

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura!

We hope you all had an awesome summer holiday and are ready for a brand new year. All staff have been in all week for Teacher Only Days and Professional Development Days and are so excited to be back with the tamariki. Here are a few pānui for these first few weeks.

Kaitiakitanga

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Tiaki

The word tiaki is the basis of the longer word kaitiakitanga. Tiaki means to guard. It also means to preserve, foster, protect and shelter. So, notions of care and protection are at the heart of kaitiakitanga, and give it its conservation ethic.

Role of kaitiaki

The prefix kai means someone who carries out an action. A kaitiaki is a person, group or being that acts as a carer, guardian, protector and conserver. The gods of the natural world were considered to be the original kaitiaki – for instance, Tāne, god of the forest, was the kaitiaki of the forest. All other kaitiaki emulate those original ones.

Many hapū (sub-tribes) and whānau (families) care for a place such as a lake or forest. They work to conserve the natural heritage, address environmental problems and reclaim traditional knowledge.

Our overarching kaupapa for this year is Kaitiakitanga. This builds on from Turangawaewae in 2020. As a kura we will be diving into

- NZ History
- Our GEMS
- Te reo Māori and Culturally Responsive Pedagogies
- What values do kaitiaki have?
- How can we be better kaitiaki of ourselves, of our kura, of our whānau and wider community.

This aligns with our School Strategic Plan and Annual Goals.

BIRCHVILLE SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN - 2021 to 2023



VISION TIROHANA WHĀNUI	LEARN TO LOVE - LOVE TO LEARN AKO KI TE AROHA - AROHA KI TE AKO		
SCHOOL FOCUS TE ARONGA	HE KAITIAKI - BEING A GUARDIAN		
STRATEGIC GOALS NGĀ WHĀINGA	<p>Valuing every individual</p>	<p>Valuing localised curriculum</p>	<p>Valuing Te reo me ōnā Tikanga Māori</p>
PROVERB WHAKATAUKI	<p>Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia ō tātou mahi</p> <p>Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work</p> <p>To ensure parents are well informed of and connected with their child's learning, and can identify that the learning targets their child's interests, strengths and dispositions</p>	<p>Manaaki Whenua, Manaaki Tangata, Haere whakamua</p> <p>Care for the land, care for the people, go forward</p> <p>To be able to use our Birchville GEMS to verbalise their learning, attitudes, actions and contributions to the wider community</p> <p>To have a strong sense of identity, care of and knowledge of their local environment</p>	<p>Ko tōku reo toku ohooho, ko tōku reo tōku māpihi maurea</p> <p>My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul</p> <p>To ensure our children acquire an understanding of New Zealand as a bicultural society and that being Māori is highly valued at our kura.</p>
STRATEGIC ACTIONS NGĀ MAHI	<p>To monitor all achievement on a genuine level and to focus on the individual progress for every learner.</p> <p>The Birchville School Values (GEMS) are respected, highly valued and integrated in ways that benefit every learner and allows everyone to feel welcomed and valued.</p>	<p>To create a learning environment which encourages natural curiosity, deeper learning, making sense and forging connections.</p>	<p>To establish Te reo Māori Proficiency Guidelines to grow our children's language skills</p> <p>To continue integrating local tikanga, kawa and te reo into our local curriculum.</p>


Big Whanau Events this term:

Celebrating Waitangi @ Orongomai Marae:

Tomorrow is Waitangi Day and our tamariki will have been learning a bit about this in classes. It will be a lovely day at Orongomai.

Our Kapa Haka tamariki will be joining with other schools from across Upper Hutt to welcome people onto Orongomai at 9am. We encourage you all to pop down for the day (9.00am - 2.00pm) or any part of it to enjoy the festivities.

Any parents who have **not** been on to Orongomai Marae before are to wait at the waharoa (entrance) and be welcomed on. **ALL** other parents will stand with us on the hau kāinga side to pōwhiri in everyone else.



Please stay for the day! There are some amazing kapa haka performances from some of our elite kapa haka groups that will be performing āpōpō. Ngā Uri Taniwha - 10:10am, Te Ahi a Tahurangi - 12:15pm (Winners of the Regional Competition in 2020) and Tuhoe ki Pōneke at 1:15pm. It will be an amazing experience for us all to see these elite rōpu perform. We are so excited for that.

