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COMING UP:

28 Sept - Home & School mtg 7.30

29 Sept - End of Term 3

16th Oct - Start of Term 4

20 Oct - Pet Day

23 Oct - Labour Day

26-27 Oct - Enviro Leaders Camp

1 Nov - School Photos

NOTE:

**ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR
SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR, ALONG
WITH OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
WHICH YOU MAY FIND USEFUL FOR
FUTURE PLANNING**

Tena koutou katoa

What a start to the week with wild nor-westers delaying the start of the school day. At home I was without power, water and a landline, which left me nervous about what conditions were like at school. This was one of those occasions I chose to err on the side of caution having had previous experiences with fierce and damaging winds at Carew! With only 1- 2 bars of cell reception from outside, I managed to get on-line to send a message out to families through our 'Flexibuzz' communication app - thankfully. On my arrival at school we had power, and it had calmed somewhat, so conditions were deemed safe for buses to go out and collect our precious passengers. Sorry everyone for any inconvenience caused.

We are in the last week of another term that has flown by. The children's performance at the Arts Festival was definitely a highlight and a wonderful culmination of 3 - 4 weeks work in classes and hubs designing and creating their 'parts', with the final challenge of pulling it altogether into a whole school item - *Te Korokoro o te awa -Voices of the river*.

Our new learning hub is nearing completion with most of the joinery now fitted and interior painting taking place. The builders were on holiday yesterday, so I was able to guide the children through the building for a 'sneak peak' which was very exciting for them all. The move in date is expected to be in early November, so I'm pleased our Y6s will enjoy a little time in it.

Spring is certainly in the air and we are gearing up into growing mode. Pictured below are some cute and keen lunch-time volunteers happy to get amongst it all, clearing and planting in our new growing area. We'll have a fresh food feast in no time!



Very happy little piggies
during the Tales from the
Farm author visit



And lastly...we sadly farewell Amy Waldie our Kereru teacher, who finished teaching a little earlier to rest up before the arrival of her new baby. We thank Amy for her work and commitment to our Y5/6 students, and the warm relationships she has grown with them all. Amy is very IT savvy and the children have benefited from her skills at integrating this into their learning programmes. Our staff have also enjoyed having Amy on board sharing her expertise and patience in this area, and we will miss her friendship and collegiality. We wish Amy, Dan, William and baby the very best for their new life in beautiful Te Anau.

We welcome Mrs Desiree McCaskill who is teaching Kereru class until the end of the year. Desiree brings with her a wealth of experience, and enthusiasm for working with the staff, children and families in our rural school.

Wishing you all a safe and happy spring holiday – hopefully filled with sunshine, and we'll see you all back next term, a shorter with only 9 weeks to the end of the school year.

**Ngā mihi
Kay**





Piwakawaka news...

Both Savanna Burgess and Andrew Atkinson have been coming for visits to transition from preschool to school in the next term. Chantelle from preschool accompanied Savanna on her first visit and it was wonderful for all our Peel Forest Preschool 'graduates' to see her. I'm sure the visit was equally as worthwhile for Chantelle to see how they all settle so quickly to class/school life. Room 1 continues to connect with both the local preschools and play centres to assist in smooth transitions for our littlest school children.

GERALDINE ARTS FESTIVAL; wasn't the festival amazing, our children did so wonderfully well. The piwakawakas and I are so pleased to discover that Hayley and Sue have such wonderful creative costume designing talents, a big THANK YOU to them both!

FRIDAYS....after listening to Bek Galloway on our recent whole school professional development day in Christchurch I have changed Friday's routines around a wee bit to offer the children options and to create opportunities for student agency. We start our day with a familiar book and then the children carry out three of the four proposed activities/challenges. Last Friday we read 'We're going on a bear hunt'. The four activities involved creating a story map of the adventure, making a model bear and family to reenact the story, building a trap out of junk modelling materials to capture the bear.

Sadly, this late part of term has seen many of our Piwakawakas off with sickness, a good restful holidays and this awesome sunshine will be good for us all.

