



## School Fortnightly Newsletter

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Kia ora e te whānau,

This week our Year 5 and 6 classes had the most amazing two nights and three days at Carey Park Camp. EOTC (education outside the classroom) enhances student development through hands-on, nature based, and adventurous learning experiences. It fosters teamwork, resilience, independence and environmental stewardship, while reinforcing curriculum learning and strengthening social connections. During my time at camp I was proud to see our students taking risks, trying new activities and taking responsibility for themselves and their belongings. Lost property isn't looking too bad at all! Team work was another strength I observed with positive communication and relationship building through group activities, sharing cabins and meals together in the dining hall.

Organising and running any camp is a huge undertaking. I want to acknowledge the commitment of our leadership team, Heather Bartlett and Courtney Ryder who worked tirelessly alongside our dedicated teaching team: Ilona Agustin-Wood, Ian Eakin, Vicki Treanor and Jess Rowley. The extra hours, the meticulous planning, and being away from their own families this week is a true testament to their passion for our students. We are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing staff. We are also incredibly grateful to our parent volunteers for their energy and support throughout the camp. This experience wouldn't have been possible without your help, a huge thank you to you all.

### Update from our FONS Team:

Family fun night is Thursday the 26th of March from 5pm to 7pm. The Jolly Jars coming in are looking fantastic, keep them coming into the office.

Thank you to everyone who has already [registered](#) to run the Shore to Shore for NPS; we're currently top of the leaderboard... but we can't get complacent! Let's aim for our biggest turnout yet! Remember: the more people who run for NPS, the more sports gear our school receives. If you've registered, **please make sure your details are added to the [NPS t-shirt spreadsheet here](#)**. If your name isn't on the list, we won't be able to order you a tee - and we'd hate anyone to miss out.

Due to demand, we've extended the t-shirt order **deadline to 7pm this Sunday, 15 March**. Run, don't walk!

Look out for the FONS update coming early next week.

**Reminders:**

This week we are sitting at 80% regular attendance. A reminder that for us to lift achievement we need students in front of their teacher every day ready for learning.

Nearly half of the school have paid the annual donation which makes a significant difference to the financial margins we work with. If you haven't already, please go onto My Kindo to put the payment through. On the 31st of March we will draw the three winners of the Prezzy vouchers. Be in to win!

The activity fee covers school visitors, local trips and experiences for your child. Without this, many experiences and learning opportunities cannot go ahead. Please support us by paying for the \$80 on My Kindo if you haven't already.

Scooter and skateboard day is on a Tuesday. For safety reasons, Tui and Kereru will ride around outside Room 9 and Totara and Kauri will use the pump track. Please make sure your child stores their wheels just inside the Lake Road school entrance with a secure lock.

**Key dates:**

Family Fun Night - Thursday March 26th

Whole school assembly: March 19th 10:30am hosted by the Tūi Team

Whole school assembly: April 2nd 10:30am hosted by the Kauri Team

2nd April: Last day of Term 1

Enjoy the weekend ahead.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou,

Melissa