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**Kia Ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kamusta, Malo ni, Kia orana, Ni hao 你好, Namaste, Ni sa bula, Chào, Vanakkam, Hola!, Greetings!**

## From The Principal

### **Randwick School - where kind people are our kinda people.**

Gong Xi Fa Cai –Happy Chinese New Year. Wish you Ox year lucky. 祝你牛年吉祥!

A big thank you to everyone for being so accommodating as we have entered back into Covid Level 2. The staff have very quickly put in place our level 2 health and safety guidelines and the students have adapted really well. The children have already been following many of these hygiene practices so it hasn't been hard for them to adapt this time. We should find out this evening if we will be moving from Level 2 and we will let you know once we have had guidance from the Ministry of Education.

In the meantime we are getting on with our learning programmes and it was fantastic to see the great turnout of students at swimming lessons yesterday. Living in an island nation it is so important that our children learn to be safe in the water and this is one of the most important programmes we run at school.

The Free Lunches programme has started really well and it's great to see the children trying new foods and not wasting too much of the food they are given.

We are hoping that our school picnic will go ahead tomorrow night. We will let you know after the Covid announcement this evening, but if we do return to level one then we would really like to see as many whānau as we can come along to have sun fun together as a school community. Please come along to school between 5.30-7.30 with your own dinner and spend some time getting to know each other. If the weather is wet we will still go ahead in the hall. If it's fine, bring your bikes and scooters along.

On Monday 22nd February at 2.00pm we will be having our powhiri for all students that have started at Randwick School since our last powhiri. We would really like all new students and their whānau to attend as well as our tangata whenua - our existing school families to welcome our new whānau. Visitors / manuhiri will meet in Pohutukawa at 1.50pm and the rest of the school will meet in the hall.

On the 26th February the whole school will be going to The Pavilion at Days Bay for a Fun Day. We will need a large number of whānau to come along and support this event as our ratio of adults to children around water is 1 adult to every 6 students. A separate permission notice will come out soon with information and a request for permission and help.

We will be having Getting to Know You meetings for all students and their whānau on Wednesday 3rd March. School will finish at 1.00pm and meetings will be scheduled from 1.30pm. This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet with your teacher and share as much information as you can about your child. The teachers will let you know how your child has started the year and may talk through their goals going forward.

Our annual Food Festival will be on the 9th April and as usual we will be asking all families to get behind this event and make some food, help run a stall or activity and support the event. Please put this date in your calendar as well.

We would like to develop a school set of karakia that our students and whānau connect to. Each day students in every class will be able to choose the karakia that they would like to say. We would love it if you could share any karakia / prayers that are special to you and your whānau. These may be in any language but we would really appreciate it if you give us the English translation as well so that students understand the meaning. We have created a slide show for you to add your karakia to. Please put your child's name(s) on the slide with your karakia. Please click on this link and request access to add your karakia. [Randwick School Karakia](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1U7tgrKBbPOXuGEPj_rBX6hsYU6Z5oQzVCS31e58nrk/edit#slide=id.p) (https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1U7tgrKBbPOXuGEPj\_rBX6hsYU6Z5oQzVCS31e58nrk/edit#slide=id.p)

Swimming has started and will be every day (except Friday) until Thursday 25th February. Students will need to bring their togs and towels every day (Monday - Thursday) and make sure that they are at school on time so that they don't miss the bus. There is no cost for swimming or the buses as this is paid for out of our Fees Free funding.

We have set up a kai, health products and clothing pantry outside the library for families to take items that you may need in the home. We ask that you only take things that you need and just take one or two items so that there is plenty for everyone. We would also like to encourage people to donate items to the pantry for others to take.

There is a sausage sizzle this week so please send along \$2 with your child and give it to the classroom teacher before morning tea on Thursday. All money raised from the sausage sizzle goes into our sports scholarship fund to support students to play sport for the school.

The JittaBugz van is available to pick students up from Naenae Primary hall at 8.10am and BP Waiwhetu about 8.30am. If you would like a ride you just need to sign a permission form in the office and then use the van when you need to.

Please call in for a chat if you have any concerns or just for a catch up.

Ngā mihi  
Simonne



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#### New students

Welcome to the following students and their whānau. We are delighted to have you join the Randwick School whānau and look forward to getting to know you.

Te Marama - Yvahna

Kowhai - Ciara-Marie (welcome back)

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#### Whakatauki

I thought I'd share a whakatauki in each newsletter for you to think about. If you have any whakatauki that are special to you, please share them with me by emailing [principal@randwick.school.nz](mailto:principal@randwick.school.nz) and I will share them in the newsletter.

