



Week 4- Term 2

19th May 2023

### MESSAGE FROM MR WILLIAMS

Kia ora koutou,

It was great to see everyone in their pink shirts today. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. These are actions that we promote everyday through displaying our RICH values. One of our messages to students is the need to be an upstander not a bystander when they see / hear something unkind. An upstander is a person who uses words and actions that can help someone who is being bullied.

Together we can Grow Great People!

Mr Williams

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Fri 26th May:**

-Te Puea Day

**Tue 30th May:**

-PTA Sausage Sizzle

**Wed 21st June**

-Grandparents Day

### School Messages



Pink Shirt Day  
Anti bullying.

### Puni Multicultural Festival- Kapa Haka Roopu

We were so proud of all our students who performed beautifully on Saturday at the Multicultural Festival!



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## Te Puea Day: Friday 26th May



**TE PUEA DAY**

To celebrate Te Puea Day, we will be collecting non perishable food donations to support local community groups.

Bring your items from Friday 19th to Friday 26th of May, collection boxes will be outside the office.

Whanau points given for each donation!

This is a celebration of both our school opening on the 26th of May 1952, as well as in memory of Princess Te Puea Herangi who was a central part of our school's beginning. Our focus during Te Puea Day is continuing the kaupapa of making a positive

difference for others as Te Puea Herangi did for her people.

## Grandparents Day-Save the Date

21st June- More details closer to the time!

## PTA Term 2 Sausage Sizzle!

Orders open on KINDO



**PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**TUESDAY 30TH MAY**

Sausage in bread with or without sauce **\$2.00**

Online orders via Kindo only  
\* no cash orders \*

Order cut off: **8am** on sizzle days

## Enviro Trip

The Enviro Group went with Mrs Niru Hari to see how they grow, pack and process vegetables at her family company RCH2020.



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## Inter Schools Soccer Tournament



Senior School Team



Middle School Team

## Community News

### Election 2023

Our school is a polling station, register your interest if you are interested in working on election day.

### Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

A yellow poster from the Electoral Commission. It features a woman's face and the text: "Help your community vote. Register to work at the 2023 General Election." The Electoral Commission logo is in the top right. At the bottom, it says "work.elections.nz".

We need people with different skills and backgrounds all across Aotearoa New Zealand. For more information about the roles, and to register your interest, visit [work.elections.nz](http://work.elections.nz)

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)

### 2023 Census

This is a reminder that you need to return your census forms if you have not done so already.

Census data is used to make important decisions that affect us all. The census is the official count of people living in Aotearoa New Zealand, and everyone who was

in the country on Census Day, 7 March 2023, is required by law to complete a census form.

Your participation will help ensure that our community receives funding for services for the number of people that live in our community. That includes education, health, and social services.

To complete the census, you can do it online at

[www.census.govt.nz](http://www.census.govt.nz)

using one of the access codes provided in the letters sent to your household. Or you can fill out paper census forms if you have them. To request a new access code or paper forms, freephone 0800 236 787 (0800 CENSUS) or order online at [www.census.govt.nz](http://www.census.govt.nz).

The 2023 Census closes on 30 June, so you should do them online now or as soon as practicable. Ensure your paper forms are posted so they arrive with Stats NZ by 30 June.



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# YOUNG 16 MAY-30 JUNE 2023 AUTHORS CHALLENGE

## PRIZE POOL

Category winners will each receive a **\$500** cash prize and books valued at **\$250**

Their school will also receive a **\$1000** cash prize and books valued at **\$1000**

### Calling all creative young writers!

What would you do **if you could change the world?**

The Young Authors Challenge is a short story competition open to all primary, intermediate and secondary aged school children. Put words to paper and tell us what you would do if you could change the world and you can win some incredible prizes!

Send submissions to [youngauthorschallenge@barfoot.co.nz](mailto:youngauthorschallenge@barfoot.co.nz) with your name, age, school and the title of your story.

For more information and TBCs go to [barfoot.co.nz/about-us/supporting-our-community/young-authors-challenge](http://barfoot.co.nz/about-us/supporting-our-community/young-authors-challenge)



Winners will be announced on Monday 31 July. With a special presentation to be held in Term Four 2023.

### School competition categories

Primary: up to 250 words, Intermediate: up to 500 words, Secondary: up to 750 words

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WRITERS  
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