

Runanga School



Newsletter

August 2020

From the Principal's Chair:

A big thank you to everyone who supported "Red Nose Day" last Friday. We raised \$83.60 to go towards the cure and support of kids cancer.



Well done Runanga School....

This week we are raising money for the "Blind and Low Vision NZ ". Trish and some of her class will be making cookies and selling them for \$1 each. Money raised goes to a good cause and helps in training and breeding guide dogs and other critical services that are provided by Blind Low Vision NZ . Due to the popularity of this fundraiser, we are asking that people pre order. Please order at the office or phone the school office and state how many you would like.

Last week I attended a meeting in regards to the care and safety of children and teenagers. It was very informing and good to see the Police and Oranga Tamariki working together to support families in a positive way. I look forward to working with both agencies to support our whanau.

Don't forget that next week Monday and Tuesday are Teacher Only Days. Staff will be visiting three Christchurch schools, namely Kaiapoi North, Merrin and St Teresa, in relation to "play

Based Learning”. From this we will develop an action plan for Runanga School to implement these practices to support our tamariki. We are very excited about this and already some of the teachers here have delved into the philosophy and ideas with their class. Now as a school we need to look at how, when and how is this going to look like and plan for it.



So in preparation we need the following from parents:

- Clean milk bottle tops, including wine and beer caps.
- Wool, material, feathers
- Wood suitable for our wood work table and soft enough for hammering and cutting by students
- Pieces of felt, and other such material.

I must stress that these items need to be cleaned and ready to be used.

Many thanks to everyone who supported us in allowing us to send all Teacher Aides and a teacher to “Lego based Therapy” workshops on Friday. Due to a mis-communication Professor Camilla came to us on Friday and worked with staff on this fantastic programme.

This week we will be practicing our Lockdown procedure. Please find it attached to this newsletter. We will be preparing our students ready for it...so this is just for your information.

Have a great week....

Nga mihi

Donna Hessel





Birthdays this week:

Maddie Sandrey - 12 years old

Zigh Pinkerton- 11 years old

Our next board meeting due in August - date is to be announced. All are welcome.

**Bee awards this week-
"Doing the best we can" is the value this week.**

Winners of the bee draw.....for keeping ourselves safe.

Coal Creek-	Lottie
Mawhera Nui-	Ethan T
Tasman-	Chloe



Great work.....

Events coming up:

Next Assembly is Friday 14th August

Bikkie Day -This Friday the 14th August

Teacher Only Day- 17th and 18th August

Daffodil Day - Friday 28th August


Lockdown:

- Upon hearing the **signal of continual short rings**, teachers and teacher aides should ensure all their students are safely within the corridor, the door should be locked and windows secured. Curtains should be drawn if this is easy to do and students to sit on the floor against the walls.
- If there is an emergency during an interval, students and staff stay low. Staff from inside to prompt necessary action.
- Lockdown app on E-tap through computers and phones should be activated and a whole school roll will need to be taken to ensure that all students are safe. This will be monitored by the principal and admin at the time of the emergency.
- Evacuation and emergency kits are available in the reading recovery room and this will ensure that there is sufficient supplies to accommodate the students in time of need.
- Emergency services will be called as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Any loud equipment (CD player, television, etc) should be turned off.
- PE classes outside on the courts or field should proceed immediately to hall if it is unlocked or to the nearest open room.
- Teachers on non-contact time and support staff should ensure they are safely inside somewhere and lock themselves in.
- If the incident occurs during interval or lunch time then students inside rooms should stay inside. Students should go to the nearest room available, but preferably the hall if they are close to it and it is open.
- Everyone should remain in this secure state, keeping a distance from windows despite the temptation to look out to see what is going on.
- The 'all clear' signal will be given and communicated to all students and staff.
- Follow the direction of the police or emergency services as to what happens next.
- After an incident a recovery process will be followed: this involves counselling, access to welfare support and other government agencies.

After the lockdown

- All akonga will assemble for Roll Call
- Only the principal or Board Chair will talk to the media
- Debrief for all akonga
- May be necessary for a newsletter/email or text to go home to families advising of the lockdown.

The police have an up-to-date floor plan of the school. They will be informed whenever the room use is changed.



Shantytown Heritage Park &
Marsden Valley Education Centre
Colour Run Fundraiser for Kids Can
'The Rainbow After The Storm!'



Go online and create your student profile page at
KidsCanFunRun.co.nz

All participants signing up must put 'Shantytown School'
as the school they register with online. Be sure to select the right box!

What: Take on the 2020 Colour Run obstacle course around the paddocks of Shantytown. Make up a team of friends, come as a family, run with your young child or go around twice. The choice is yours so long as you have FUN!

When: Saturday 5th September 2020

Where: Shantytown Heritage Park. 316 Rutherglen Road.

Start Time 2.00pm. Sign-in open from 1.00pm onwards at the Shantytown carpark.

Participants to bring: A sense of adventure, change of clothes & plastic bag (to preserve t-shirt), spare change for the sausage sizzle and drink. Wear a white T-shirt to best show off the colours on the day!

Sausage sizzle, hot chocolates, cold drinks and a coffee cart will be available!

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How to preserve Fun Run Colours on T-Shirts:

1. Promptly change out of your coloured gear and do not shake off excess colour.
2. Lay shirt flat and spray to soak with white vinegar.
3. Keep the t-shirt flat to dry and iron with high heat.
4. Toss in the dryer.
5. Wash and wear!

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