Waiho i toipoto, kua i te toiroa - Let us keep close together, not wide apart

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#### Assemblies

Assembly is every second Friday and the next assembly is on this Friday 19th February. The children love seeing you there and especially love it when you wear your house colours to earn points. All children are encouraged to dress in their house colours and the 2 best dressed at each assembly will get a prize. If we are still in level 2, whānau can still come to assembly but will need to sign in and distance 2 metres apart.

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#### Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year 2021 started on Friday February 12th, and finishes with the Lantern Festival on February 26th. 2021 is the Year of the Ox.

The Ox is the second of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. The Ox was about to be the first to arrive, but Rat tricked Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox. Thus, Ox became the second animal.

The Ox is also associated with the Earthly Branch (地支 / dì zhī) Chǒu (丑) and the hours 1–3 in the morning. In the terms of yin and yang (阴阳 / yīn yáng), the Ox is Yang.

**Oxen are the hard workers in the background, intelligent and reliable, but never demanding praise.**

In Chinese culture, the Ox is a valued animal. Because of its role in agriculture, positive characteristics, such as being hardworking and honest, are attributed to it.

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#### Ngā Pikopiko Whānau Awards

Congratulations to the winners of the first Ngā Pikopiko whānau students. Great to see you all showing our values and being great role models.

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Te Reo Phrases

This week I have shared the karakia that we often use at school before eating kai. We would love it if you shared some of your karakia or prayers from your culture.

# Karakia mō nga Kai

E te Atua,

( Dear God )

Whakapaingia ēnei kai,

( Bless this food )

Hei oranga mō ō mātou tinana,

( May it nourish our bodies )

Whāngaia hoki ō mātou wairua

( and feed our spirits )

ki te taro o te ora,

( with the bread of eternal life )

Ko Ihu Karaiti tō mātou kai

whakaora,

( bless our food, in Jesus' name )

Ake, ake, ake. Amine.

( forever and ever. Amen )

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For the safety of students please do NOT use the school driveway for picking up and dropping off your child/ren.

Students can be dropped off at the pedestrian entrance gates to our school.

# Important Dates

## 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

15 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wed & Thurs	Swimming	First bus 9.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> February - Thursday		Whanau Picnic At School	5.30pm to 7.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> February		Powhiri	2.00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon to Thurs	Swimming	First bus 9.30am
26 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday		Days Bay annual fun day	9.30-2.30
3 <sup>rd</sup> March - Wednesday		Getting to know you meetings School closed at 1pm	
Term 2		May 3 <sup>rd</sup> to July 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Term 3		July 26 <sup>th</sup> to Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Term 4		18 <sup>th</sup> October to 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	

### Randwick Pride Challenge and Pride Award

The Pride Challenges are a range of tasks linked to the school values that are fun and can be done together as a family at home. The idea is for you to try some fun, learning activities and share these at school.

Students earn points for their house colour by entering and a winner is chosen to select a prize at each assembly.

You can see the challenges on this document - Randwick Pride Awards

(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12Otf5eKti4MOYLPpg3LZEzOFS7E8Lkn4imdr88qVH8/edit>) and students can make up their own challenges. Here is the junior document with ideas for the younger students to try. Nga Pikopiko Pride Challenges Term 4

(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k9LEPEXehRfe47hoDiVbF62Dxaykslz7Ph4J2D5Cmt0/edit>) Click on the link and request access from Cherie Brown.

All need to be shared with me by 1.00pm Thursday before assembly for the points to be allocated to their houses. The points also get counted up for a winning class who win a prize.



## Principal Awards

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Who will be our next Principal Award winners??

Student of  
the Week



Who will be our first Student of the Week for 2021? Come to assembly this Friday to find out.

### Learning Websites

This is an excellent site for students to keep up with what is happening in the world from a kid's perspective.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/kea-kids-news>



# DOGS

Reminder to all our whanau

We have a student who has a severe allergy to  
dog fur/hair

As cute as your dog/s are, please do not bring them  
onto the school grounds.



# SICK CHILD

If your child has a  
'tummy bug' please keep  
them home for 48 hours after  
the last episode of being sick.

This is a  
recommendation from our  
Public health Nurse.

# ABSENT CHILD/REN

When you make contact with the school to advise your child/ren are away please **always** give an explanation.

It is a requirement for the school to explain on each students record why they are away, and unfortunately if you ring up to advise they are absent, but give no explanation, then it is recorded as 'explained but not justified'.

If we have no contact from the absent students caregivers then the student is marked as 'truant'.

All our attendance information is forwarded automatically to the Ministry of Education



## Amnesty

**SPORTS UNIFORMS AMNESTY!** If you have any sports uniforms to return such as bags, netball dresses, tops, skirts, shorts etc. can you please return them to the office or to Miss Williams in a named bag.