Bring some money. Come and tautoko the local vendors (our own Kelly Salter will be there selling her lovely Scentsy products), buy some hāngi, learn about Waitangi and enjoy the day as a whānau.

Meet the teacher:

As we missed our Christmas picnic in December due to weather we are hoping that we can have a picnic for our "Meet the Teacher" evening on Thursday 11 February. Bring a picnic blanket and Kai along. Even if it's raining we will use the hall. There will be a sausage sizzle available, manned by our office staff :)

5.00pm - Picnic starts (games will be set up on the field - weather permitting)

6.00pm - Whānau with tamariki in **Emerald** head over to their block for their korero with kaiako (chat with teachers)

6.20pm - Whānau with tamariki in **Moonstone** head over to their block for their korero with kaiako

6.40pm - Whānau with tamariki in **Sapphire** head over for their to their block korero with kaiako

7.00pm - 7.30pm tidy up and head home time :)

Cyber Safety Evening:

Many whānau expressed interest last year and when we surveyed you all - there was a huge response regarding concern for what children are exposed to online and how, as parents and teachers, we deal with this.

On Monday 15th Feb Rob and Zareen Cope will be coming in for the evening to do an Online Safety Information Presentation for us all.

<https://www.ourkidsonline.info/about>

We will provide a classroom and quiet time babysitting for those that need to bring your children with you.


We as a gold coin donation and will be sharing the evening with whānau from Te Haukaretu (Maoribank School)

Camping at School:

This year we are aiming to have a shared social evening each term with our whānau. Other than our "Meet the Teacher" picnic next week, we will be having **a sleepover in tents on the field** on Friday 26 February (Save this date!). More information will go out next week but we will have shared kai, games and activities, singing and dancing and enjoy camping as Birchville whānau.

Pānui for this term:

- ❑ **Sunhats:** All children are to be wearing brimmed hats at school. These hats need to have a brim that covers their neck, ears and foreheads. Children wearing helmets still have to have a brimmed hat at school too.
- ❑ **Wheels and helmets:** Access to the school for all children on wheels is via the pedestrian car park gate. Children are to follow the path from next to the bus stop up to the back gate and at no time should they ride over, through or in the actual parking area. Helmets are to be worn at all times when children are using wheels at school. Children should not wear their hats under their helmets as this makes the helmet less effective.
- ❑ **Full School Kapa Haka:** Full School Kapa Haka will be delivered this year. In particular Term One and Term Four when the Kapa Haka Festival group is not practising. This will be held on Thursday



afternoons from 2pm-3pm. Starting Week 3, Whāea Missey and Whāea Cherie will take half the school and Whāea Maraea and Matua Joel will take the other half. We will be learning some whole school waiata and haka that we will all be able to stand and do.

- ❑ **Assemblies:** Full School Assemblies will be hosted by each block in Weeks 3, 6, and 10. This will be on Fridays from 9.10- 9.50am in our school hall.

- ❑ **Lunches:**

Subway - Every Wednesday Pita Pit - Thursday of week 3, 6 & 9 during Term 1	We will continue to provide lunches on these days. Please order through Subway Express and Lunchonline for Pita Pit if you would like to use these services on the specified days.
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- ❑ **Sickness:** Continuing on from last year, please ensure that you keep children home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhoea. Please ensure that you inform the school office if your child is not going to be in by **9am** at the latest.

<https://www.healthed.govt.nz/resource-table/table-infectious-diseases>

- ❑ **Helping out with classroom programmes:** Teachers are always in need of some helping hands in classrooms. If you have an hour or two free at any time we would love to have additional in-class support. This does not have to be at a regular time or specific days, we really just want to encourage whānau to spend some time supporting children in class. Please come and see your child's teacher if you are available for support.
- ❑ **Contact Details:** Please remember to inform the office of any changes to details such as a change of address, phone numbers etc
- ❑ **Stationery Payments:** Please note that stationery payment is now overdue as stationery needed to be supplied to all classes. The cost is \$30 per child. Payment can be made via Kindo, cash to the office or into the BOT Acct 12 3478 0038482 00.
- ❑ **Contacts:** Should you have any questions or information to share regarding your child's progress and or life at school please feel free to contact their kaiako at school, via email or making an appointment with Kelly in the office. (office@birchville.school or 04 526 7128)

