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Newsletter 9th March 2026

From the Principal

A warm welcome to our new families. It was great to see a great turnout for our school picnic. We received some wonderful feedback about the picnic and what a special event it is for the school community. We value our strong partnership as we work together to get the best outcomes for your child.

SHINING STARS: CELEBRATING GREAT ATTENDANCE

We are absolutely thrilled to celebrate the incredible attendance rates our students have achieved recently! Walking around the school and seeing so many focused, smiling faces is a testament to the dedication of our students and the support of our families. Regular attendance is the foundation of a successful school year, and your commitment being here every day truly makes our community shine.

While showing up is the first step, arriving on time is the secret ingredient to a smooth day. When students arrive before the first bell, they have the chance to settle in, connect with friends, and prepare their minds for learning without the stress of rushing. Every minute counts—arriving just five minutes late each day adds up to over three days of missed teaching by the end of the year! Let's keep this momentum going by making punctuality a priority, ensuring every student starts their morning with confidence and a calm ready-to-learn mindset.

A BIG SHOUTOUT TO:

Geoff Stott, Shawnee Bailey and Laura Seaman for repainting the junior school playground pictures

such as the buzzy bee. They look amazing!

GARDEN PARENTS NEEDED

Geoff, our Enviro champion, is looking for parent volunteer helpers between 8.30 am and 9.30 am one day per week. The day of the week this happens will depend on who is available. The work will be light and help us to keep on top of the garden area and grow wonderful vegetables and fruits for the students. At this stage it is just adults as the children can join the garden club. If you can help please let the office know your name, contact number and the morning that best suits you.

CLEARWAY SIGNS ON UDYS ROAD REMINDER

Some of you may recall before we had the clearway signs on Udys Road that the traffic came to a gridlock. The clearway between 8.30 am and 9.30 am and 2.30 pm until 3.30 pm has been very successful. This helped with not only traffic flow but also the safety of all students and families.

Just a reminder that parking on the curb in these areas is unsafe and illegal. The council does issue parking tickets regularly.

PLEASE USE THE ROAD CROSSINGS

Children look to adults as their role models. If they see you walking across random places they will do the same when you are not around and potentially be badly injured or killed. Take two minutes longer and be a great role model. It is also respecting the children and staff who give up their time to ensure the crossings are safe. Thank you to everyone who uses the crossing everyday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th March - Swimming

17th, 24th March - AFC Football Programme

19th March Meeting - New Parent

SWIMMING LESSONS

We are very fortunate to have access to free swimming lessons and transport to the pools. The students in the senior and middle school children are in ability groups and each group benefits from having their own swim coach. It is important all children learn the basics of surviving in and on water especially since NZ is an island surrounded by water.



we made our way to the Wellington Cable Car for panoramic views of the city while enjoying our morning tea.

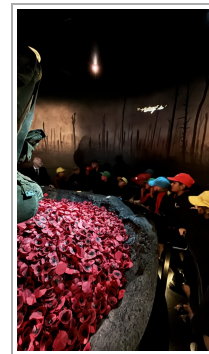
We then visited Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa for a guided tour of the Gallipoli exhibition. This powerful experience highlighted the immense sacrifice made as a result of leadership decisions during the First World War, prompting thoughtful reflection about responsibility and consequence.

Following a quick lunch at McDonald's, we headed to the New Zealand Parliament Buildings, including The Beehive, where we observed Members of Parliament, including the Prime Minister, debating current issues in the House. Seeing leadership in action at a national level was a valuable and memorable experience.

We were then fortunate to meet with our local MP, Simeon Brown, in his parliamentary office. Our House Captains confidently raised issues affecting our community in Pakūranga to him, demonstrating both reflective thought and courage - two qualities needed in leaders.

After a full and inspiring day, we returned home, landing safely in Tāmaki Makaurau at around 6.30pm.

What an incredible day of learning, reflection and leadership in action.



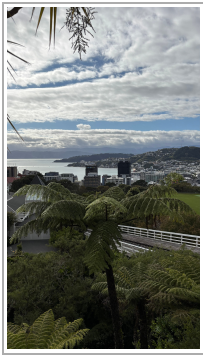
House Captains Parliament Trip

HOUSE CAPTAINS TRIP TO WELLINGTON

On Wednesday 4 March, our 12 House Captains travelled to Wellington to deepen their understanding of leadership; what it looks like in action, how it can be used effectively to influence others and create positive change, and the responsibilities that come with it.

The day began with an early start, arriving at school at 6.00am before heading to the airport for our 7.30am flight. After landing in Te Whanganui-a-Tara,





Celebrating Excellence - Room 5

Room 5 made visual pepeha. Here are what some students said about their visual pepeha:

"I did my bike, my friends, my favourite colours, and I did outside because I like those things."

"I drew my family, my name, a flower, my friends and Miss Davidson"

"I did a picture of my family. We drew our favourite foods. I did my name with decorations, and I did my house. When I look at it, it makes me happy, and that's why we did it"



Family Picnic

The community picnic was an absolute success, bathed in the warmth of a perfectly shining sun to celebrate the end of summer. It was a wonderful sight to see so many families gathered together, spreading their picnic blankets in the cool shade of our beautiful Pohutukawa trees. The kids were spoiled for choice with four bouncy castles to jump in, followed by an impressive display of balance as students practiced walking on stilts across the grass. One of the biggest highlights was the fiercely competitive kids vs. parents tug-of-war, which saw the parents put in a massive effort to walk away in hard-fought triumph. Between the delicious food shared among neighbors and the great music setting a lively mood, the atmosphere was buzzing with energy. It truly was a fantastic day that captured the very best of our community spirit.



From the Community




**CALLING ALL
YEAR 3 TO 6'S
KEEN TO PLAY
NETBALL!!!**

Sunnyhills Netball Club is welcoming both boys and girls to come have fun playing netball this winter.

Registrations are open now at at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/sunnyhillsnetball>






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 Aaron Li:
 • Six time New Zealand Men's Singles Champion
 • National Master of Sport (China)


Jonathan Wong:
 • Head coach at ACG Parnell & EGGS
 • Former Auckland Elite Squad Player

Small group, **MAX 10–12 students**

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