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## Newsletter No 12 – 19 August 2021

Our children will discover who they can be

**THE ADVENTURE WAY**

**We learn ... We care... We act...**

Curious

Creative

Collaborative

Self-directed

Self-aware



Welcome to our new students. It's great to have you join our Adventure family!

**Room 12:** Noah Tolai-Henderson

**Room 24:** Cyrus Bishop

### From our Principal



Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Whakataka te hau ki te uru,  
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.

Kia mākinakina ki uta,

Kia mātaratara ki tai.

E hī ake ana te atākura

He tio, he huka, he hauhu

Tihei mauri ora

The government has acted swiftly in response to the community cases identified as the Delta variant. While it seems that the virus has not travelled beyond Auckland at this stage, there is no telling how many close contacts have travelled around the country since August 12th when the carrier was infectious. For this reason I am expecting the lockdown to extend beyond the three days.

I have set no expectation work will be sent home over the initial three days. This is to give everyone time to adjust to the new situation and get their families organised without adding any additional stress. I have no doubt that teachers and leaders will already be preparing for the possibility of an extended lockdown and will be preparing for a resumption of distance learning.

In moving to Level 4 extra precaution is necessary in ensuring our tamariki remain safe in their online and cyber communications. Careful monitoring of their use of social media over this time, will ensure our young people remain safe in the cyber world as well as at home, particularly if lockdown is extended.

Life has been relatively normal for some time now so this is a bit of a wake up call. I'm no psychologist but I know that staying as stress free as possible, keeping calm and being kind, trumps all, including worrying about schoolwork. Try to maintain a routine, go for walks, runs, bike rides, read, play cards (code names is a great game) play a musical instrument, sing, dance and keep in touch with your friends.



Let's hope we are back at school next week - if not stay safe and be happy.

*Whakahari*

*Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.*

**John Wootton**  
**(Principal)**

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

# Congratulations...

### Darius Alefosio & Ashleigh Neal (Year 8)

Darius and Ashleigh were two of Porirua's inspiring young students who were recognised recently for their outstanding leadership and service in their schools and community.

The Rotary Clubs of Porirua and Porirua City Council presented the Primary School Leadership Awards to 61 local school children at a ceremony at Elim Church. Two senior students from each school were chosen based on leadership, service above self, and being role models.

Porirua Mayor Anita Baker, and Rotary District Governor Mark Wheeler presented the awards and gave each student a Rotary International theme pin for 2021-2022.



# Congratulations...

### Justin Wang (Year 6)

#### Manawatu Swimming Winter Championships

11-12 years old 100m Fly - Bronze

Open age 400 IM - Silver

Open age 800 Free - Fourth.

