



# Ko te Rāmere tenei te 06 Hakihea

Friday the 6th of  
December 2024

Newsletter

Compassion

Excellence

Responsibility

Respect



# From the Principal's Desk.....

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava, Mālo ē lelei, Kumusta,

The Advent season has begun and I am reminded that

**"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." Pope Benedict XVI**

These next couple of weeks will be busy for us all as we make the most of our last days together.

We are finalising our class structure and your child will find out where they are going to be next year, next week.

I am happy to welcome the following teachers to our staff:

**Erin Capon Year 3 and Andrew O'Loughlin - Year 3/4**

On Friday 13th December, you will be able to access your child's final academic report for the year. This can be done through the HERO App. Please contact us if you cannot access the App.

At the bottom of the report, you can see your child's attendance for each term. We have put this here as part of our 2025 Attendance Strategy as absence from school can greatly affect your child's learning throughout the year. Please see the following slide to see the impact continual absence can have on your child's learning.



# From the Principal's Desk.....



A few reminders:

**Tonight:** Our Picnic and Carols from 5pm to 7pm at school.

**Monday 9th December:** Year 8 Leaving dinner 6pm in the Church hall

**Tuesday 10th December:** Claire Agnew's Farewell 2pm in St Bernadette's Church

**Tuesday 17th December:** Prizegiving 5:30pm in St Bernadette's Church

**Wednesday 18th December:** Final Mass 12pm - 1pm in St Bernadette's Church

Next week, my family and I are flying to the UK to see my eldest son Thomas, who has been living there for the last two years. As you can imagine we are all very excited to see him and spend Christmas together as a family. As I will not be present at the Prizegiving or the final Mass, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year!

I look forward to seeing you all in 2025!

Ngā Mihi Nui

Jo Jones

From the Principal's Desk.....



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

1 or 2 days doesn't seem like much..

If you miss:	That Equals:	Which is:	Over 13 years of schooling thats:
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

### An Advent Prayer for The Lord to Come

This Christmas, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.  
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.  
As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,  
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son  
from Heaven.

The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.  
You came as a baby born in a manger.  
Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,  
Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.

Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,  
when He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in  
rags of earth.  
Emmanuel, *God with us*, Your presence came that night.  
And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His  
Light."

"Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.  
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.  
Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.  
Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender  
them all.



Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your  
voice.

Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday  
noise.

Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.  
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your  
hush.

This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.  
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every  
part.

Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence  
each day.

Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I  
pray.

Amen.



It is common practice among Christians to ask one another to pray for a particular need, "Please pray for me." Prayer is directed to God. So in the case of Suzanne Aubert, our friend, we are asking her to join us in praying for a particular need.

## The Importance of intercessory prayer

A fundamental belief of Catholics is the Communion of Saints. We recite that belief in the Nicene Creed every Sunday at Mass. We believe that it is possible to ask Saints and those who have been declared Venerable, to intercede on our behalf to God, for special intentions that we have. As Father Carmody has reminded us, the next major milestone on the journey to sainthood is for the approval of a miracle through the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

We all believe in miracles and that God does listen to those who pray earnestly and with an unwavering faith. (*John 14:13*).

There are a number of people around the country who are praying the special intercessory prayer for God to grant a miracle through the intercession of Suzanne Aubert. In His time, God will grant one of those miracles.

There is a special formula that must be followed when praying for intercession of Suzanne Aubert. We are keen for many more New Zealanders to join us in prayer.

<https://suzanneaubert.co.nz/home/prayer/intercession/>

Classes are praying this intercessory prayer for Ernest at school, and we warmly invite families to join us in praying for him during their prayer time at home.

## Statement of Faith

We believe in God's everlasting love for all, and that through faith and great confidence in that love, our petitions will be granted. Therefore in the desire to promote God's greater honour and glory, we gather together to pray through the intercession of Suzanne Aubert for the healing of Ernest Tolentino.

## Prayer for the cure

God our creator,

The life of Suzanne Aubert powerfully expressed the compassion of Jesus for the sick.

Now we ask you to grant, through her intercession, the complete cure of Ernest Tolentino.

In gratitude, we pray the prayer of Suzanne Aubert

THANKS, BE TO GOD FOR ALL HE HAS

DONE AND IS DOING FOR US.

Suzanne Aubert pray for us (3).

# Religious Education

This term our major focus for Religious Education is Te Atua God.

Please click the links below to access the Whānau pages.

