



Westport South School

Newsletter

Week 9 Term 4
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I wish to thank you all for your support and contributions to the school throughout this very unique year. The year has brought many challenges to both home and school. As this is the last newsletter for the term I wish you all a restful and joyous Christmas break. It is a great time to do things locally together as families. Buller is a very unique place with a multitude of experiences to be had for not a lot of cost. We are so lucky. Term 1 for 2021 will start on 4th February.

It is with sadness that we have to farewell Mrs Vaid from Room 11, but celebrate that she will be moving to Hawera to take up a full time position next year. We thank her for all her contributions this year and wish her well in the future. She will be missed.

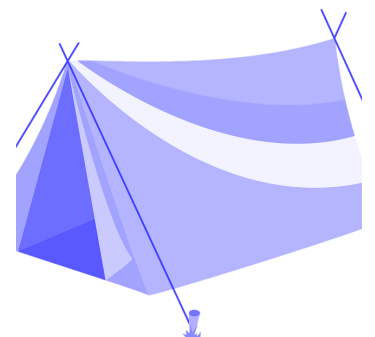
Preparation has been in progress for 2021 for some time. The following is where you will find the teachers next year.

Mr Craig Adams/	Room 4	year 7/8
Ms Carol Ward		
Ms Lisa Halsall	Room 1	year 7/8
Mr Justin Hart	Room 3	year 6/7
Mrs Nicky Campey	Room 14	year 6
Ms Alex Finnerty/	Room 13	year 5/6
Mr John Herrick		
Mrs Lyn Rodger/	Room 9	year 4/5
Mrs Sylvia Bradley		
Mrs Jenny Clementson	Room 12	year 3/4
Ms Jenny Sloan	Room 10	year 2/3
Mrs Deb Forsyth/	Room 7/8	year 1/2
Mrs Anita Fairweather		
Mrs Julie Shepherd	Room 5	NE/year 1



Camps for 2021

Year 8	Wellington	Sun 9—Friday 12 March
Year 7	Rm1/4	Wed— Friday 24-26 March
Room 3	Karamea	Wed-Friday 3rd-5th March
Room 14	Reefton	Wed—Friday 10-12th March
Room 13	Shanty Town	Tues-Wed 16-17 March
Room 9	Carters Beach	Thurs-Friday 25-26 February
Room 12	Mokihinui	Thurs-Friday 18-19 February
Room 10	School	Thurs-Friday 25-26 February
Room 7/8	School	
Room 5	Daily excursions to be notified	



Keep an eye out for the Holiday Reading Challenge, which will be coming home with your child early next week. Children can also register at the Public Library for their Holiday Reading programme from today.

Just a reminder that we have no problem with Parents paying off their account at the school office.

Bank account number 03 1354 0404349 00 Please make sure that you put your child's name as the reference.

School will finish at 1pm on Friday 18th December. Buses will leave school at 12pm.

Term 1 for 2021 starts on February 4th .

REPORTS will go home on Friday. Children will get to meet their next years teacher on Monday.

School Stationery can be purchased from the office on Monday 14th December. We will have eftpos available.

LOST PROPERTY: Tina will be putting this out between Rooms 10-11 from Monday from 9am –12pm . Please remind your child to check if they have anything missing.

Breakfast Club at the High School the last day for 2020 is December the 10th – Thursday.

Thanks so much for all your help this year and I hope you have a great Christmas break.



BULLER DISTRICT LIBRARIES
Te Kete Wānanga o Kawatiri

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HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease is a contagious illness caused by different viruses. Anyone can get hand, foot and mouth disease, but it is most common in children under 10. Hand, foot and mouth disease appears most often in warm weather – usually in the summer or early autumn. Hand, foot and mouth disease can occasionally happen more than once as there are different types of the virus that cause it.

SYMPTOMS

Mild fever is usually the first sign of hand, foot and mouth disease. This starts 3–5 days after your child has been exposed to the disease. After the fever starts, your child may develop other symptoms, including:

painful red blisters on their tongue, mouth, palms of their hands, or soles of their feet, sometimes these blisters can be over the entire body.

loss of appetite

a sore throat and mouth

a general feeling of weakness or tiredness.