Regards Pip and the Piwakawakas



Proposed Term Dates for 2018

Term 1

Tuesday 30 Jan – Friday 13th April (100 half days)

Waitangi Day - 6th Feb

Easter – Friday 30 March, Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd April

Term 2

Monday 30th April - Friday 6th July (98 half days)

Queen's birthday - June 4th

Term 3

Monday 23rd July – Friday 28th September (100 half days)

Term 4

Monday 15th October - Friday 14th December

Labour Day - Monday 22nd Oct, Canterbury Anniversary Day - Friday 16th Nov (86 half days)



Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers

The arts – the children did so well in the arts festival – I was very proud of them! It was a good opportunity to bring together our learning about the river with art, drama and dance in a collaborative way. Thank you to parents who helped with costumes, face paint etc. and for getting the children to the show in the evenings.

Oral language - we have been learning about ‘opinions’ and that there is not a ‘right’ and ‘wrong’ opinion, but just different points of view. Students have found this challenging but interesting. It is also proving useful when dealing with ‘difference of opinions’ in our social interactions with each other!

Writing – this has been linked into our oral language on opinions. Students are learning to write a persuasive argument e.g. ‘a dog is the best pet to have because...’ These opinions will be displayed on a writing wall in the classroom when they are finished.

Maths – has been based around early multiplication and division with 2s, 5s and 10s, using skip counting to work out answers. Maths Whizz is continuing to support our in class programme to give students individualised programmes suited to their own level of mathematical understanding.

Reading – we are working on fluency this week by reading plays. This helps children to put expression and effort into their reading.

Key competencies

A recent course I went on suggested the following daily routine of 3-2-1 to reduce stress.

- 3 minutes of focused breathing
- Name 2 things that you are grateful for
- Do 1 act of kindness every day

Try it as a daily discussion with your family and see if it helps!

Lastly, we would like to wish everyone a very happy and restful holiday!!

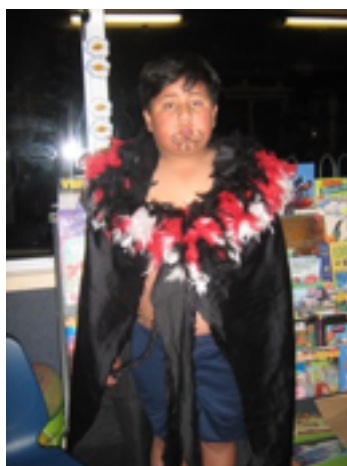
Kind regards

Jayne and the Pukekos!

SUN HATS

HURRAH! It's coming up to sun hat time of year once again. If you have your school sun hat at home please can it be brought to school at the start of term 4.

THANK YOU



Timatanga from our performance - Ka pai Dayton!

I te timatanga
Ko te papa
Ko te rangi
E tu ake nei

KORIMAKO NEWS - Yr4/5

Korimako Antics:

Hello everyone - what a wonderful troop of performers we have at our school ! I love the way our kids took ownership around the design and costumes for our festival item ! As a teacher it was enjoyable to see the students show their understanding and learning through the music and performing arts medium. A full-on, fun experience for all !!!



Last week Kereru and Korimako had the pleasure of visiting Waihi School to watch their year 8 performance "History Rocks !" Our kids were most amazed how the boys got in to character so well and re-enacted all the 60's and 70's rock music - what a stunning performance - most enjoyable. Our kids loved watching our past students perform. Well done Josh, Jock and George !!!

"It was so inspiring," Eva said !

"Even the start had me hooked," Devon commented.

"It was cool how the heavy rocker kept dancing hard-out even when his wig fell off !" Ben laughed.

"The lighting was magic and the boys managed the spotlight all through the show - amazing," Tilly added.

Last Thursday Kereru and Korimako travelled in to the Timaru Museum and Te Ana Rock Art Centre to further study aspects of our Rangitata River. We studied features of the river birds, fish and insects in detail and made food chains. At Te Ana Rock Centre we looked in depth at how our early Maori used our river for survival. The many drawings and rock art tell their stories and show us a lot about what life was like before our settlers arrived.

We are getting excited about the prospect of moving in to our new classroom soon and collaborating with Kereru and Mrs McCaskill.

Have a lovely, restful holidays everyone...

From the "Korimako kids" and Lesley.