**SCHOOL BOOKS AMNESTY.** If you have any books that belong to Randwick School from the library or from the readers that get sent home, please return these to the office.



***BEST WISHES over the next 7 days***

Te Manawa and Pacy

# NOTICE BOARD

## Well Being Coordinator

Randwick School Well Being Coordinator - Please see the attachment (</Media/Get/3164d5ee-660a-4bd6-9a28-5313e69118d1>)  (</Media/Get/3164d5ee-660a-4bd6-9a28-5313e69118d1>)

## Public Health Nurse

Do you have questions related to your child's Health/ Just drop in to see our school public health nurse. Sophie is available on Tuesdays from 11am to 12noon. Please see the attached notice from Sophie. (</Media/Get/2d1e0642-c87a-4cbe-868d-6b0a55ab095b>)  (</Media/Get/2d1e0642-c87a-4cbe-868d-6b0a55ab095b>)

## FREE SPORTS GEAR

Hutt City Council has started up a Sports Bank at Kokiri Marae. If you come to the office we can give you a card that you can take to the marae to get free sports gear that you might need. This is a great opportunity so please encourage your children to get active and help them by getting some free gear.

## COMMUNITY SPORTS BANK

Your local Community Sports Bank has sports gear to get families active, get friends together and ease the effects of the last few months on everyone's mental health.

Community Sports Banks are a drop off point for unused or outgrown sports gear, and for that gear to be picked up and used by kids, teenagers and adults that would otherwise not be able to afford it. Sport poverty is a growing issue within our communities with three main barriers to sport participation; subs/fees, equipment costs, and transport. The aim of the Community Sports Banks is to reduce/eliminate the cost of equipment for those in need and by this, increase sport participation and get more people active.

We will drop in some Community Sport Bank cards soon. Please give these out to kids or whanau that might not otherwise be able to access sports gear, they can take the card to their local Community Sports Bank and get free sports gear (including new mouthguards).

I've also attached a small notice for your school newsletter to let students and whanau know about the sports bank and encourage sports gear to be dropped off.

Please also encourage students/parents to offer rides to neighbours or friends who might like to play a sport, but might not be able to get to games/trainings. There are often plenty of spare seats in cars. Some sports clubs also have a selection of second hand boots/gear for a small cost, to enable cheaper participation.

Your nearest Community Sports Bank is:

### **Kokiri Marae**

**7-9 Barnes Street**

**Seaview, Lower Hutt**

**Open Monday - Friday 8am-5pm**

For more information, visit our facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/CommunitySportsBank](http://www.facebook.com/CommunitySportsBank) (<http://www.facebook.com/CommunitySportsBank>)

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Whats On at Moera Community House

**Please see the attachments to see what is on at Moera Community House.**

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Lina's Fit Flex	Lina's Fit Flex (/Media/Get/de2382b9-c80d-4964-bc80-52cc9b75b6fd)  (/Media/Get/de2382b9-c80d-4964-bc80-52cc9b75b6fd)
Sit and Be Fit	Sit and be Fit (/Media/Get/14feeb75-9f87-4507-8378-ae3811be71cc)  (/Media/Get/14feeb75-9f87-4507-8378-ae3811be71cc)
Crafts	Crafts (/Media/Get/da433c25-236a-4cfd-b4fd-da456007245d)  (/Media/Get/da433c25-236a-4cfd-b4fd-da456007245d)
Spec Savers	Kids go free at Spec Savers (/Media/Get/746cc192-f84b-4216-ae75-a5bb34b86aa2)  (/Media/Get/746cc192-f84b-4216-ae75-a5bb34b86aa2)

# SCHOOL CELLPHONE

## 027 5685621

Please only TXT to the school cellphone if your child is absent.

There is no longer the option to leave a message.

You can phone the school landline if you want to leave a message.

04 5685621



### PHONE

Landline – 04 568 5621

Mobile – 027 568 5621 (txting only)



### ABSENTEES

Please notify the school if your child is away. Don't forget to leave an explanation.

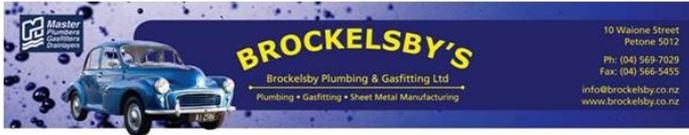
Phone 568 5621 or txt 027 568 5621



A big thank you to the Sai Community Group who have been supporting our school for many years.



We would like to thank Placemakers Hutt City for their very generous support



Thank you to Brockelsby's Plumbing & Gasfitting Ltd for their generous support of Milo and Sugar for the Breakfast Club

Signature: