



COMING EVENTS

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Friday 29 March	GOOD FRIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Monday 1 April	EASTER MONDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Tuesday 2 April	EASTER TUESDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
3-5 April	Class 10 Camp
Friday 5 April	Class 2 Lunch Bar Sausage Sizzle
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 29 April	First day of Term 2

Kia ora e te whānau, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

I wanted to acknowledge the Music Concert that took place last Friday. The music concert was a specular evening that was enjoyed by everyone and raised funds for our music department. Thank you to Ms Lawrence and Miss Chun for organising and putting this all together. There are more concerts planned during the year—watch this space.



Next week, class 10 will be going on camp and we wish them all the best for their adventure.

Thank you, whānau, for your adaptability, hard work and resilience supporting your tamariki in their learning that is being carried out at school. Please take some time to rest over the Easter break.

A reminder that there is no school on Tuesday.

Enjoy the extra-long weekend.

Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa –
Working together for all to succeed, nobody is left behind.

Ngā mihi mahana,
Desmond Pamerika
Tumuaki



MPS Concert

22nd March



EASTER BULB PLANTING



Congratulations to all the kids for their outstanding efforts!

Last Sunday, 30 of our amazing students took part in the Weetbix Kids TRYathlon at Point England Reserve. It was an incredible turnout, and the beautiful weather made it all the more enjoyable for everyone. The kids had a blast!

This event was the largest race, with over 3,100 participants, making our students' participation even more special. We're proud of each student who took part. They really put their hearts into it, and it showed. Let's aim to have more of our students join next year!



CONGRATULATIONS COCO

Coco Huggins (Class 9) competed at the Bates National Dressage Championships last week in Taupo.

Coco and her pony 'Mr Smartie Pants' performed beautiful tests at Level 3 where they placed 4th overall in the bronze division. A great achievement as they were competing against many adults on horses. Well done Coco and Smartie!



KINDERGARTEN ERO FINDINGS

Last week we had an Education Review Office (ERO) team of assessors visit. ERO visits all schools and early childhood centres across Aotearoa to assess compliance with regulations, quality, and outcomes for children.

They present their draft findings in a 300-word report which the kindergarten will comment on for errors of fact before it becomes finalized and published, in about 6 weeks.

As part of the process, they do a synthesis of findings which they shared verbally with me, the teachers, the departing Chair of the Trust Darren Rawlins and new kindergarten portfolio holder Christian Holden.

I am very pleased and proud to be able to share their feedback with you:

'Loved being here. Felt welcomed and the sense of manaakitanga.'

'Beautiful natural environment and philosophy.'

'Kindergarten manager responsive and well-prepared, information easily accessible.'

'Since the last review there has been significant positive progress.'

'Full compliance with all the regulatory requirements.'

'Very assured of a safe environment for children.'

'Direction for policy and procedure reflects the very tight regulatory environment in ECE.'

'Teachers very intentional in their teaching. High levels imagination, creativity, and exploration in children's play.'

Kaiako have intentionally considered the learning environment supporting children to sustain their play for long periods of time.

'Oral language and literacy is a strong feature with children having many opportunities through storytelling, rhyme, conversation.' They noted that the children had 'developed a good sense of humour.'

'Children express themselves confidently.'

'Curriculum of respect is evident everywhere; teachers are acknowledging emotions of children.'

'Home languages valued, and identity recognized.'

'Children have many opportunities to share their own language and culture and learn about others.'

'Learning focussed partnerships with whanau are evident.'

'Feedback tells us whanau feel a connection and a strong sense of belonging.'

'Engagement with whanau highly valued by Kaiako.'

'Service has a genuine commitment to tiriti.'

'All children are experiencing an environment where Tikanga and te reo is interwoven through curriculum.'

'Te reo and Te Ao Maori meaningful and well embedded into everyday life which can be both seen and felt when in

kindergarten'

'Maori whanau had opportunities to contribute.'

'Culturally responsive practice seen.'

'Highly reflective as a team and individually.'

'Kaiako have a commitment to and support for ongoing learning and receive specific feedback about practice teaching practice.'

'Children with additional needs are well supported. Learning is focussed on identifying and naming barriers to allow them to fully participate in learning.'

'Highly reflective as a team and this is having a positive impact on children.'

'Assessment captures the individual child.'

'Teachers draw on a range of information to inform assessment.'

'Questions from teachers promote meaningful feedback from whānau.'

'Assessment is increasingly intentional, using learning outcomes to inform planning.'

And finally

'You are beautiful with those children. Children are so comfortable. You know them well. Calm and unhurried is putting it mildly. Peaceful.'

As they left, they shared how given the opportunity they would have liked to enroll their own children / grandchildren here and what a pleasure the review had been.

Once the report is drafted there will be an improvement action around strengthening internal evaluation and evaluation of curriculum, which we agreed was a fair next step.

I would also like to take a moment to specifically congratulate the kindergarten kaiako for their outstanding work. It was for me personally a truly uplifting experience to sit and listen to two experienced ERO assessors sing the praises of our kindergarten team, and have them really see, understand, and appreciate the deeply held, Steiner pedagogy that we work with every day to create this beautiful experience for the children.

It is clear after these few days that we, as a kindergarten and community, are truly blessed to have such an inspiring, dedicated, capable and hardworking team of teachers. And I am so very pleased the ERO assessors were able to see and appreciate their work for what it really is.

The ERO assessors were also very complimentary of the work I have been doing in my role as the kindergarten manager and their praise was certainly appreciated!

Thank you to everybody who contributed to and supported us through this review.

Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe,
me he maunga teitei

Class 4 Camp

Class 4 Camp this year was held at the Cleavedale Farm, near Matamata. It has been owned by the Vosper family for five generations and operates Jersey Girl Organics, a milk brand that is distributed and sold through our major supermarket outlets. The students loved camping out under the night sky, cooking in an outdoor kitchen, and visiting the milking shed to watch the milking, taste the fresh milk, feed the baby calves, and dip strawberries into the fresh cream! I think the thoughts of Isla-Rose sum up the feelings of most of the students.

Bang! The engine started and we were off to Matamata. It was a long and boring trip on the bus, and we only had one break. When we finally got there, I was so excited and felt like doing 1000 flips.

After our yummy lunch, we all put up the ginormous tents.

The next day some of us went to the milking farm. There was fresh cream that we could dip our strawberries into. After that, I asked the teachers, "Can we go for a swim?" The teachers said, "Well go and get into your togs." When I told everyone, we all got into our togs, and went for a swim. There was a rock that we all jumped off and everyone was cheering the person who was going to go next.

The next day, we all came home from our exciting adventure, and it was the best camp ever.

Luis Bernal and Jill Dixon



Class 2 Lunch Time BBQ Sausage Sizzle

Vegetarian & gluten free options



**Friday,
5th April**



**Plus gluten free & dairy free
treats and drinks**



Priced from \$2 to \$5 per item



April Craft Holiday Program

with Michelle Mullany

**Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th April
Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th April**

9am-3pm

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Class 1-5 Tamariki (Ages 6-11)

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April

school holiday programme



**April
school
holiday
programme**

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at Balmoral, Parnell and Epsom

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- Balmoral, Epsom & Parnell

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