**A super effort Justin!**

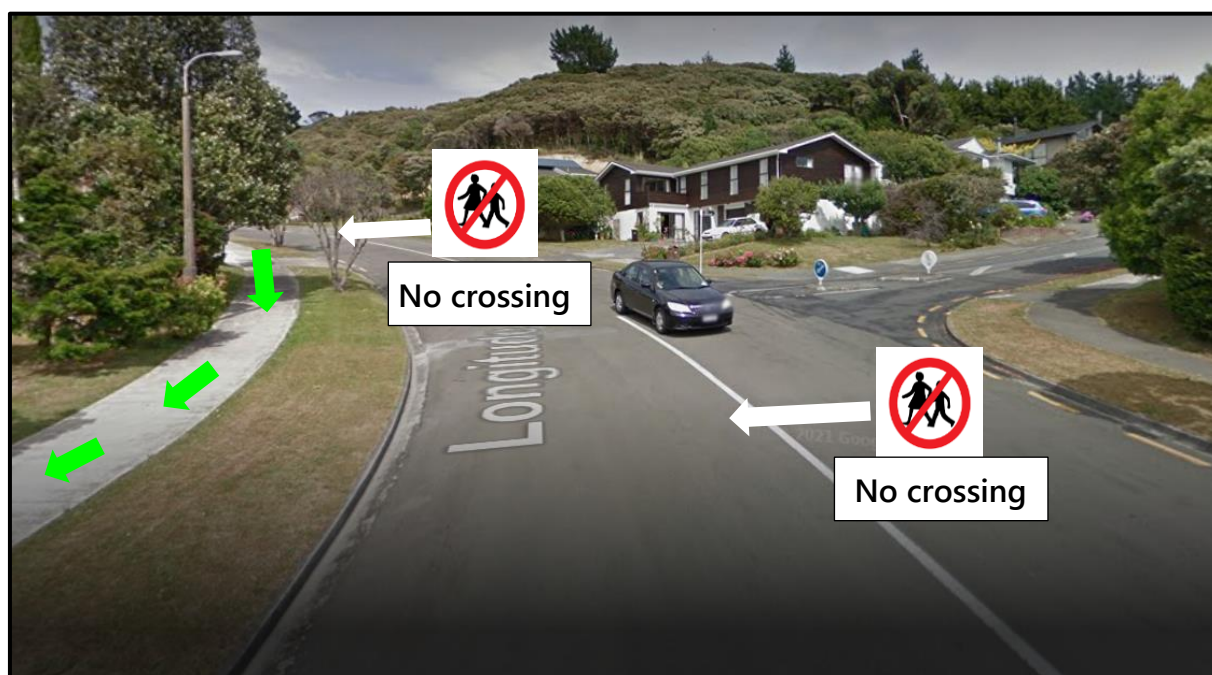
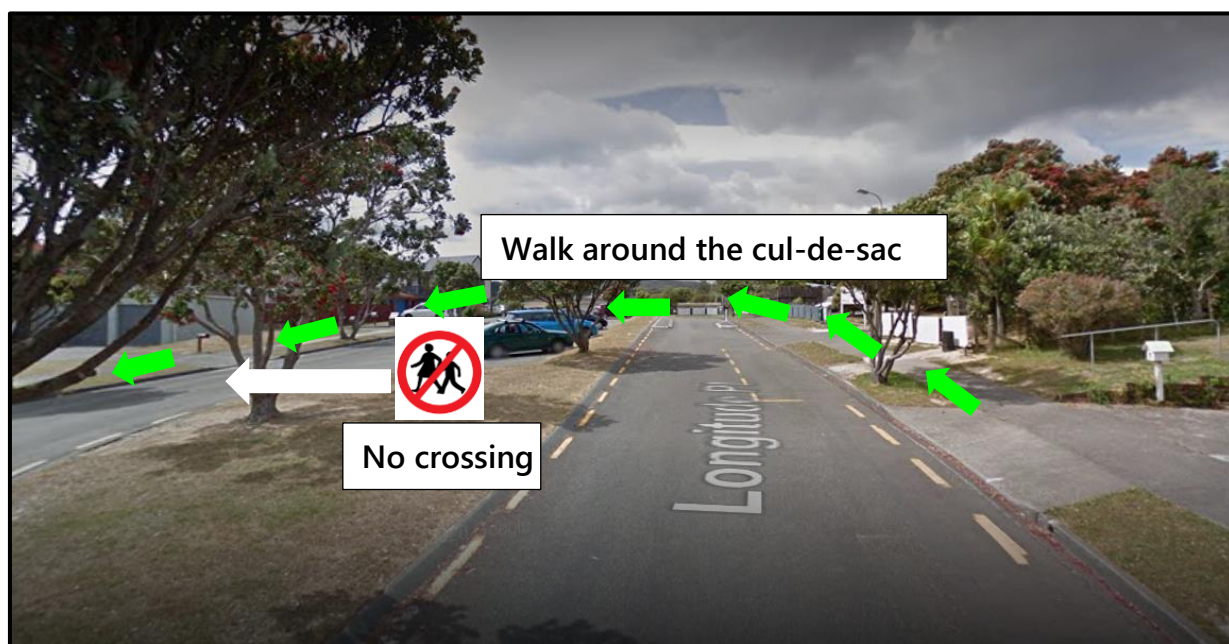


## ⚠️ SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERN ⚠️

There have been a number of serious near misses caused by children and adults crossing the road in Longitude Place.

