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July 2020

# NEWSLETTER

## School Calendar

2020

### Term 2

June:

1st - Queen's Birthday

July:

3rd - Last day Term 2

### Term 3

July:

20th - Start of Term 3

August:

14th - Staff Only Day

September:

11th - Staff Only Day

25th - Last day Term 3

### Term 4

October:

12th - Start of Term 4

26th - Labour Day

November:

13th - Canterbury Anniversary Day

December:

16th - Last day of Term 4

Kia ora parents, caregivers, whanau,

It has been so great to see all our students coming back to school and getting back into their learning programs. Te pai hoki!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and caregivers for how you worked with us throughout the lockdown helping us stay connected with each student and keep learning happening - even though it did look very different with zoom and online learning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff who have worked throughout this time particularly teachers who have created and organised learning in so many different ways for all their students.

Congratulations to all our students who received certificates and awards this term. Congratulations to Michael who received the Junior Best I Can Be Award and Amarjit who received the Senior Best I Can Be Award. Awesome work everyone!

I hope you all have a lovely two week break, hopefully the weather stays fine and I look forward to seeing everyone next term for more great learning.

Ngā mihi  
Maureen Poulter  
Principal ~ Tumuaki



We warmly welcome new staff and students and their families to Ferndale School.

**Students:** Jack, Aiden, Daniel E, Jay, Connor, Daivd, Caitlin F, Sebastian, Maia, John-Paul, JayJay Manish, Ana, Rosie,

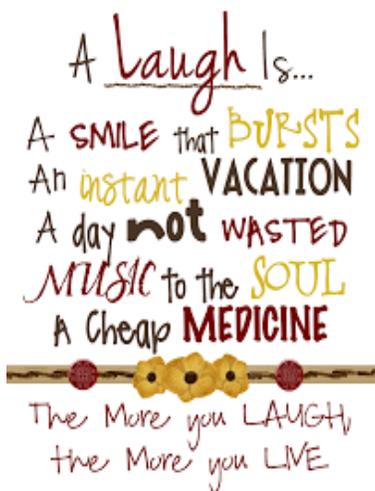
**Staff:** Tom, Lydia, Annabel, Eva, Meghan, Courtney, Pania, Ellie, Nicole, Laura, Wesley, Karen, Dianne, Sonya, Sam, Zoe, Jennifer



We say farewell to students and staff this term and wish them well.

**Staff:** Jasmine, Jessica, Jemimah (all on maturity leave), Brendon, Ali (retiring), Joy

Wishing you all the best in your new endeavours.



# Waikahu

It was great to see so many students enjoying the autumn weather, going for walks, and enjoy being outside. We have been reading stories about hedgehogs, cooking lots of pumpkin soup, making art using leaves and acorns, exploring sensory experiences, and sharing news now we are all back together. Students have also been exploring the living world this term through a range of science experiments. It has been great connecting over Zoom and getting back out into our community outings with van trips, Jolt and Kapa Haka and connection with the CSO.

Thanks for a great term, Waikahu!

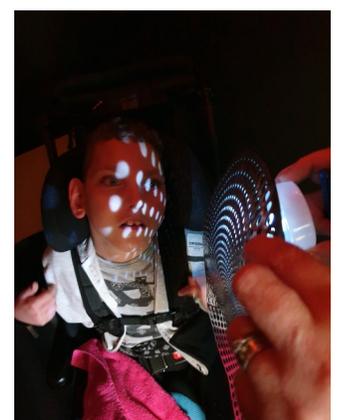
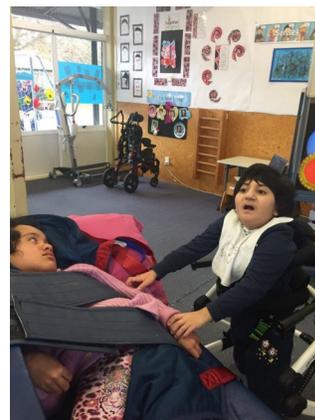


# Maia

It has been really good to see all of the children happy to be back at school. We are happy to welcome a new student, Maia, who has been a delight to have her in our room. Our students have been working hard on their physical goals since returning back to school. The therapy team has supported us to look at all aspects of their programmes and their equipment has been checked and adjusted where needed.

Our Term One topic was "Our Bodies, Our Senses". We have a sensory garden attached to our classroom where we were able to go out and smell and touch different plants. We made a collage of fragrant plants and displayed it outside our classroom to share it with the school.

This term's topic is Space; We have listened to stories and songs about the universe and gone into the sensory room and gazed at our own planets that are hanging in there. It has been a very busy period with lots happening but there has been some really good progress made by our students. Well done everyone and thank you for working so hard.