[Room 1 & 2](#)

[Room 3](#)

[Room 4, 5, 6](#)

**The school celebrates Mass  
every Wednesday at 9:00 am.  
All are welcome to attend!**



# Important implications for age restricted social media apps.

Kia ora e te whānau,

Please take the time to read this important information about age restrictions for social media apps, e.g. tiktok, youtube



- ### AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA APPS

  - Facebook/Instagram: 13+
  - Snapchat: 13+
  - TikTok: 13+ (with parental consent under 18)
  - YouTube: 13+ (YouTube Kids available for younger children)
- ### WHY AGE LIMIT MATTERS

  - **Child Safety:** Protects against exposure to inappropriate content and online predators.
  - **Privacy:** Younger children are more vulnerable to data breaches and privacy violations.
  - **Legal Compliance:** Companies comply with laws like COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act).
- ### CONSEQUENCES OF LYING ABOUT AGE

  - **Inappropriate Content Exposure:** Algorithms may present content meant for older users, which can be harmful.
  - **Increased Advertising Targeting:** The app might target older-age content and ads, which can be unsuitable.
  - **Long-term Misinformation:** The algorithm could progressively assume the child is older, leading to content that is far beyond their actual age.
- ### THE ALGORITHM'S IMPACT OVER TIME

**Year 1:** Algorithm thinks user is 13.  
**Year 2:** Algorithm thinks user is 14.  
**Year 3:** Algorithm thinks user is 15, and so on

The content becomes more mature and less appropriate as the algorithm "ages" the user.

**For example:** An 8-year-old signs up and lies about being 13. By age 13, the algorithm will assume they are 18.
- ### WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

  - **Educate About Risks:** Have open conversations about why age limits exist.
  - **Monitor App Usage:** Use parental controls and monitor activity.
  - **Encourage Honesty:** Teach children the importance of honesty online.

# Kia ora e te whānau!

What an amazing year it has been in Room 1! We have loved getting to know each other, learning, and achieving so much together. Our tamariki have worked hard and made fantastic progress, and it's been a joy to see their curiosity and excitement for learning grow. A huge thank you to our incredible parents and caregivers. Your support, encouragement, and partnership make all the difference, and we couldn't have done it without you! From helping with school activities to supporting learning at home, you've been absolute stars.

As we wrap up the year, we've been embracing the magic of Christmas in our classroom. We've created a Jesse Tree and an Advent Wreath, learning about their special meanings, and we've had some fun with a cheeky little elf visitor from the North Pole who has been spreading festive cheer. We wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas and holiday season. Enjoy the precious time with your loved ones, and we look forward to seeing our tamariki continue to thrive in the new year.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Shelley Sutherland, Wendy (LSA) and Ana-Christina (LSA)



# Room Two

**Kia ora e te whānau!**

Hard to believe this is the last newsletter for 2024! What a fantastic year we have had in Room 2.

Last week, the children enjoyed choosing their own units to measure the length of our bodies.

Ka pai Room 2, fantastic measuring!



# Room 3

Room 3 is so excited for Christmas! We have started making our Advent Wreath as we count down the days!



A sincere thank you to all parents and caregivers for your support and contributions this year. It has been a privilege to work with you and your children, and I am truly grateful for the shared memories and achievements we've created together. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon sa inyong lahat!



Fili-whanau Christmas Get Together  
2024 Salamat po sa inyong pagdalo!  
Thank you for joining us at our celebration!



# Room Four/Rūma Whā



What an amazing year we have had! Thanks to all our families for their support and our tamariki for being such a fabulous bunch! Have a safe and blessed Christmas season!

-Miss Jackman

Tēnā koutou katoa,  
We have had an exhilarating year!  
We have enjoyed making our school journal projects and are proud of our work.  
We have also completed some amazing saints posters- come and have a look at them in our classroom.

Our highlights of the year were:  
-reading "Brave Kahu" and writing to Shelley Burne-Field (the author).

-Top Team, especially the water games.  
-Winter sports and the field trip to the Teece museum.

-Epic sport and Dance with Gracie.  
-Swimming lessons.

-By Room 4



# ROOM FIVE

*Kia ora e te whanau!*



*What an amazing year it has been!! The students have had so many wonderful opportunities and have enjoyed learning and sharing experiences together. Below are some photos of our afternoon on Monday at Kyle Park. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for your fantastic support - it is most appreciated. Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and New Year. Best wishes for 2025!*





Our task was to **create our own unique ice cream flavour**, write its recipe, and design everything from its name to its label.



