



NEWSLETTER PĀNUI

Week 5 Term 4 2020: 20 November 2020

GREENDALE SCHOOL KĀNUKA RURUHĀU

KĀNUKA THE PROTECTOR

Kai maru, kia paihoi, kia puawai

By providing shelter and nourishment, the growth will flourish



“FUNKY FRIDAY”

Jack and Lachlan with all the generous items that the school community have donated to the Malvern Food Bank.

“Well done” boys you should be very proud of what you have achieved.

Matai class “funky Friday”



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Calendar of Events

20 November	Year 3 Evening + "Funky Friday" and <i>bring donations for Malvern Food Bank</i>
25 November	Year 6 afternoon visit to Darfield High School
26 November	Malvern STEAM Years 5 & 6 opt in
3 December	Y6 full day at Darfield High School
8 December	"Splashtacular" Year 5 & 6
10 December	End of Year Celebration at Greendale Hall
11 December	Last Day for 2020
	Summer Holidays
1 February 2021	Staff only Day
2 February 2021	Students first day back at school (Students to please bring in named stationery)

Principal's Comment

Tena koutou,

Welcome to Titus. It's lovely to have you at school now with your older sister and brother. You're looking so happy joining in with us.

The teachers had a really great day working alongside the 130 other teachers from Malvern at DHS. We are all part of the "Malvern Kahui ako", working together to "support all Malvern learners along their learning journey". We heard many speakers talking on a range of subjects. It was an invigorating day of new learning.

Schools in NZ are required to consult and get feedback from their families so "the curriculum is localised", that means we are meeting the needs of the children in our community. Please can you complete the google form I emailed out last weekend. If you would like a paper copy instead, please call Nerissa in the office and ask her to send a paper copy home. **It is due back to school by paper or the online google form by next Friday 27th November please.**

Lastly, next week we will be confirming the staffing and classes for 2021. So we hope to share this information with you in week 8. School reports will be coming home before the end of the term also.

Have a happy weekend.

Regards

Tuhinga

Carey-Anne

PTA

Donated Cattle:

We are happy to have found homes for all of our donated cattle, 5 are being grazed at Fontera, two at Shaun and Asako Ridgen's, two at Andrew and Mary Warren's and one at Hugh and Chimene Ridgen's.

Highland Games:

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Highland Games, we all had a lot of fun and enjoyed the day while raising \$1551 for the PTA.



Tūrepo News

from Helena Cridge



Miyon, Titus and Lucas. Titus started this term and is working well with his class mates.

We are back in class working hard. We will continue with our routine as long as possible. So new books are going home again this week after a busy week testing last week. Maths groups continue with number knowledge and handwriting and writing continue. We will begin a statistical investigation for maths next week.

Most of the children have a fond love of colouring so this is becoming an option after handwriting as it does help with building hand fitness just like our physical fitness. We improve as we do more of it.

We have had a great time exploring different things on the ipads and how to use them successfully and learn some tips and tricks along the way.

Fridays are our PMP (motor co-ordination activities) days and afternoons when time prevails. The children are really enjoying this in our kowhai space.

Children are getting tired and it's a busy time of year so early nights are handy for a catch up.

Enjoy your weekend and the weeks ahead .

Many thanks.

School News

"KISS AND GO" Greendale Road Gateway

*** please park here if you have bikes or bike racks on***

It is great to see the "Kiss and go" gate being used so well both in the mornings and afternoons. It frees up the other entrance as it's busy with the bus pulling in. These children are coming into school in the mornings independently and are content, preparing for school and getting a good play before the bell rings. After school the duty teacher is letting non bus students go in sibling groups from the court. But you are very welcome to come into school to collect them from the court if you'd prefer.

Community Pantry:

A reminder if you have anything surplus, you can leave it in our pantry to share with others. It is at the kiss and go gateway.

Change to after school routines:

Please can you send a note to school to explain if there is any change to your child's normal after school plan. Too often children tell us they're not going on the bus and don't have a note and we're not sure what to do! No note means they will go on the bus. These can be pegged to the staffroom door by the children, parents or teachers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing our End of November and December birthday children a **Happy Birthday.**

- * Mitchell, who turns 11 on 22 November
- * Saphia, who turns 9 on 25 November
- * Charlotte, who turns 7 on 24 November
- * Tessa, who turns 11 on 14 December
- * George, who turns 9 on 12 December
- * Konnor, who turns 9 on 17 December
- * Oliver, who turns 7 on 24 December

School News

Tutoring with Carol Thornton:

We have a number of families who've taken up paid tutoring with Carol for their children. We are really lucky to have this opportunity within school. She is a trained teacher, SPELD teacher and is very popular with the children. If you are interested, contact Carey-Anne.

Wheels days are Fridays this term:

Bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blades and skates continue to be used on Fridays. The other days we are encouraging and expecting children to play cooperatively with creative play or use gear from the sports shed or other gear such as tyres, sandpit, water trough etc . We also have staff members taking activities and supporting in the playground where need be. Bikes and scooters are to be kept at the bike rack over by the bike track.

Raffle: Winners are!!