# Haeata

Haeata students have loved being back at school this term! We have particularly enjoyed getting back into some of our favourite activities like cooking, sport, Jolt/ Inclusive Dance and kapa haka. The silver and gold Duke of Edinburgh groups have been out for some rainy walks and have been exercising at the QEII gym. We have been working diligently on our life skills like shoe lace tying, hair brushing and texting as part of our ITP goals. In the last couple of weeks of term we have been going to PE sessions with some Year 13 students in the mainstream at Haeata. We love doing basketball and warm ups where we run and jump on exercise mats. This term we got new picnic tables in our outdoor area. It's wonderful to sit outside and do our work on sunny days!



## 2021 TERM DATES:

### **TERM 1** Thursday 4 February - Friday 16 April

- Waitangi: Monday 8th February
- IEP/ITP meetings: 1 day per setting closed for IEP/ITP meetings
- Easter / Good Friday Friday 2 April
- Easter Monday Monday 5 April
- Easter Tuesday Tuesday 6 April

### **TERM 2** Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July

- Queen's B-day: Monday 7 June

### **TERM 3** Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

### **TERM 4** Monday 18 October - Friday 17 December

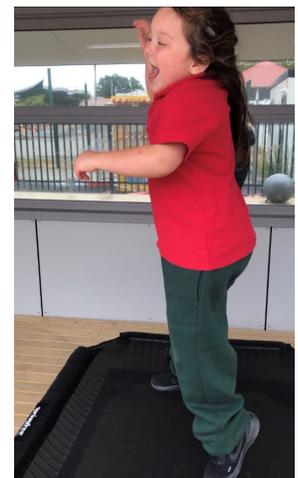
- Labour Day: Monday 25 Oct
- Canterbury Anniversary: Friday 12 Nov

*Three Staff Only Days will be allocated during the year.*

## Happy Bouncing, thanks to Springfree!

Our friends at Springfree have been incredibly generous and provided a large number of mini trampolines at a reduced rate for Ferndale. The mini trampolines have been very popular with many of our students and so we are thrilled to have been able to purchase a good number for use across the school.

Thank you Springfree!



# Transition

Hi ,we are De Arne and Jo. We are the Transition Coordinators for Ferndale School. We are here to support your young person in their final year at school and to begin the process of transitioning out of school and what that might look like for your person. We will make contact with you when your young person turns 20 to begin this process. If you would like more information on this process we are happy to discuss with you further and give you guidance around this Transition from school can be daunting yet it opens up many opportunities and it is an exciting time. We have lots of information to support you and we look forward to sharing it with you. Check out the flyer.

Contact us at: [jo.allan@ferndale.school.nz](mailto:jo.allan@ferndale.school.nz) or [de-arne.salton@ferndale.school.nz](mailto:de-arne.salton@ferndale.school.nz)



Jo



De - Arne

**Learn About**

- Speaking Up
- Community
- Housing
- Sports
- Social Study
- Work
- Fun & More!

**Discover Possibilities**  
For support and service options from a range of organisations

Friday October 9th 2020, 11am—4pm  
Haeata Community Campus Auditorium—240 Breezes Rd, Aranui  
Please bring cash if you would like to support the Enterprise stalls



*Thank you*

The Therapy Team was thrilled to be successful in a funding application from the Lamar Trust. The money received allows students to attend Riding for the Disabled (RDA) in 2020. We are so grateful for this grant as it will allow this fabulous programme to continue.

# Kowhai

In Term One Kowhai enjoyed sharing a number of cooking experiences, with some awesome biscuits being baked. Our shaped cookies were a delight to make and eat. Over "Lockdown" we Zoomed regularly and several students joined in. Selina attended most of our Class Zoom get togethers, mastering how to show her art works on camera. On returning to school we added another class member, Dylan. He quickly shared his knowledge of science things, now we are all looking forward to seeing how our crystals are growing. All Kowhai students have been working on their IEP/ITP goals, the smell of freshly made toasties making a return under level one.



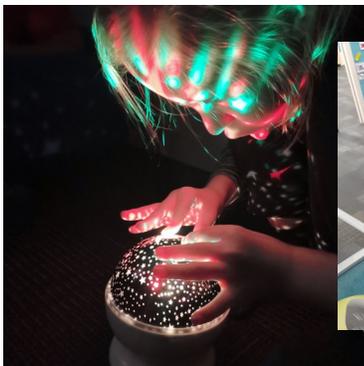
# Tawa

It was great having the students back in Tawa class. Dom has continued her transition into class, and has settled in well. The students have enjoyed baking fei-joa muffins and cooking pasta with vegetables from the garden at base. We also enjoyed doing Art activities this term. The girls enjoyed learning life skills such as hair and tooth brushing, and getting their nails done. The class has also been perfecting bread and toast spreading skills. Sensory activities have also been popular, such as playing with shaving cream and cloud dough, which the students made.



