



Year 5 and 6 children enjoying bikes in schools.



## A word from our Tumukaki



Dear Parents and Whānau,

For a large portion of our school community, this is an important time of the year with Ramadan/Eid, Holi and Easter occurring at similar times. At school, we have had student leaders plan optional break time activities for children to take part in if they are interested as we believe that learning about each other, helps to build cultural understanding. I think we can all agree that we could do with a little bit more of that in the world!

To recognise Holi, next Monday we are inviting the children to wear **colourful clothes** to school. Bringing money to school for this non-uniform day and donating it to charity is totally optional but fits within the spirit of all three of the cultural events that are taking place at the moment. If your child does bring money to school, please ask them to give it to their teacher and they will collect it and send it to the office. We will then donate this money to the Red Cross.

As I shared with people last year, I am going on sabbatical next term and so I will not be in the school during this time. In my absence, Elizabeth Crisp will be Acting Principal and Emma Best will be Acting Associate Principal. Emma will continue to be the Kauri team leader in Term Two and teachers Brownyn Woodward and Jane Warne will be the Manu Class teaching roles in Toroa B. These appointments have had some ripple effects elsewhere in the school and so we are letting everyone know what these are. [Click here for staff organisation for Term 2.](#)

A reminder that the school pool will close for all use next week at 6.00pm on Thursday 28th March and will reopen at the end of November. Please return all keys to the office to arrange a refund of the bond before the end of this term.

Have a great week everyone.  
Neil Robinson – Principal

### Term One Calendar of Events

#### Week 8

**Mon 25th March** Kōwhiri Assembly – 2.20pm  
**Mon 25th March** Holi – more details to follow  
**Thurs 28th March** Swimming Pool Closes  
**Fri 29th March** Good Friday (No school this day)

#### Week 9

**Mon 1st April** Easter Monday (No School this day)  
**Tues 2nd April** Easter Tuesday (No School this day)  
**Wed 3rd April** Tōtara Assembly – 2.20pm  
**Fri 5th April** Kauri Assembly -2.15pm

#### Week 10

**Tues 9th April** Rimu Assembly – 2.25pm  
**Fri 12th April** Term One Ends – 3.00pm



## RECOGNITION OF HOLI Monday 25th March

**Children can come to school in their cultural clothes or bright clothing to celebrate.**

Holi is an important part of the Hindu year and is set to be celebrated at school on Monday. Holi is a popular ancient Hindu festival, also known as the Festival of Love, the Festival of Colours, or the Festival of Spring.

To recognise this, we are inviting all children to wear colourful clothes to school tomorrow if they wish. This is not a fundraising event, and no money is being requested.

## EASTER

Easter is a significant time for Christians all around the world as they remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We wish all our whanau a safe and relaxing long weekend and for those celebrating on Easter Sunday, a very Happy Easter.

Parents might not be aware that by law, school's have to be closed on the Tuesday after Easter which this year, will be on the 2nd April. This is part of the Education Act and is non-negotiable.

Over the last few years, Easter has happened in the holidays so we have not had to do this, but this year, Easter is during the school term.

In summary, **school will be closed from Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April** for the Easter break.

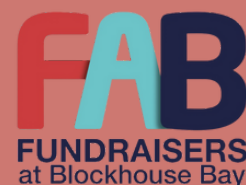


## FAB LUNCHES

FAB Lunch fundraisers for Term 1 are all available via the website [www.kindo.co.nz](http://www.kindo.co.nz) for pre ordering now. We will still remind you each Monday of what is on the menu that week. Reminder: Orders can not be placed after closing time.

Wednesday 27th March - Xi'an Food Bar (Ordering closes Tues 26th 12pm)

Wednesday 3rd April - BakeAholc by Preeti (Ordering closes Tues 2nd 12pm)



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## CARE 4 KIDZ - Holiday Programme.

In the upcoming term break, Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April, CARE 4 KIDZ is running a Holiday Programme: "Craft Galore".

Programmes and enrolment forms are now available. Please see our supervisor in Te Whau, daily between 2:45 and 6:00PM.

For information you can ring Sinead: 021 02238562. Enrolments close 5 April 2024".



  
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