



PETONE CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

March 18th 2020

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Reminders:

- Juicies sold Monday and Friday, \$1 each.
- Remember to collect yummy stickers from fruit bought at Pak'n'Save, New World or Four Square.
- Be sunsmart! Wear a hat every day during Term 1, even if the weather looks overcast!
- Please remember to send in your child's emergency food pack.
- Please help sell Easter raffle tickets to raise funds for our school playground upgrade.

If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you.

If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.

Principal's Message:

Kia Ora Koutou,

A big mihi (thanks) to all of our tauira (students) who dressed up for Whānaungatanga (Cultural) Day just recently and also for the yummy kai that was shared as a whole school.

Welcome and thanks also to Matua Zak and Matua Apa, who joined us for the afternoon. Matua Zak and Matua Apa are from Sport Wellington, and will be regulars at school over the coming terms, supporting staff and students with sports, health and well-being.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Weetbix Tryathlon, you made us very proud!

Please remember to notify the office if your child is going to be away, or late to school.

Thank you whānau,

Have a great week everyone, Whāea Trina.

Important Dates for the Term:

- 19th March: Year 5&6 Sports Festival *Cancelled*
- 20th March: Year 7&8 Immunisations
- 24th March: Rippa Rugby (Selected Students) *Cancelled*
- 7th April: Easter Raffle Draw
- 8th April: Last day of term for students
- 9th April: Teacher Only Day
- 10th April-27th April: Easter and School Holiday



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Our Value:

RESPECT

- Self
- Others
- Environment

RESPECT

MEANS YOU **CARE ENOUGH TO THINK ABOUT THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS BEFORE YOU ACT**

Celebrations:



Happy birthday to:

- Tyson Gracie
- Enzo Rodriguez
- Tobias Parata
- Shirley Dong

Important Update:

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from all countries except the Pacific and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases.

We have 12 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. The four students at Auckland secondary schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

For our school, we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children, stay at home if you are unwell and follow Ministry of Health guidelines.

Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.



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House Points:

House points are given out for showing our school value of RESPECT, also for participation, effort and achievement for a range of events throughout the year.

Points Tally so far this Term:

Kea 654

Weka 656

Ruru 638

Easter Raffle:



This year we are continuing to fundraise to help upgrade our school playgrounds. Please support our Easter raffle fundraiser by selling tickets to people you know. These forms were given out with the last pānui. If you would like more to sell, please call in at the school office to get another raffle sheet. A big mihi (thanks) to those who have sold so many tickets already!

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 7th April 2020.

Principal's Award:



Principal's Awards this week go to:

Conrad Hoshek
For superb learning focus and commitment.

Bailey Dhyberg
For exceptional helping hands/helping others.

Kei runga noa atu Kōrua!

Community Notices:



A girl-led organisation. Make friends, tackle challenges, find adventure and earn cool badges that show off what you've learned along the way.

For more information check out the link below:

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz>



Do you want your child to enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors; interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential? Perhaps Scouts is for you! For more information check out the link below:

<https://www.scouts.org.nz/About-Us>



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Celebrating the learning in Rata Class:

This term Rata students have had a learning focus on plants and gardens. They have become garden 'explorers', looking at what is in our school gardens and the changes that occur. They have collected seed, watered, harvested food, planted, discovered garden friends like butterflies, bees and worms. They have also tried growing seeds and watching them sprout, discovered a plant's life cycle and also set up and run an experiment to find out what seeds really need to grow. Rata students have enjoyed being part of our sustainable school!



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