# Beckenham

It has been great to see our keen learners return to school after a long break. This term we have celebrated Matariki through waiata, myths & legends, and sensory experiences. We celebrated Matariki with Beckenham School by coming dressed in our pyjamas and had a big class feast! We have been learning about different times of the day which tied in really well with Matariki, looking at the stars, and learning to tell the time for some of our learners. Our learners have enjoyed the continuation of familiar programmes such as Sunshine Circles, Bucket Time, and Cosmic Yoga. We have enjoyed getting back into our van outings on a Thursday which has included visits to the Air Force Museum, Library, and popular playgrounds. There has been some great progress on our IEP goals including spreading skills, road crossing, and communication goals with the support of our therapy team.



**FERNDALE SCHOOL**  
TE MĀTAPUNA AROHA  
TE MĀTAPUNA WHAKAPONO

## Strategic Plan

2020 onwards

**Learning - Ako**  
"Growing Independence & Fulfilling Potential"

Ferndale School will grow relevant, challenging and enjoyable learning experiences to enable all learners (students, staff, whanau) to progress and be the best that they can be.

**Connections & Partnerships - Whanaungatanga**  
"Growing Our Community Together"

Ferndale School will grow rich and effective connections and partnerships within our school and our wider community.

**Wellbeing - Hauora**  
"Growing Health & Happiness"

Ferndale School will grow a positive environment that will promote wellness and resilience.

# Therapy Team news

Welcome back to Kerry Heslop (Speech-Language Therapist) who has returned to the team for four days/week in Term 2 following study leave in the first term. We farewelled Joy who covered her position. For an updated therapy list see below.

Class	Teacher	OT	PT	SLT
Whero	Rhonda /Anne	Anne	Karen	Jo
Ma	Mary/Cushla	Kathryn	Karen	Jo
Karaka	Tom/Darren	Anne	Karen	Dianne
Kikorangi	Brendon/De-Arne	Averill	Karen	Kerry
Kowhai	Lawrence	Kathryn	Karen	Jo
Tawa	Shane	Anne	Karen	Jo
Linwood	Janelle/Annabel/Darren	Kathryn (1) Anne (1)	Karen	Kerry
Waikahu	Jo/Sarah/Wesley/Cathie	Kathryn	Karen	Jo (1) and Dianne (2 classes)
Marshland	Hannah/Eva/De-Arne	Anne	Karen	Kerry
Beckenham	Kerry/ Nicly/Matt/Darren	Averill	Karen	Kerry
Haeata	Tim/Sophie/Cathie	Averill	Karen	Kerry
New Brighton	Emma/ Cathie/Meghan/Jess	Kathryn	Karen	Dianne

## Additional programme support:

Averill hydro Monday afternoon

Karen hydro Tuesday morning

Kathryn RDA Friday morning

Kerry Helsop	SLT	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday
Jo Byrne	SLT	Monday, Tuesday, 9.00 - 5.00
Dianne Walker	SLT	Monday, Tuesday 8-4
Kathryn Hammond	OT	Full Time 8-4
Averill Commons	OT	Monday, Tuesday 8-5
Anne Bridgeman	OT	Monday and Wednesday 8 - 4
Karen Presswood	PT	Monday, Tuesday, Wenesday, Friday
Jo Maynard		Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Sharon de Garnham		Monday, Wednesday

The Therapy Team have met with each teacher twice during Term 2 to review the IEP /ITP goals. This is part of our collaborative Draft Therapy Model.