The disease is usually mild and lasts 3–7 days. However sometimes children (especially younger children) can be very unwell.

TREATMENT

The only medicine recommended for hand, foot and mouth disease is paracetamol.

Most blisters disappear without causing problems. In the mouth, however, some may form shallow, painful sores that look similar to cold sores. If your child's mouth is sore, don't give them sour, salty or spicy foods. If the child's blisters on the body become itchy you can try a pinetarsol bath. Make sure they drink plenty of liquids to avoid getting dehydrated.

PREVENTION

Hand, foot and mouth disease is spread by coughing or sneezing, or by contact with mucus, saliva, blisters and poo from an infected person

Children are contagious ('catching') for around 7–10 days.

Keep your child home from childcare or school until blisters have dried. If blisters are able to be covered and the child is feeling well, they won't need to be excluded.

Frequent hand washing helps decrease the chance of becoming infected.

Staying away from others who have the disease, cleaning/ not sharing toys during the infection also helps prevent the disease.

Ensure Good hand washing when changing nappies (the virus can be found in the poo for several weeks)

Please Phone Lynley Pratt Public Health Nurse 027 520 8444 if you have any questions

Lynley Pratt the Public Health Nurse will be in school every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2.30-3pm in the library if you would like to see her for anything. She is available for parents at this time.

Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

Over this Summer holidays we have different camps for youth and children to do challenging and fun activities and theme games, and get to know more people in a camp environment!

Blast Day Camps - Christmas Edition

16th - 18th Dec, ages 7-13

Island Adventure Camp

11th - 15th Jan, ages 8-11

Summer Paradise Camp

18th - 22nd Jan, ages 11-13

Extreme Camp

26th - 29th Jan, Junior 9-11, Youth 12-15

Register on our website: www.bridgevalley.co.nz

Email holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz with any queries!

Coming Events:

- 10 December Junior/Middle School Athletics
- 11 December Senior School Awards Assembly
- 14 December Senior School Social and Yr 8 Dinner
- 15 December Junior School Prize Giving/ Folk Dancing 6pm
- 17 December Year 8 Leaving Assembly and Prize Giving 1.30pm
- 18 December Last Day of 2020 School Finishes at 1pm



Principal Awards:

Ayda Jackson: A wonderful attitude, helping in the class and trying hard in all areas.

Harper Brown: Taking time to present his work neatly. Your writing is starting to flow. Keep it up!

Jameson Walsh: Achieving pleasing results in recent Maths check ups!

Holly Cunneen: Your efforts to learn and then perform at production. I was super proud of you!

Ben Ritchie: Knowing your lines and taking the lead! Your performance helped everyone else get up to speed.

Hazyn Martini: Showing great progress with his writing.

Sienna Fenn: Consistently showing HEART in the classroom!

Raymond Shierny: His fantastic attitude and wonderful performance at the Kapa Haka festival in Greymouth!

Althea Withers: Always giving 100% effort in all curriculum areas. What a star!

Nataleigh Cook-Wisdom: Outstanding research and presentation about the Pike River tragedy.

Erin Hateley: Always being eager to learn with a fun - loving attitude.

Sabrina Donald: For joining in with our "Good Morning" song.

Lily Rossiter: Making an impressive effort during athletics practise.

Jasmin Freeman: You positive, thoughtful and considerate behaviour in the classroom and the diligence with which you complete tasks.

Sebastian Schurr: Excellent understanding of money concept in Prime Maths

Tumeke - Awesome.

Darius van der Jagt: His effort to complete the work on time.

Mason Hawken-Jones: His hard work during reading time which has resulted in great gains.

Kyra Perkins: Always showing HEART.

Special Principal Awards:

Emily Ratcliffe, Reid and Asher Jones,
Maia Samuels, Ben, Keisha
and Alex Ritchie.

Special Office Award:

Ollie Johnston.

Welcome To:

Sebastian and Nathaniel Schurr.