Another busy and exciting month nearly over. The highlight for us just has to be the Geraldine Festival. Our seniors did a fantastic job with managing themselves for this. They decided on everything from what river users we should include to what costumes and props (of which there were a lot!) they needed to make, collect or find. This also led to some excellent discussions in class around who uses the river, how they use it and whether there would be any disagreements or conflicts between certain river users. There was great learning here around considering others viewpoints.




Also connected to our 'Mountains to Ocean' theme we have been learning about animal adaptations. Students have been researching many of our native species and considering how they are adapted for their environment. Many students realised that they were maybe less adapted to New Zealand's more recent environment, which includes many non native predators. Next, we will be looking at how we ourselves, as well as how different organisations work to reduce the impact of these predators on our native species.

This month we were lucky to receive a visit from 'Tales From The Farm' author Jennifer Somervell. The children had a fantastic time listening to and acting out the stories, as well as learning about what it takes to be a published author. Jennifer was particularly impressed with the engagement of our students and the reflective questions they asked. So many of our students at Carew are passionate authors already so this was a really valuable experience for them. I look forward to walking into a bookshop in a few years time and finding some familiar names on the front covers.

Congratulations to Shelby who took part in the Timaru District Speech Competition. She did a fantastic job with her speech and presented it really well.

Well, this is my last time writing the newsletter for Kereru R3. I warmly welcome Desiree McCaskill, who I know will be well looked after by all the students in room 3. I have very much enjoyed my relatively short time at Carew and honestly don't think I will ever find a school like this anywhere in New Zealand. Thank you for having me Kererus! You are amazing individuals and I wish you all the very best for your bright futures!

Amy Waldie

<p>Kiwi</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Their beaks have adapted to getting in the ground for worms❖ Their fur colours have adapted so they can camouflage in their habitat❖ They have strong legs so they can get around their environment better.
<p>Oystercatcher</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Its beak is long so they can get Oysters from the ground❖ They have claw like feet to dig out oysters❖ They have long legs so they can tilt over and not get wet
<p>Short Tailed Bat</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ The short tailed bats eyes have adjusted to seeing in the dark.❖ Their ears have adjusted to be able to use echo location.❖ Their feet are sticky so they are able to hang upside down.



CFC Holiday Camps
October 2 - 13
Mon - Friday both weeks
9am - 330pm kids can be dropped at \$30

Ages 5 - 16

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Full Day \$50
Two Days \$99
One Week \$225

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PGG WRIGHTSON & CPF SCHOOL

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Support your school

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HOMEGROWN GARDEN TOUR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4
10AM-4PM

Enjoy a day out in the Navfield countryside visiting four stunning gardens, and then browse, shop and relax at a country cafe.

Community Snippets

We want to hear from you about the future of Our Place

WHAT
'It's Our Place' is all about giving Ashburton people the opportunity to say what they want to happen in their district. Your answers will give Council some very clear ideas about what it should include in its draft Long Term Plan for 2018-2028.

HOW
• Download the new Council App - Antenna
• visit ItsOurPlace.com
• phone 03 307 7700

We need your answers for round 1 by
18 October 2017

ItsOurPlace.com **Ashburton**

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
9:30AM - 4PM

"Stover Farm"
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Spring Festival

It's Spring in the Farmyard at Willowbank and there's lots to see and do:

- Lamb Feeding, 10.45am & 2.45pm daily
- Sheep Shearing, 11am daily
- Animal Petting Area
- Farmyard Games
- \$2 Donkey Rides
- Junior Keeper 10-14 years (bookings essential)

Join the FUN now!

www.willowbank.co.nz
Telephone 399 6226 Email info@willowbank.co.nz

Coldstream Cricket Club Junior Player Registrations

The Coldstream Cricket Club has teams in all of the junior Mid Canterbury Saturday grades.

This year we will accepting player registrations online. Existing and new players are welcomed.

To register simply go to the Mid Canterbury Cricket website, <https://mccricket.co.nz> look for the registration instructions and click on the Coldstream Clubs link.

Once player numbers are known you will be advised of your team and practices will commence prior to the competitions start date in mid-October.

Any questions, or anyone not able or wanting to register online can contact Richard McClea at rmcclea@vodafone.co.nz