1st prize VX9 Pro Scooter, Helmet and Bell - Bee Korewha

2nd, 3rd & 4th prizes Helmet and Bell -Lorraine Ridgen, Jack Cleaver and Liz Nichol

Hot food :

We are really lucky to have a large pie warmer at school. You can send food along to school in tinfoil with your child's name on it. It will be collected by the seniors at 8.30am and warmed until lunchtime at 11.30.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND OTHER FOOD THAT IS NOT IN TIN FOIL AS WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO MICROWAVE FOOD AS WELL!



Big thanks to:

- The Parkinson and McPherson families for putting new tables together this week for Matai class. We were lucky to get a grant for some new furniture so we purchased a bookshelf, tables and chairs.
- Glynn Cleaver for working hard to get our pool clean and safe for swimming, hopefully from next week.
- Cat for training our Malvern athletes.
- The Dering family for donating food to the PTA Highland Games fundraiser.

Horopito

from Mrs G

Horopito Class has been working on all sorts of exciting things. We have spent the last couple of days using the Stop Motion app on the iPads to show our knowledge of Number Patterns in Maths. These activities have been uploaded to Seesaw so that you can talk with your child and work out the pattern they have created. There has been a lot of learning about how to use all the aspects of Stop Motion (and that was mainly by me!)

The Digital Technology afternoon sessions have proved to be extremely popular. The junior children have rotated around Mrs Cridge, myself and Sarah to learn animation with Mrs Cridge, keyboard skills and Book Creator with me, and creating QR codes with Sarah. These activities have increased the children's abilities on the iPads, as well as extending some of their current knowledge.

Reading is seeing everyone progress through the decodable texts. If your child is finding them slow or even no go, find something at home that takes their interest and read that with them. We use the decodables every day in class, so they are getting their decodable reading and spelling patterns from the book regularly in class.

Writing has been f-n! Yes - fun! I asked for pieces of free writing: the only proviso was that the work contain the words "moat" and "castle". Well, we have demons and chickens (not in the same castle), princesses and alligators, fires and forests all appearing in our stories. I must say there are some vivid and scary imaginations running wild at Greendale School!

Christmas is approaching rapidly, as is report season. The teachers are busy collating data and putting it together for your information. It is really pleasing to see the progress, both academic and otherwise, in all of the children.

School News



**“FUNKY
FRIDAY”**



Bus Run- change as of Tuesday 1st September:

The drop off in Darfield after school is now at Darfield High School only. This is due to Gavin's tight time frame to get back to the high school for his next run. Thanks for your cooperation.

Mathletics:

We encourage you to keep up the Mathletics use at home. It's a fantastic place for children to practice and maintain learning. Each Monday we announce students who have earned points online.



School News

Year 4-6 Athletics day

We had a super day in week 4 with Hororata and Windwhistle Schools at the DHS grounds. The staff were super impressed with the participation of all students. The sunny weather was really nice too.



Malvern athletics

Congratulations to these students who qualified for the Malvern athletics. They competed on Monday evening. Lachlan, Tessa, Oli, James, Connor, Jack, Max C, Jacob, Oakley, Max K, Breanna, Chloe, Lukas, Angelie, Libby and Mitchell.

Place getters...

Breanna: 1st Long jump, 2nd high jump, 1st shotput, 1st discus, 2nd sprints.

Lachlan: 1st shotput, 2nd high jump, 1st discus.

Chloe: 2nd shotput, 1st discus, 2nd short sprints, 3rd long sprints.

Qualifying for Canterbury athletics is : Lachlan: Discus and shotput. Chloe EC: discus and year 5 relay team. Good luck Lachie and Chloe.

Year 5—6 STEAM Challenge (*science/technology/engineering/art/maths*) - opt in event

This annual event in Hororata is coming up on Thursday 26th Nov. Notes were sent home this week for interested students on Thursday.

Year 5 and 6 “Water safety Splashtacular” at Lake Crichton

We have been selected to be part of this pilot event run by Selwyn Sports Trust. Notes went home to all year 5 and 6 students on Thursday.

School News

Worried or confused about something?

If you have questions and concerns about your child, please call, email or phone to make a meeting with the class teacher or Principal. Clarification immediately can help with queries and concerns.

Compliments and feedback

- We would love to hear compliments and also any feedback you have.
- We totally value your contribution and feedback. As the Staff and Board are incredibly busy, and sometimes we don't stop to "smell the roses" and notice things. The process is to come to a teacher, Principal or Board rather than discuss in the community. We ask that you make this direct approach as soon as possible.
- You can phone, come and talk, email a staff member or Board member, so many options. If you're not sure how to start the conversation or email, here are some suggestions:
 - Have you thought about...
 - I noticed...and wondered if you realised...
 - I wondered if..

Thanks Carey-Anne

Funky Friday this week, Fri 20th Nov

This Friday is a dress up day. Jack and Lachlan have called it "Funky Friday". Children can come dressed however they like!

