



Ki ora everyone

Well we were certainly spoilt with last week's spell of unseasonably warm and sunny days. We were certainly lucky our pool was ready for use so the children were able to enjoy some swimming sessions towards the end of the week. I can't remember a time when we have been able to swim so early in the season, however we suspect this may have been a false start!

Families who wish to use the pool over the coming season are now able to come to the office to hire a pool key. Cost is \$50, with a \$10 refund when the key is returned in late March. You will be given a copy of our Pool Code which you will be required to read and sign.

Learning Assistant

The Piwakawaka class has grown with the addition of several new entrants. Huatekerere learning hub welcomes aboard an extra learning assistant, Mrs Kaoru Meade, who will be helping out in the mornings for the next 6 weeks.

Bike track

The bike track is getting good use from some very keen bikers who are certainly honing their skills. To ensure the track operates safely we have constructed a bikers' care code together (attached) and this sign will be put up in the track. Thanks to Karen's work the track is also looking good with the addition of some plantings, but it will look fantastic after a season's growth.

We are looking for 1 or 2 old, redundant, throw-away bikes we can spray paint up as decorations to put our signs on. If you have one lying around in the shed, please let us know.

Pet Paddock

Our pet paddock is operational and has some grass (and luscious weeds) that could do with a good nibble down. If you have a pet lamb or two who would like a holiday at a school for a few weeks and receive some extra special attention and love and care, please give us a call or flick us an email.

Sports Day coming up

The children are now outside most days training for the Geraldine Schools' Athletic sports coming up on Friday 22nd November. All children will be participating in events over the day. For the juniors (5s, 6s and 7s) this will only involve the morning. All families are encouraged to attend to support their children and enjoy a picnic lunch together. A specific notice will be coming out soon with all the details.

South Canterbury Mountain Bike Race

Congratulations on a superb effort made by Logan Peck, Ari Collins, Shelby Henson and Olie Mills in the South Canty Mountain Bike Race. Well done!



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Personal Belongings

We are having a 'blitz' on the children being more responsible for their personal items as there have been far too many items left lying around the playground. It's also that time of year that children like to have bare feet and while we are happy with this, we expect the children to put their socks inside their shoes when they remove them. Unfortunately there are still a number of socks that fly free and are left around unclaimed on a daily basis. Please ensure socks are named along with other personal belongings such as uniform, lunch boxes, hi viz vests, swimming items. It helps us immensely and saves us time in searching for owners who often don't recognise their own items!

School will be closed next week on Friday 17th November for Canterbury Anniversary Day. Relish the long weekend and maybe getting along to the Geraldine Arts and Plants festivities.

Enjoy the rest of the week - we'll welcome the rain that's predicted as ground conditions are drying fast.

Kay, Jayne, Lesley, Pip & Desiree

Care Code for our Bike Track



Enjoy using our track, have fun and use it safely.
Here are a few tips to help you:

- ❖ Your bike must be in good condition
- ❖ Wear a helmet and shoes at all times
- ❖ Ride one way
- ❖ Wait at the start
- ❖ Start when the rider in front of you is over the first hump
- ❖ If you stop, move quickly off the track
- ❖ Look after each other and assist when necessary
- ❖ Use your common sense
- ❖ Be prepared to help out with track maintenance