# Certificate Winners

*Term 1 & 2 2020*

## Value

**Kowhai** - Adam

**Brighton** - Brittany

**Tawa** - Shakira

**Linwood 1** - Penny

**Marshland** - Shane

**Beckenham** - Chloe

**Beckenham** - Damein

**Whero** - Sebastian

**Ma** - Dominic

**Marshland** - Phoenix

**Linwood 2** - Manish

**Waikahu** - Oscar

**Haeata** - David

**Haeata** - Elijah

**Kikorangi** - Ben

**Karaka** - Nick

**Waikahu** - Kanye

**Marshland** - Alex M

**New Brighton** - Brittany

**New Brighton** - Amarjit

## Curriculum

**Kowhai** - Levi

**Ma** - Kaiti

**Linwood 1** - Hayze

**Linwood 2** - Benji

**Haeata** - Brooke

**Haeata** - Jono

**Whero** - Kaiden

**Karaka** - Cody

**Waikahu** - Connor

**Waikahu** - Deka

**Beckenham** - Te Arika B

**Beckenham** - Mitchell

**Kikorangi** - Jack

**Tawa** - Dom

**Marshland** - Isabelle

**Marshland** - Fintan

**New Brighton** - Caitlin

**New Brighton** - Max

## BEST I CAN BE WINNERS

### JUNIOR

Winner - Michael P

Runner ups - Karsten

Jay S

Jack

Fintan

Caleb

### SENIOR

Winner - Amarjit

Runner ups - Emma

Cody



# The Bulletin Board

## School Notices

### **School Closures—Notification Process**

If the Board of Trustees need to close Ferndale due to unavoidable reasons or events (e.g. snow, flooding, earthquakes damage .....), ***we will contact families/ caregivers by text message*** to the cell phone numbers held on record in the school office.

- ◆ **Does the school office have your current cell phone number?**

Or

- ◆ **Have you created a different plan to receive notifications with your child's teacher?**

The school will notify the taxi company.

Updates about closures will be posted on the **school website** and **Facebook page**.

If you have any questions about this, please do get in touch with the school.

**PLEASE ensure you notify Ferndale School Office of ANY changes to your contact details**

### **Financial Donations:**

Thank you for your financial donations to Ferndale School—School Donations and Class Activities Donations. Payments can be direct to our bank account. Please include a reference name to identify your payment.

**ASB: 12 3149 0307266 00**

Both are donations and not compulsory, but very much appreciated. You **can claim** a donation tax credit on school fees, as long as you have a receipt with the word 'donation' written on it.

Receipts are only issued from the school office if requested. ***See the IRD website for more information.***

### **Absences:**

If your child is absent from school, please notify their classroom teacher as soon as possible or **text to 022 322 6541**. If teachers do not receive notification from you, you will be sent a text to enquire where your child is.

**If your child is sick please keep them home if he/she has:**

- ◆ **Fever:** Temperature over 38 °C along with behaviour changes or other signs and symptoms of illness such as sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhoea, earache, or irritability.
- ◆ **Vomiting:** one or more times within 48 hours.
- ◆ **Diarrhoea:** one or more watery stools within 48 hours.
- ◆ **An open or oozing sore:** Unless it is properly covered with a bandage that will not leak wound drainage while at school.

There are many other infectious diseases that require a child to remain home from school for a period of time such as strep throat, pink eye, chickenpox, mumps, whooping cough (pertussis) and measles.

Check with the school first before your child returns to school if he/she has had any of these conditions or any other less common infectious disease.

We will use the **“exclusion from school information”** as the basis for students staying at home.

### **Personal Information:**

A reminder for families to inform the office of changes of address, phone numbers, email address etc or changes in medications given both at home and school.

### **Therapy:**

Don't forget to follow the therapy Facebook page for updates and happenings in our community.

<https://www.facebook.com/Ferndale-Special-School-Therapy-Team-124157257666321/>



Enjoy your holiday break and  
we will see you in Term 3

# Community Notices

## Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Burnside Clinic, 96A Memorial Avenue, Burnside,**
- **Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,**
- **Lincoln Clinic, 35 James Street, Lincoln,**
- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: **call 0800 846 983**  
Or  
email [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)



## SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING



ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIPS HAVE NOW EXPIRED, AND THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO RENEW AND SUPPORT FERNDALE SCHOOL – SPECIAL NEEDS!

PLUS 20% OF EVERY SALE GOES TO OUR SCHOOL....

We know this year has been a challenge for many so far, but we are excited to see our school is finally returning to normal. With businesses back open in time for school holidays, we're ready to get back to the important task of fundraising for our school. We would very much appreciate your support of the Entertainment fundraising initiative below.

Ferndale School Special Needs are selling Entertainment Digital Memberships as part of this year's fundraising initiative and we would love your support.

Entertainment Digital Memberships are a convenient, easy to use yearly memberships packed full of valuable 2 for 1 and up to 50% off offers for you to use over the next 12 months! Enjoy offers from school holidays activities such as Timezone, Porters Ski Area, Zone Bowling as well as saving on family friendly restaurants with offers from The Good Home, Black & White Coffee Cartel, Purple Weka and so many more!

By purchasing your memberships from us, you are not only helping to achieve our goal but you are also supporting local businesses at the same time.

To order securely online please go to:

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Thank you for your support!