Emerald: Clare Jaurigue clare@birchville.school.nz Rachel McLeary rachel@birchville.school.nz

Moonstone: Teresa Salter teresa@birchville.school.nz Isabelle Ayo von Thun isabelle@birchville.school.nz

Sapphire: Jarod Summers jarod@birchville.school.nz Erin Chamley erin@birchville.school.nz

- ❑ **Emerald Pickups:** Please come and pick your Emerald Block children up from outside Emerald Block at the end of the day. We are going back to one point of pick up (rather than using the gate) as it makes us more available to chat to parents at the end of the day. Thank you.
- ❑ **New names:** Over the holidays we lost Mrs J and Mrs McLeary and in popped Whaea Clare and Whaea Rachel instead. Same people - new names. Joining us in Emerald Block are Whaea Theresa and Whaea Kirsten. Yay!

- ❑ **Lunches**

School days are long and children need good food to feed their minds and their bodies. We know that many tamariki have certain food they do not like to eat however let's try to ensure every lunch box includes something from these food groups:

- Bread or cereal
- Fruit and/or veg
- Dairy
- Meat or meat alternative
- A treat

<https://www.kiwifamilies.co.nz/articles/school-lunches/> This is a great website that provides lots of ideas for lunches - This is from it

Chippies?

What about the regular packet of chippies that so many children take to school? If these are included every day your child will think it is OK to eat chippies every day - but chippies should not be an everyday food.

If you include the 25 gram bag of chips every day in the lunch box, over the week your child will get 40 grams of fat from this alone - and it is likely more chips will be eaten over the weekend. Other lower fat choices such as pretzels, flavoured rice crackers, popcorn (plain) are also good snack choices that most children like.

What's Happening this term!

All events and dates relevant to the term appear on the school calendar on our website and Facebook page but here are a few to highlight in your diaries:

WEEK	EVENT	DATE
1	Waitangi Day at Orongomai Marae	Sat 6th Feb
2	Life Education Bus Onsite Meet the Teacher Evening	Tue - Fri Thu 11th - See Information above
3	Cyber safety evening for parents Full school assembly - Moonstone Hosting	Monday 15 Feb (6-8pm) Friday 19 Feb (9.10-9.50am)
4	Camping at school	Friday 26 Feb
5	Movin' March begins Have A Go Netball	All of March Year $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{5}{6}$
6	Top School Full school assembly - Emerald Hosting	Tuesday 9th March PP Thursday 11th March Friday 12 March (9.10-9.50am)
8	Traditional Maori Games	Tuesday 23rd March PP Thursday 25th March
9	Good Friday - No school	Friday 2nd April
10	Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday - both no school Full school assembly - Sapphire Hosting	Monday 5th April Tuesday 6th April Friday 9 April (9.10-9.50am)
10-11	Bee Healthy Dental Van on Site	Friday 9th April - Friday 16th April
11	Last Day of Term 1	Friday 16th April
Term 2 Week 1	First Day of Term 2	Monday 3rd May

Acknowledging 181 YEARS TO THE DAY since the signing of
'The Treaty of Waitangi'



Waitangi Day Ōrongomai Marae

Sat 6 Feb | 9am-2pm | Upper Hutt

MĀ TE KAHUKURA ME TE AROHA
KA RERE TE MANU

*If we adorn the bird with feathers and love
It will fly*

Haere mai ki Ōrongomai Marae hei whakanui i te rā o Waitangi!
Come and join us at Ōrongomai Marae to celebrate Waitangi Day!

Marae Tour

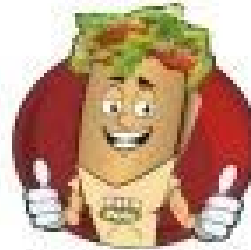
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Stalls

Local entertainment!

and more...





Birchville School

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11 March
1 April

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Birchville School in 2021!

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