



TO ENABLE OUR LEARNERS TO BE LIFELONG ACHIEVERS WHO CAN THINK CREATIVELY
AND CRITICALLY AS PART OF A CARING GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE

Kia ora koutou,

A little bit of a focus this week on the word 'kindness'. The culture of our school is quite strong in the way that we accept people, look after people and care. This is evident in so many ways around the school and may be something that we often take a little for granted as this concept is often remarked on by visitors to our school or by new families. Either way, it is also something that we should not only celebrate but look to always maintain and enhance. And, of course, this is not just about the school is it? Our community plays a huge part in this too. Shared value!

Proof as to whether this is embedded is what our tamariki do and how they act outside of the school. They need to know that being kind to others is something that we do everywhere we go everywhere. And by doing this we can see that being kind is the norm.

Last week I received an email from a member of the public who informed me that two older lads wearing our school uniform had shown an incredible act of kindness to a complete stranger.

The story goes that an elderly man in a wheelchair on Puketapu Road had gotten himself stuck trying to get off the road and onto the footpath. Our two kindly souls went to help him and sadly, this was partly because other pedestrians ignored him or crossed the road to avoid. They asked if he wanted help and where he wanted to be. Based on that they took him to the Medical Centre, chit-chatting all the way. There they waited with him until the Taradale Medical Centre staff could attend to him.

What an outstanding and inspiring piece of kindness, absolutely proud of Edward Hutchison and Grayson Miller for their actions. Wonderful young men. If only everybody could be like this ... oh wait, but they can!

Do things for people, not because of who they are or what they do in
return, but because of who you are"

Marty Hantz

Harold S Kushner

REMINDERS....

- Monday 11.30pm, 19th November
 - Monday 8.00am, 19th November
 - Friday 3.00pm, 23rd November
 - Friday 3.00pm, 30th November
 - Calendar Orders cut off
 - Pizza and Cake PTA Fundraiser cut off
 - Village Press Olive Oil Fundraiser cut off
 - Kids Mini-Tri (Y 1-3) – forms went home yesterday.
- Please return your entry form and payment to the PTA box outside the hall. Look forward to everyone giving it a Tri!



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Downer EDI... last Friday Downer EDI, through some of our parents Michael Nesbit, arranged for 10 cubic metres of sand to be delivered to the school to top up our sandpits and athletic long-jump pit.

Delivered and shifted! Thanks Downers EDI ... your support in this is very gratefully acknowledged. Apologies to all of those parents who will now be vacuuming up even more sand from your homes – it is amazing where it all ends up!

LIBRARY REQUESTS

It is that time of year again when all library books are due back in so I can do the annual stocktake. I would really appreciate it if you could ensure your child/ren have gathered up all their library books and returned them to me by this Friday or Monday next week at the latest please.

The library has been a hive of activity all year and the children have enjoyed numerous activities and competitions. The children are also very enthusiastic about all the new books available to them each week. I would like to thank the PTA for the funds available to keep our library stocked with the newest release books and of course all the old favourite books. As families, your purchasing through Scholastics also gifts us with many free books for our children to enjoy. *Thank you from the library!*



LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be on display outside the office over the next few weeks. We would love to reunite a few of the fleece jackets to their rightful owners now the weather has warmed up a bit. A huge thank you to Sarah Solomon for tidying up the trolley making it easier for everyone to find their items.

We have a set of Suzuki car keys in the office. They were found on the school grounds this week. If you have lost yours, please see us!

FIRST DAY OF 2019

Keeping consistent with other schools in Hawkes Bay, our first day of school for 2019 will be **Monday 4th February**. A nice long holiday break!

PIZZA 'N' CAKE DAY – Tuesday 20th November (whole school)

- Pizza & Cake - \$5 (2 x pizza and 1 cake OR 3 x pizza and NO cake)
- Extra Pizza - \$1.00 per piece (**must** order \$5 combo to get extra pizza)
- Extra Cake - \$1.50 per piece (**must** order \$5 combo to get extra cake)

1. **All orders** are to be ordered and paid for on-line via www.lunchonline.co.nz
2. If you do not already have an account with lunch-on-line (for your Friday pita pit orders), you can register via the above web site (it is very easy!)
3. All orders need to be completed on-line no later than 8.00am Monday 19th November. **Sorry any late orders cannot be processed.**
4. Once your order is placed, **no refund** is available (for example due to illness on the day).
5. Children are to take their lunchbox with them to the hall on the day to collect their food.



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