



UPDATE

School Notices

11 November 2019

Dear Parents and Whānau,

What a week that was! Thank you to an amazing team of staff, students, parents and whānau who all contributed in one way or another to make it happen!

On Monday at 3.30pm we received the certification to move into the new building. By Tuesday lunchtime we were in and the renovation of the next two classrooms had begun. There are a few things that still need sorting out in the new building and the teachers and students will need to live in it for a week or so before really deciding on how it functions best. Please feel free to wander through before or after school if you wish to.

Tuesday morning saw 21 Year 5-8 students head off to the South West Zone Athletics Sports supported by a group of parents and Angie Rayner. Good use was made of our 'pop up' gazebo purchased by the P.T.A. for us late last year to protect our students from the sun and wind. Ours is a sturdy one and remained in place when the nor'west gusts picked up and other schools had to bring theirs down. While our sports people were competing, our Bellbird choir was at Horncastle Arena rehearsing for their evening performance. The photos in today's Update show what a splendid performance event this is and a real chance for our musical students to shine!

Our school vision and values are very much about being connected and integrated with the wider community. Katie Earle has established the Bush Farm School which we look forward to finding out how we can utilise this excellent resource for our curriculum. In the meantime she is running some excellent holiday programmes which you may wish to check out through the following link.

<https://www.bushfarmschool.com/holiday-programme-bookings>

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I was really pleased to receive this link to a nationwide petition to raise awareness and change the rules for school buses. At the start of every year our students and families travelling to Cashmere High School on the free school bus are challenged by the fact that it is OK to have a number of students standing for the journey over Dyers Pass Road. Despite phone calls and protests to the bus company and Ministry of Education, this is deemed legal and O.K. practise. Lots of families then choose not to use the school bus because the overcrowding is just too dangerous. Can I ask you to voice your protest about this? The link below gives you information and the chance to add your voice. If you are thinking your child will make use of the free school bus service in the future it is never to early to start the change chain of events!

[http://www.together.org.nz/safe_buses?
utm_campaign=safe_buses&utm_medium=email&utm_source=together](http://www.together.org.nz/safe_buses?utm_campaign=safe_buses&utm_medium=email&utm_source=together)

Hoping you have a restful long weekend with Friday being Show Day. If you intend to take Thursday off for an extended holiday or to visit the A&P Show please ensure you let the Office know by emailing or phone even if you have mentioned this to your child's teacher. Student safety and knowing who we are to contact in an emergency is a high priority for us, so it may be timely to check the Office has your most up to date contact and emergency details. Your attention to this is appreciated.

Kind regards,~ Nga mihi nui,

Judy Cooke
Tumuaki ~ Principal

Calendar November

Monday 11th
Thursday 14th
Friday 15th
Tuesday 19th
Friday 22nd
Monday 25th
Wednesday 27th

December

Tues 3rd—Thurs 4th
Thursday 4th
Friday 6th
10.30am
Wed 11th & Thurs 12th

Monday 16th
Wednesday 18th
Thursday 19th
Friday 20th

BOT Meeting
Governors Bay School Mufti Show Day
Canterbury Anniversary Day—School Closed
Library Van
Book Week Launch
Book Week
Primary Schools Triathlon

Year 8 Trip to Wellington
Primary Schools Athletics
Junior Tabloid Sports 9.30-

Student Learning Partnership Conferences
2.00—6.00pm

Talent Quest/BOT Meeting
Year 8 Leavers Lunch
End of Year Assembly
Last Day of School Year—School Closed 12.30pm



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Zone Athletics

Last Tuesday we had an amazing day at Nga Puna Wai Athletics Centre. The Year 5 to 8 students had the opportunity to compete in the South-West Zones Athletics competition. Congratulations to everyone who participated and gave it their all. The following students did exceptionally well and managed to place!

Year 7 & 8 Girls Relay team came 3rd - Maya, Midori, Zoe, Ella

Year 7 Boys Relay team came 3rd - Fynn A, Finn VK, Alistair, Bradan

Roisin - 2nd in the Year 6 Girls 1000m

Finn VK - 3rd in the Year 7 Boys Long Jump

Bradan - 3rd in the Year 7 Shot Put

Charlotte - 1st in Shot Put, 1st in Discuss, and 1st in Sprints (for disabled athletes)

Elsbeth - 1st in the Year 8 1200m

Ella Jeffery - 2nd in the Year 7 High Jump

Anna - 1st in the Year 8 Discuss, 2nd in Sprints and, 3rd in Shot Put.

We would also like to give a big thanks to the P.T.A for fundraising for our gazebo, it looks amazing and nice to finally have one to represent our school.

By Anna and Alex
Sports Leaders





Governors Bay School Show Day Dress-Up



Organised by the Student Council

Thursday the 14th of November

Mufti day dress up and games

A&P Show or Race Day Theme

Spot prizes for creativity or simply wear your favourite hat
(no livestock please!)

Voluntary Gold Coin Donation

To help fundraise for the Year 8 Wellington Leavers' Trip

There will be a few fun games at morning tea
and at lunchtime.

It will be a great way to kick-start the long weekend.

From your Student Council.



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HORNCASTLE ARENA, Bellbird Choir BY ARIA

On Tuesday night it was dark and spooky.

The stars weren't out and suddenly the sky popped up with bright stars making the outdoors bright but still cold.

Eeeek, went the brakes on the shiny, silver, fast, flash car.

I looked up and saw the big, huge, long, wide, gigantic HORNCASTLE ARENA. I saw millions of people arriving!

When I sat down in the supportive, blue, shiny, hard medium sized chairs, suddenly the lights turned down!

We sang and sang and sang!

My favourite songs were "O MY, MY," and "BAD hair day" I felt proud.

