents (we are now making up heat lists)

Avenues Junior Badminton Club

Who: For students from Yr 5 through to Yr 8
Where: Tauranga Boys College School Gym
When: Tuesday's 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Starts March 3rd – runs through to end of Term 3 (term times only)
Cost: \$90 subscription or \$5 casual

Racquets available



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