**ROOM SIX**

### **Ice Cream making fun!**

On Tuesday we busied ourselves preparing our ice cream creations. Today, Mrs Jones, Mrs Diggs and Mrs Agnew will be taste testing and judging. We will be marked on the name, label, presentation and of course, taste.

# SPORT CARNIVAL DAY



# TOP TEAM



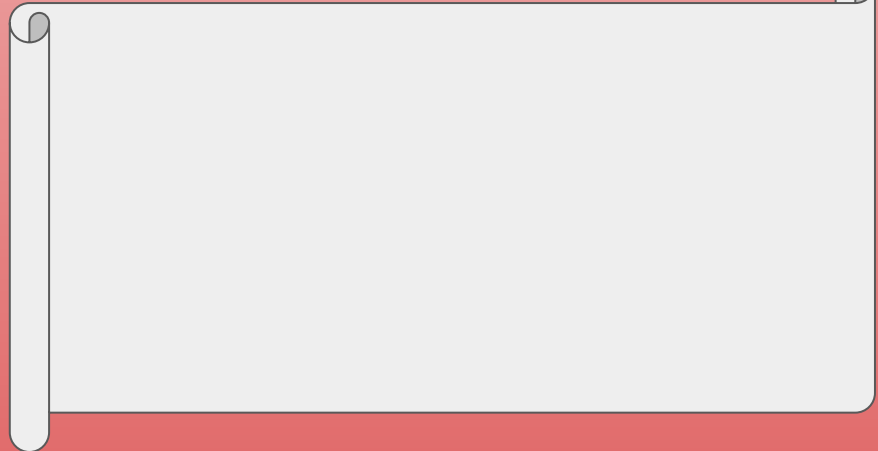
What else is happening....

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**DECEMBER and JANUARY**

Kate, Rocco, Chloe, Althea, Jacob, Roisin, Xander, Zachariah, Liven, JD, Markus, Eloise, Leaia, Michale, Zyre, Layla, Cassey, Abrielle, Mineli, Alyx, Elliot, Joakin, Brielle, Elza, Denzel, Fauistina, Joshua, Ysabella, Angel, Abbygail, Levi, Athena, Connor, Charles



What else is happening....



DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM FOUR 2024	
26 November	Year 7 & 8 Retreat St Thomas of Canterbury College
28 November	McAuley House Treat
29 November	Last session of the Kia Puawai Programme for this year
03 December	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm School Staffroom
04 December	Top Team
05 December	Reconciliation
06 December	Carols and School Picnic 5pm - 7pm
09 December	Year 8 Dinner
10 December	Farewell Claire Agnew 2pm
17 December	Prizegiving 5.30pm - 7pm
18 December	Final School Mass 12 - 1pm - <b>School Closes for the year at 1pm</b>
03 February 2025	<b>Term One begins at 8.50am - Summer Uniform worn</b>

What else is happening....



#### TERM DATES 2024

TERM 1	Wednesday 31st January Friday 12th April	Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6th February - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  Good Friday - <u>29th</u> March - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> Easter Monday (1st) and Tuesday (2nd) <u>April</u> - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  School Holidays: Saturday 13th -28th April
TERM 2	Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July	Teacher Only Day Friday 31st May - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  King's Birthday Monday 3rd June - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  <u>Matariki</u> , Friday, June 28th June - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  School holidays - Saturday 6th July - Sunday, July 21
TERM 3	Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September	Teacher Only Day Friday 13th September - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  School Holidays - Saturday 28th September - Sunday 13th October
TERM 4	Monday 14th October - Wednesday 18th December	Labour Day Monday 28th October - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  Teacher Only Day Thursday 14th November - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  Canterbury Show Day Friday 15th November- <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Please note the two Teacher Only Days <u>ie.</u> 31 May and 14 November for MOE Curriculum Refresh Professional Development. These will be Uru Manuka <u>Kāhui Ako</u> cluster days.		

What else is happening....



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TERM 2	Monday 28th April - Friday 27 June	King's Birthday Monday 2nd June - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  Matariki, Friday, June 20th June - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  School holidays - 28 June - 13 July
TERM 3	Monday 14 July - Friday 19th September	School Holidays - Saturday 20th September - Sunday 5th October
TERM 4	Monday 6th October - Wednesday 17th December	Labour Day Monday 27th October - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  Canterbury Show Day Friday 14th November- <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
	Please note there will be two Teacher Only Days for MOE Maths Curriculum Professional Development. These will be Uru Manuka Kāhui Ako cluster days. These days have yet to be decided.	



## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE INFORMATION

Kia ora

My name is Chrissie and I am the allocated Public Health Nurse for your school. I work within a team of Public Health Nurses. We are Registered Nurses with knowledge and experience in child/tamariki and family/whānau health. We work with children/tamariki and families/whānau where health and wellbeing concerns impact on their home and school lives.

Please contact me if you have any health concerns for your child/ tamariki.

My details are:

Phone: 0275369818

Email: [Christine.mcneill@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:Christine.mcneill@cdhb.health.nz)

Referrals to service:

<https://www.cdhb.health.nz/wp-content/uploads/08e86c56->

COMMUNITY   
dental service



### Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

Health New Zealand  
Te Whatu Ora


# Community News and Events

# LEAF


THE PAPER NOTICES BEHIND

Download our Skool Loop app to keep up to date with school information. Notices, newsletters, absentee notifications and much more.

Simple free download  
In Google play & App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed.



ANDROID APP ON Google play  
Download on the App Store



## Hornby Toy Library

It is just like a library, but instead of books you borrow TOYS!

Toys, Toys, Toys


We have over 1,000 toys including a variety of puzzles, trains, bikes, climbing toys, baby toys, blocks and much more!

- You save money by hiring toys rather than buying them
- It's a sustainable way to play
- Eliminate your child's boredom by renewing toys fortnightly
- Eliminate problems with storage
- Choose from popular brands such as Duplo, Little Tikes and Fisher Price

Contacts  
librarian@hornbyt.l.onmicrosoft.com  
03 349 3109

Opening hours  
Thurs: 5.30pm - 7.00pm  
Sat: 9.30am - 12.00pm

Location  
34 Springs Road  
Hornby




## HORNBY TAMARIKI HIP HOP!

Free Hip Hop dance classes  
At the Salvation Army Hornby  
23 Manurewa Street, Hei Hei, Christchurch

Ages 7 to 12

Every Thursday during school terms  
3.30 - 4.15PM

Free of charge all year round



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# Community News and Events



**GET ACTIVE SPORTS**  
**@ WYCOLA PARK**

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Every Monday During  
School Terms  
3.30 - 4.30pm

100%  
Free Of Charge

**HORNBY**

Ages  
5 & Up

Hockey, Cricket, Touch  
Rugby, Invasion Games,  
Basketball & More

If raining, session will move to the Salvation Army building  
(23 Manurewa St, Heli Hill)



**PASIFIKA  
BEACH  
SOCCER  
FESTIVAL  
2024**

**CELEBRATING PACIFIC  
CULTURE THROUGH FOOTBALL!**

**FOOD • MUSIC • FREE GIVEAWAYS  
FREE ACTIVITIES • FUN IN THE SUN**

**Saturday 7th December**  
**at the Outdoor Beach Court**  
**Pioneer Stadium/Centennial Park**

Free junior have-a-go  
from 10 am to 11 am  
FOR BOYS + GIRLS AGED 5 TO 12 YEARS OLD.

Come along and enjoy some free beach soccer activities!  
**Pasifika Beach Soccer Showcase Games from  
11 am to 3 pm incl. Oceania v The Rest of The World!**

Email [adam@mfnz](mailto:adam@mfnz) for more information



Come and see Luminaires abso-loot-ley hilarious musical for families

## Pirates of the Curry Bean!

January 21-26th Fantastic school holiday activity.

Tickets from \$5

Anchors away and set sail for the swashbuckling pirate  
adventure on the high seas in this piratical musical that's sure to  
shake your booty!

<https://events.humanitix.com/pirates>

# Community News and Events

## HOLIDAY CODING ACTIVITIES



- Learn coding languages online with help from expert live tutors.
- Ages 9 to 10, 11 & 12, 13 to 15, 16+
- 1 hour online at either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm. Sessions available between Jan 6 & Feb 9 2025.

Sign up for free at

[codingnz.com/freeactivity](https://codingnz.com/freeactivity)

**The 6th Annual**

# Christmas Bricksibition

Saturday 7 December - 9am to 4pm  
Rolleston College Auditorium

Christchurch LEGO® Users Group, Special Guest Builds and student entries.  
Brick Games & Activities throughout the day

Are you a Master Builder?  
Enter our kids building competition!

Under 2s FREE

\$2 entry

Check out our Event Page  
For more information -  
Click on the Discussion  
tab

Hosted by Rolleston College Learners  
Attending the 2026 France Trip