

Kia ora whānau,

March is Coming – Let's Get Movin'!

We're a Movin'March school and we can't wait to make the most of this beautiful weather and encourage your child/ren to Walk or Wheel to and from school. Explore the [website](#) for tips and check out the [parents](#) page on how to build active travel into your daily routine. This year we'll be encouraging whānau to take part in the [Parent Facebook](#) competition (daily prizes plus one scooter to give away every week!) and the [Share your Story](#) competition which has weekly prizes (plus a family pass on Bluebridge Ferries!)

Why Movin'March?

Not only does walking or wheeling to school reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate, we also get to slow down and get some quality time with our tamariki. Walking or wheeling to school solo or with friends can be a real [confidence boost](#) and families get to do their bit for the environment!

How to make it work for your whānau

- Instead of driving right up to the school gate, why not [Park and Stride](#)? Walk the last 500m or so to school and get your passport stamped at the school gate!
- Think about how you might get to and from school over March (and the rest of Term 1!) Check out Micro scooter's [safety tips](#) or [NZTA's Hike it Bike it](#) safety suggestions.
- [Walking School Buses](#) build community and teach children important road safety skills ready for walking independently as they get older.

Our school will hold a [WOW Family Day](#) on Friday 20th March where we invite all families to walk or wheel – even for just this one day. We will set up biking, scooter and skate areas around the school and would love as many whanau as possible to join us. We will be having a dress your wheels competition and ice blocks afterwards.

Give it a go on WOW Family day and be part of our celebration!

Watch out for Mrs Brown who will be riding to school on her e-bike for as many days as possible for Moving March.

Let's get moving

From the Birchville Kaiako

Ps. Please remember that a helmet is to be worn at all times when we are on any form of wheels at Birchville School. Children will still need the bucket hats for outdoor activities but they should not be worn under their helmets. A hat worn under a helmet makes the helmet less efficient. We will also be doing some helmet training around ensuring that the fastener is tight enough to ensure that the helmet remains of the head should they fall. "No helmet not ride"



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