

Kia Ora Tatou,

This week sees the beginning of the new 'The Gap' building, with the ground being broken and pipes being discovered! We are extremely fortunate with the timing of this new building, given the cancellation of so many other school building projects. It is not often that a school is given the opportunity to add on and improve the physical environment in this way, so we are very happy to see this start.

The importance of this job is three-fold:

- Currently, as many of you will have first-hand experience of, we have resources spread all over the school. This new-build will allow our resources to be brought together in a more efficient way, allowing our teachers the ability to find, prepare and use our excellent resources and equipment in better ways.
- We have very few spaces to meet with other teachers to collaborate, and only one place in which to talk to parents confidentially.
- This new-build will allow for teachers to use during their release days. It will also allow us to have specialist teachers come and work daily with groups of children.

There will be a big impact on our school operations while this project is on: two car-parks will be reserved for the builders, children and adults will need to walk around the school to access the hall, or junior rooms. These are all things that can easily be worked around, with some patience and co-operation from all.

Completion of the project is down for late in Term 1, 2025.

What an exciting week!

Alastair & The 'H' Team.

Room 7 Camp:

This week Room 7 is off to Castlepoint, for a week of exciting learning, experiences and fun. Thanks to Vanessa Wasley for all the planning and preparation for camp, and to the parents giving up their time to go along and enrich our student's lives.

New Caretaker Begins:

Welcome to Simon Stace who has begun the Caretaking and Cleaning role here at school. We look forward to a long and happy career keeping our school all ship-shape and in top condition.

School Carpark:

Our builders are going to take up some parks. We're not expecting too much disruption, but please be aware of this. Park down Willoughby or Monteith Street if the carpark is too full.

Touch Rugby

A reminder, there are NO GAMES for our Y7-8 teams this week or next. That's Halcombe One, Two and Three.

School Photos

Every family has been sent an email by PhotoLife with a unique code to order school photos, please check your trash/spam folder. If you have not received your code please speak to Paula. Free delivery expires **midnight 17 November**. All photos will be delivered to school before the end of the year.

Lamb & Calf Championship Day Results

All lamb and calf entrants in our Pet Day are able to go and compete along with children from across the wider Manawatū. This Championship Day was held at the Rongotea sports grounds in the weekend and many of our pupils did extremely well:

Lamb Leading: Year 1&2 3rd Richie, Year 5&6 1st Hunter, Year 7&8 1st Lucy, 3rd Taylor

Lamb Care and Attention: Year 7&8 2nd Lucy

Lamb Calling: Year 1&2 5th Richie, Year 5&6 2nd Hunter, Year 7&8 3rd Taylor

Congratulations to all those who entered, and to the parents who supported the kids.

Yummy Stickers

Thank you so much to all those who have been collecting yummy stickers over the past year. Our school has earned \$422 worth of sports gear - amazing! Start collecting stickers and labels from the apple bags again.... now! Send these along to the office whenever you like. Thank you to Paula for managing this for us.

Library Books

Our school library will be closing next week. All library books will need to be returned by then.