

Runanga School



# Newsletter

23rd March 2021

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## From the Principal's Chair:

Welcome to week 8 this term. I am looking forward to catching up with parents over the next two afternoons and evenings for Student/Teacher/Parent Conferences. This is always a busy time with parents working together with teachers on common goals to support learning. It is an ideal time for students to say where they feel their strengths are and what areas they need support in. I believe that working together supports students in reaching their potential. As the saying goes "it takes a village to raise a child".

countdown 

Last week I omitted to say that Countdown supermarket supported the sausage sizzle for West's family. They kindly donated a \$50 voucher which contributed to the purchasing of sausages, sauces and bread for the event. Thanks to their generous donation we were able to give all monies to the family.

Thanks also for the completed surveys regarding "Play based Learning". I am working through some dates and times for a possible mini workshop over a morning or afternoon tea to inform parents of why we are on this journey and how this helps students in their learning.

With the introduction of new high tech cameras privacy concerns come into action. I must

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stress that we use the cameras to view weekend events such as vandalism or violence. We can, and have used them to support decision making on consequences for behaviour that has happened during the course of the school day. They are a protection for health and safety and not a “spy camera”. Over the course of the last two weeks they have been used for vandalism, behaviour and safety both in and out of school hours. Anything after school hours that warrants further investigation will be forwarded to the police to investigate. I welcome the school grounds to be used but when there is a misuse of equipment then further action will be taken. The MOE (Ministry of Education) has just authorised for two more cameras to be installed to cover potential blind spots in the school.



The board met recently and the following will be occurring over the next few months:

- Painting of the exterior of the school will commence soon
- Disposal of the hall (rationalisation) will commence later this month with the MOE responsible for this and for beautifying the area where the hall is.
- Painting of the interior of the school
- Dental clinic to be made into an office for use by staff and the Learning Support Coordinator
- Completion of painting of seats outside by Room 4 students
- New carpet in some classrooms
- New boiler to be installed sometime this year (converting coal to pallet fire)
- New LED lights to be installed inside
- New verandah to be installed along the side of the building (possible 2022)
- Lunches in school programme to commence Term 2 (yet to be decided on suppliers)
- New sandpit to be erected by new playground

The list is endless but at least you can see that there are things in progress and the school is getting a well needed facelift.

Congratulations to Jordyn, Keagan, Zigh, Amelia and Jemma who all did very well in the Grey Districts Swimming Champs last week. We were well represented and our students are a credit to the school in both their achievements and their excellent respect and care. Well done!

Enjoy the rest of the week and take care.

Nga mihi

Donna Hessel

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**Bee awards this week-**  
**"I can be respectful" is the value this week.**

Winners of the bee draw.....Congratulations

**Coal Creek- Kaya N**  
**Mawhera Nui- Johnny**  
**Tasman- Neve**



Great work.....



**Birthdays this week:**

*Ilah- 9 years old-25th March*

*Ethan C-8 years old-25th March*

*Chloe-12 years old-26th March*

***Happy Birthday to you all***

**Reminder:**

**All students are to bring hats to school please.**

**Sausage Sizzle on Thursday @ \$2 each bread and sausage**

**Events coming up:**

This Friday year 3 and above -Top Team here at school.

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



**Don't miss out, register today to participate!**

**Go online and create your student profile page at  
[KidsCanFunRun.co.nz](http://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 2021 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Where:** Shantytown Heritage Park, 316 Rutherglen Road.

**Start Time** 1.00pm. Sign-in open from 12.00pm 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!