Please bring a food item (that won't go off), or an unwrapped Christmas gift *for our local Malvern Food Bank. Leave the items at the box in the foyer, thank-you- from Jack and Lachlan.*

School News

School Photos:

Photo flyer has come home this week. To ensure the school gets the orders back before the end of term ,please complete your order by next Wednesday 25th November. Apologies for the quick turnaround.

End of Year Celebration:

This will be held on Thursday 10th December. Please arrive at 5.45pm for a 6pm start at the Greendale Hall.

Scholastic Book Club:

Issue 8 is out now. Orders are due back next Thursday 26th November to ensure delivery before the end of term. The Pamphlet is full of great Christmas gift ideas that children will enjoy. All orders earn rewards for the school. These can then be used for additional school library books for students to borrow.



School Pool:

- Thanks to Glynn Cleaver we are hoping this will be available from next week, once the water sample is back from the laboratory.
- A notice will go home next week asking families who would like a key for the season and a pool testing roster will then be completed. Pool should be open to families and community from early December.

SUPERPOWER (SOCIAL ACTION) FOR THE WEEK

Relating to others - be aware of the effects your actions and words has on others

Matai News

from Mrs Adams,
Mrs Whitaker and
Mrs Clubb

Term 4 2020!

Year 6s first of three visits
to Darfield High School



Super impressed with our participation and results from the students of Matai at athletics. Credit was given for the wonderful behaviour and peer support towards each other and brilliant result - Ka pai!

Our writing programme recently has demonstrated the students adding specific descriptive details to their work, we hope to have published work on display by the end of the week, please feel free to pop into our class and have a read. A motivation for writing this week has been videos and photographs to create a poem thinking about our senses and thoughts to add details in true author style.

We are moving some of our students from desks to tables for flexible learning.

Many of our students in Matai are now reading journals or information reports where they are searching past the text to find deeper information. We have had a strong emphasis on being a self-managed learner during reading where many of the students have had the opportunity to create a research around an individual interest. This has been an engaging exercise for our students.

In math's we have a focus on fractions and number stories. If you have an opportunity to quiz your child/children about an everyday number challenge this will reinforce their learning.

Please remember to read every night and sign your read - it and learn your weekly spelling words.

EnviroGroup

“Wrap free” tickets and “Social action tickets”

If your child has a **“Wrap free”** ticket or **“Social action ticket”** drawn from the kete at Mondays hui, they can spend the following rewards:

- take 6 Fonterra milks home
- come in mufti for a day
- take a friend to play for 15 mins
- 15 mins free time
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Aiming for wrap free lunches:

(use reusable containers, fabric lunch wraps)

Children will be rewarded with wrap free tickets if they have a wrap free lunch. Lucky ticket draw at hui on Mondays.



Board of Trustees

Greendale School SchoolDocs© Policies (no whanau reviews this term)

Our policies for Board and staff review this term are:

- ⇒ Privacy
- ⇒ Class Release Time (CRT)
- ⇒ Salary Units / Management Allowances

How to access our school policies: To view any of our school policies online: Visit the SchoolDocs site at <http://greendale.schooldocs.co.nz/> (NOTE: there is no "www")

user name : **greendale** password: **learn**

For any queries, or if you would like to be shown how to access policies, contact

From your Board Chair:

We've had a very positive report on our principal's leadership.

Each year the board asks a very experienced school principal to talk to staff, children, parents and board members and give the board an objective appraisal of our principal's leadership.

Once again the result has been very reassuring. The appraiser reports that Carey-Anne Whitaker has meet all the appraisal objectives and describes her leadership as 'highly effective'.

It's common for organisations to say, 'Our people are our strength'. At Greendale School we can safely say that's true.

Ralph Brown

Community News

Malvern Swimming School:

Malvern Swim School is taking bookings for term 4 (the week of the 16th of November to the week of the 14th of December). Lessons will be held in Darfield and Sheffield pools. To book, please email malvernswimschool@gmail.com, ring 02727217070 or find us on Facebook @Malvern Swim School.

Darfield Swimming Pool lessons over the Christmas holidays:

- Rebecca & Christina are offering 10 lessons in the mornings 4-15 Jan 2021
- Christina & Caitlyn are offering 10 lessons in the mornings 18-29 Jan 2021

Enquires & bookings please phone Christina 021 0531 880 or Rebecca 3179 055 evenings

Twilight Tennis: Message from April Fitzjohn

I live on Ridgens Road and used to play tennis for Greendale when we had enough people to make up a Saturday team. Sadly, the numbers have dwindled. If you are interested in playing "Twilight Tennis" on a Thursday evening 6.30-8.00pm I would love to hear from you.

Please call me on 318 8860 or text 027 241 4917. Thank you April Fitzjohn.

Elements Nature Based: programmes are now taking registrations for summer. Are you looking to give your child an **enrichment** experience this summer? Learn new skills such as using pocket knives, rope & possibly fire. Also time to explore, climb trees, group games in open spaces. Or challenge your construction skills with Elements resources. Crafting opportunities too. Check out our facebook pg or website to see what we do. **Themes such as Santa's Workshop, Elements Plus @ the Estuary, Where the Wild Things Are, Shipwrecked, Wheels & Water & more**

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