

## School Picnic Thursday 17 December

We are hoping that the weather will have improved enough for us to go ahead with the planned School Picnic at Aotea Lagoon. We will be using funds from the MOE Donation Scheme to pay for the buses and provide a picnic lunch for our children. I will send home more specific information at the beginning of next week.

This will be the last newsletter of 2020. On behalf of the teachers and the rest of our staff I would like to thank you so much for the support you have given us especially your understanding of the COVID-19 health and safety procedures we put in place, your support during lock down and your continued trust you have in us to keep your children safe and happy at school. I hope you all have a restful and relaxing Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 9 February 2021.

## What's Happening Term 4

Wednesday 9 December 6pm	2020 Awards' Celebration
Friday 11 December	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 15 December - 1.30pm	Children visit their 2021 teacher
Wednesday 16 December - 6pm	Year 6 Leaver's Dinner
Thursday 17 December	Whole School Picnic Aotea Lagoon
Friday 18 December	School finishes for 2020 at 2pm

*School finishes for Term 4 at 2pm on Friday 18 December*

*School starts 2021 8.30am Tuesday 9 February*

Nga mihi  
Regards  
Irene Unasa



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*Learning and achieving through acknowledging and valuing  
who we are now, where we have come from and who we can become*

## NEWSLETTER

**Week 9 - Term 4 - Tuesday 8th December 2020**

### Our Values

**Manaakitanga**-Respect for ourselves, each other and our environment by being honest, trustworthy and reliable

**Whanaungatanga**-Foster strong and positive relationships by being friendly, inclusive and caring

## PRINCIPALS AWARDS RECIPIENTS Friday 20th November 2020



Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Friends

of Porirua East School.

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**Whanaungatanga**

*Fostering strong and positive relationships by being friendly, inclusive and caring.*

**Taha Tinana**

*Looking after wellbeing and physical health*

**Rangatiratanga**

*Self-management, leadership*

**Kotahitanga**

*Togetherness, collective support*

Attendance

<b>Week 7</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>86%</b>

Our attendance has dropped significantly this term. There has been a stomach bug going around and some coughs and colds and the dreadful weather doesn't help either. We would appreciate notification if your child is away from school. Mrs Bloomfield will text if we have not received a notification. Would you please reply. Thank you for your support.

**Student/Parent Meetings**

The children enjoyed sharing this year's learning with their whanau last week. Our children are becoming very confident talking about their learning and I know parents appreciate the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of their children. The Learning Samples Folders illustrate the amazing progress that children make over a year.

**Free Healthy Lunch Programme**

We have received confirmation from the Ministry regarding the company that has given the contract to deliver lunches to schools. The name of the company is Kapura Schools Limited. They are a Wellington based company. I am meeting with Dale from Kapura Schools Ltd on Thursday to discuss what we will need to have in place before the beginning of the year. I am anticipating that the Free and Healthy Lunch programme will start on 9 February 2021. We were sent an example of a menu which I shared with Room 3. They were very impressed.

**Kapa Haka**

Our Kapa Haka group has gone from strength to strength this year under the continued tutelage of Matua Todd and Mrs Mahupuku-Kelly. It is wonderful to see our children grow in their confidence and resilience, their willingness to work really hard and their pride when they know they have achieved excellence. The Kapa Haka group will be performing for their whanau on Tuesday 15 December at 5pm.

**Teacher Only Day Friday 11 December**

On Friday we will be having a Teacher Only Day to review:

- The Digital Technology learning area of our curriculum
- How we assess children's learning, what tools we use to assess, when we assess their learning and what do we do with that information.
- How, what and when we report progress and learning to parents

Thank you parents for supporting us with this. A whole day gives us time to really make progress.

**Awards Night Wednesday 9 December**

We're all looking forward to our Awards' Celebration tomorrow evening. We've 'streamlined' our programme this year so we should be finished 7.30pm at the latest. The teachers would like the children to be at school, in their classrooms, by 5.30pm. The teachers and the children will go back to their classroom at the end of the Awards' Ceremony and parents can collect them from there.