*Please support the school community to keep all of our children safe by-*

- ➡ reminding your children to **walk around the cul-de-sac** to get to the other side of the road
- ➡ being a good role model





From the PTNi



## KITCHEN ITEMS NEEDED



Do you have kitchen items surplus to requirements?

Can we take them off your hands 🙏?

### Items Needed:

Tongs – standard and mini size



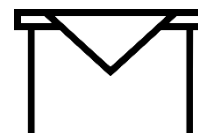
Tea Towels



Oven Mitts



Cotton Tablecloths



Deep Baking oven trays



Kitchen scissors



Cutting Boards/mat



Utensil holder



Heat resistant pot mats



Other Kitchen Utensils



If you have any of these items spare, there is a collection box in the School Office.

The Sausage Sizzle Committee appreciate your ongoing support.

**PRESALES ON  
KINDO OR  
\$2 COIN ENTRY**

**NAILS & HAIRSPRAY \* GLOW  
FACE PAINTING \* ICE BLOCKS  
POPCORN \* LOLLIES \* PIZZA**

**ONLY PREPAID CARDS  
ACCEPTED INSIDE**

**WOW**

**COOL!**

**POW!**

**POSTPONED**

**ZAP!**

**BOOM**

**ADVENTURE  
SCHOOL HALL**

**FRIDAY, 20 AUG**

**6.30PM – 8.00PM**

**(EARLY ENTRY FROM 5.30PM  
FOR YR 0-2)**



## Artist's Corner

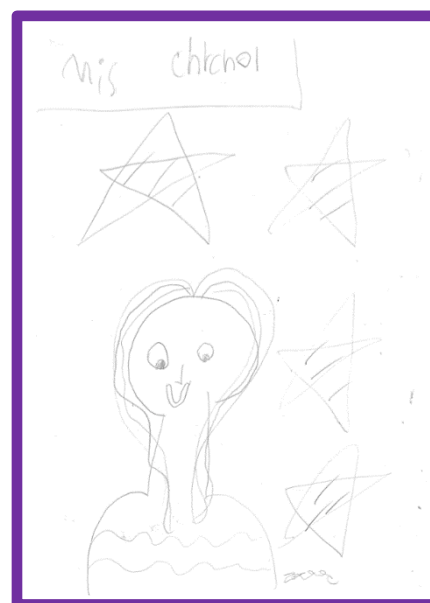


Zoe Cox from Room 5 was inspired by all the portraits that she had created in her class that she started drawing her portraits of Nikau Teachers.

We loved them so much we thought we would share them with a wider audience.



**Mrs Bennett**



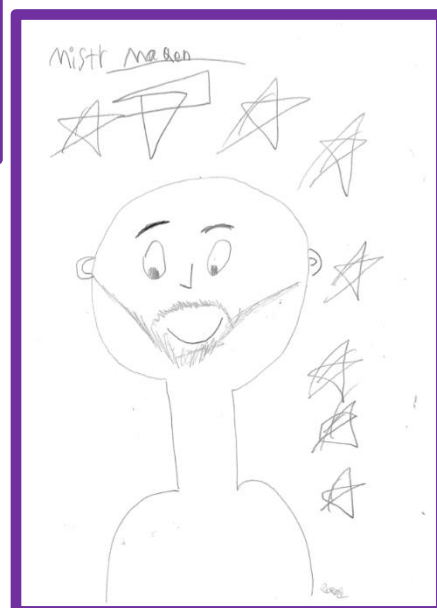
**Mrs Churchill**



**Mrs Kim**



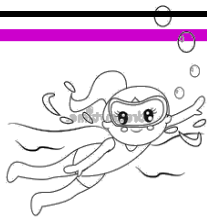
**Mr Keller**



**Mr McQueen**







# Swimming



In the second week of school we all went to swimming lessons. We went on the bus to Cannons Creek. First, we did freestyle, and then we ran through the pool with our hands on our heads. We did two front flips and sometimes when I did a front flip my eyes got blocked with water and it was very annoying. I had to dry my eyes with my towel. We were doing aqua man and I came in second place and I thought I had come in fourth place. When the orange group had Crystal, she asked if we watched the Olympics and everyone said yes and she said we are going to be Olympians and we all did games and races. Seb got a few gold medals and he is amazing at swimming. We got to choose a country and I chose South Africa and South Africa got a few bronze medals. Swimming was amazing and so were the lessons from the teachers.

*By Sebastian Smit*







**S**uper Stella swam splashing

**W**hile winning awards

**I**an is incredible at blowing big beautiful blue bubbles

**M**rs Mann got mad at Alexander for getting her wet

**M**arcos swam in little lanes

**I**ts ice cold in the pool

**N**ow we have to do backstroke and butterfly

**G**o get your golden goggles



**By Christiaan**



All students in Nikau will be learning about Climate Change in Term 3. In Room 2 we learnt about the earth's 4 subsystems and how they are connected. We played Jenga to show that upsetting one of these can lead to serious consequences.

We also talked about how trees and plants renew our air supply (oxygen) and in groups we measured out how much grass we thought would make enough oxygen to keep one person alive. We know that an area of 2.3m x 2.3m of grass is enough oxygen for one person for one day.



Measuring



Playing Jenga







## Important Dates for Your Calendar

*Please be aware some details may change*



### TERM THREE

<b>Week 4</b>	<b>COVID ALERT LEVEL 4 - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
<b>Week 5</b>	Monday 23 August	Team photos <b>tbc</b>
	Tuesday 24 August	Year 3/4 Sports Festival - Te Rauparaha Arena <b>tbc</b>
	Wednesday 25 August	7.00-8.30: <b>Information Evening</b> <b>tbc</b> "Teaching Literacy in the Junior School" (Hall)
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 31 August	Year 5-8 Swimming Sports (Only students interested in qualifying for Parumoana Swimming Sports)
	Wednesday 1 September	6.00: Whanau Hui (Hall)
<b>Week 7</b>	Tuesday 7 September	Year 7 & 8 Boostrix & Gardasil vaccinations
	Wednesday 8 September	"Wig Wednesday" – more details soon
<b>Week 8</b>	Monday 13 September	Year 2 Swimming Programme begins ArtSplash Choir Performance (Michael Fowler Centre)
	Friday 17 September	Stall Day (run by Year 7/8's)
	Sunday 19 September	PTNi Working Bee (more details soon)
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 20 September	6.30: BOT meeting. All welcome
	Thursday 23 September	Rimu Syndicate Science RoadShow
	Friday 24 September	Sausage Sizzle
<b>Week 10</b>	Friday 1 October	Final day of Term 3

### 2021 Term Dates

<b>Term One:</b>	Friday 5 February – Friday 16 April
<b>Term Two:</b>	Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July
<b>Term Three:</b>	Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October
<b>Term Four:</b>	Monday 18 October to Thursday 16 December

#### School will be closed on the following days:

<b>Waitangi Day:</b>	Monday 8 February
<b>Easter:</b>	Friday 2, Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 April
<b>Queen's Birthday:</b>	Monday 7 June
<b>Teacher Only Day:</b>	<b>Tuesday 8 June</b> (Term 2)
<b>Labour Day:</b>	Monday 25 October
<b>Teacher Only Days:</b>	<b>Friday 19 November &amp; Monday 22 November</b> (Term 4)