

Newsletter

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

NGĀ MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU KATOA. GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.

We have had a busy start to 2021 and the children are settling back into school routines well. There is a very positive atmosphere around the school and it has been especially pleasing to see our new students interacting happily in their classes with their new classmates and all looking so smart in their uniforms. We have focussed on establishing school routines and expectations for the new school year and making sure that everyone is feeling comfortable in their new classrooms. It takes a real team effort to get the school ready for opening each year – thanks to Dave, Esme & Tracey, the teachers and support staff for “making the difference”. Thanks also to everyone at home for having your children so well-organised with books and uniforms – it really has helped us get off to a great start.

NEW ARRIVALS

We welcomed a number of new children to the school on the first day of the term – Aidan D, Tyler C, Isla, Ethan & Lucca T, Thomas W, Cory & Chad F, Reef A, Harlyn M, Jake & Nixon W, Marlon K, Maliyah W, Ky-Mani & Osheanna F, Lelyn B, Kelsey S, Natalie T, Liam D, Dorian D, Celia S, Jack P, Rhett M, Maddison B, Abigail R, Robbie K, Harper G, Zachary L, Elsie B, Angus M & Anton S. Welcome also to new or returning staff members Alana Egerton, Kate Nicholson, Holly Curran and Nicole Fraser. We hope you all enjoy your time with us at Cromwell Primary School.



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REMINDERS

- **Mon 15 Feb, H1, H3 & H4**
Water Fun Day
- **Tues 16 Feb, Mihi**
Whakatau, 10.40am
- **Wed 17 Feb, K Team Bike**
Safety
- **Thurs 25 Feb, H4**
Swimming
- **Week 4—Learning**
Partnership Meetings

FAREWELL

At the end of 2020 we said goodbye to our Year 6 students who have moved onto college this year. Last Wednesday morning Amber Nepe and I represented Cromwell Primary School at a “powhiri” held at Cromwell College to welcome the Year 7 intake and other new staff and students to the college. We wish all our leavers the best of luck for a successful 2021 school year.



MIHI WHAKATAU WELCOME: TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 10:40AM

There will be a Mihi Whakatau to welcome all new students & staff to our school on Tuesday 16th February at 10:40am.

We wish to extend an invitation to the families of our new students, to attend with their child/children. Please assemble outside the main school office by 10:35am. The Mihi Whakatau will commence at 10:40am. New students, staff and whānau will be accompanied by an existing staff member. Whānau are invited to join the staff for morning tea at the conclusion of the Mihi Whakatau. We look forward to meeting everyone on Tuesday 16th February.

STAFFING 2021

Hārewa Teams (NE & Years 1/2)

Hārewa 1 Katharine Grigor (Year 1)

Hārewa 2 Danella Smallridge (Year 2) Head of Junior School

Hārewa 2 Olivia Buckner (Year 2) Hārewa Y1/2 Team Leader

Hārewa 3 Cheryl Stuart (NE/Y1) Hārewa Transition Leader

Hārewa 4 Hannah Fitzpatrick (NE/Y1)

Hārewa 5 Holly Curran (New Entrants T2-4)

Kārearea Team (Years 3/4)

Kārearea 1 Rachel Peters (Years 3/4) Team Leader

Kārearea 2 Claire Lincoln (Years 3/4)

Kārearea 3 Shona Hamilton (Years 3/4)

Kārearea 4 Belinda Thomlinson (Years 3/4)

Kārearea 5 Barbara Caughey (Years 3/4)

Ako Team (Years 5/6)

Louise Haig Team Leader

Andrew Ede, Sarah Luke, Nicole Fraser, Alana Egerton

Part-Time Teachers

Kate Nicholson (Management & Classroom Release Ako)

Jen Chamberlain (CRT Release Hārewa & Kārearea)

Karen Huffadine (Kāhui Ako Lead Teacher & K Hub Release)

Christina Crossan (CRT Hārewa 3, 4, 5)

Cath McLellan (Management Release Hārewa Hub & K1)

Julie McGregor (Learning Support Teacher MST & Quick Sixty)

Support Staff

Sue Collins, Kate McFadgen, Emma Whitworth, Emma Everett, Linda Bell, Rachel Anderson & Melissa McEldowney (Teacher Aides)

Tegan Wilson - School Financial Administrator, Amber Nepe (Office Administration) and Robyn Bisset (Office Administration Support)

Shirley Turner (Dental Therapist based at Goldfields Primary School)

Dave Ellis (Caretaker)

Wendy Brooks (Principal)

VIDEO PRESENTATIONS FROM CLASSROOM TEACHERS – LINK SHARED FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

The first specific opportunity for you to find out about how your child's class will operate in 2021 will be via a video link that will be shared with all families at the end of Week 3. We have made this change based on our reflections about home learning during our 2020 Lockdown experience. We are keen to ensure that all parents find out important information about how their child's class will run. This information has previously been shared at our Meet the Teacher evening.

LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS WEEK 4 FEBRUARY 22-26 – BOOKINGS OPENING SOON

This year, we will be organising our first Learning Partnership Meetings in Week 4. These meetings will involve parents and their child/children booking in for a face to face meeting with class teachers. These meetings will be very similar to those we held after children returned to school in Level 2, post Lockdown in 2020. In the week prior to these meetings we will be sharing some questions for parents to consider and hopefully answer during these meetings, as we are keen to find out as much as we can about your child/children, both as a learner at school and what they are interested in beyond school.

Education is a partnership and we encourage all parents to make the most of any opportunities to learn about classroom programmes and expectations. Your interest and support does make a difference to your child's education and success at school.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

There will be no assemblies this term. Instead we are going to use this time to launch our new Whare Whānau Groups.

NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletter will be emailed once a fortnight (hard copies will be provided for families without internet access). A huge amount of time is spent preparing the fortnightly newsletter as it is our main form of communication with home. Please let us know if you do not receive a copy each fortnight. Notices will be emailed on the alternate week, as there is always information for families from school.

Newsletter weeks in Term One will be Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10.

SCHOOL LUNCHES SUBWAY & SUSHI

- Tuesday (subway)
- Friday (sushi)
- Orders online.
- Lunches will be delivered to classrooms.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Sunhats

We remind both children and parents that our school policy “**No Hat, No Play**” requires all students to wear a protective sunhat with a brim, when they are playing out in the playground in Terms 1 and 4. Hats (\$20) are available for purchase from Metrografix. All children must be wearing either the navy uniform hat or a plain navy hat with a brim. No other hats will be allowed (including caps). Please support the school by ensuring that your child has the correct hat.

Footwear

We require the children to wear shoes in the playground to avoid beestings and cuts. We work hard to keep the playground free of any sharp objects, but with easy public access to our grounds, there is no guarantee that we find every sharp object that may find its way onto our grassed areas. We would appreciate your support with this by ensuring that your child wears suitable shoes to school.

Medical Information Forms & Parent Contact Details

We have appreciated the speedy return of the medical up-date and contact details forms from many families. We are currently up-dating our pupil information files which include any health related issues. Please return these forms, as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Student printouts are available from the office if you have misplaced this form.

Highlighter Vests

We remind all parents of bus students that our school policy states that children travelling on school buses must be wearing a highlighter vest. Please ensure your child has a vest to wear on a daily basis.

Drink Bottles

We encourage children to have drink bottles in the classroom, but please ensure that they are filled with water only and that they are named. We wish to promote healthy drinking during the course of the day, to assist learning. We have a “brain food” break around 10:00am every day.

School Road Safety

The beginning of any new school year is a good time to remind people about the need to drive slowly and carefully around our school “drop off and pick up” areas. We have school patrols operating every morning and afternoon on Molyneux Avenue and Monaghan Streets, but we urge you to take care when driving in these areas. The local police have been assisting us to ensure a safe start to 2021. The legal speed limit when passing a school bus is 20 kilometres per hour when approaching from either direction. Please do not park or stop on the yellow lines near our road patrols as it makes it very difficult for the patrols to operate safely due to a lack of clear vision of approaching traffic.

School Car Park

Children have been reminded that the carpark area is out of bounds.

SCHOOL MUSIC GROUPS

We will be offering a number of music opportunities to the children, again this year. Please call at the office, if you would like further information about our programmes or if your child wishes to learn an instrument. Guitar with Pete Stevenson and SMMC (Saturday Morning Music Class) instrument tuition with Johanna Hansen will begin in the near future. Lessons are on Thursday mornings and violins are available to hire if needed. Sign up forms are available from the office. Any queries please email johannahanseno@gmail.com. Group auditions for the Special Choir will get underway with Ms Luke soon. Please contact the office (445 0264) if you wish to register your child for guitar or SMMC lessons as soon as possible.

TERM PLANNER

We have included a Term One Planner on the back of this newsletter to keep everyone informed of important term dates and events. Please refer to this regularly to help you keep up to date with what is happening for your child at school.

SCHOOL LIBRARY CLOSED 2021

Our library will remain closed again this year. K3 & K4 will remain in the library most likely until Term 3. In the interim there are bins of library books in classrooms and classes also arrange visits to the Cromwell Public Library.

BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

Before launching into some heavy educational material, this week we have some suggestions for parents wishing to get more involved with school.

- Visit the school with your child and introduce yourself to their 2021 teacher.
- Attend Learning Partnership Meetings with your child in Week 4.
- Join the SOKs Group (Support our Kids). All parents welcome.
- Check your emails and read the school newsletter.
- Get to know the teacher and the principal.
- Come along to a monthly Board of Trustees Meeting (BoT Elections this year).
- Read all school communications.
- Volunteer your time and talents.
- Attend school events such as sports days, assemblies etc.
- Help out at fund raising activities.
- Be a parent help in class.
- Talk to your child about their day at school.
- Have some fun!!

COMPUTER & INTERNET USE AGREEMENTS

We remind all families that when their child/children started school an agreement was signed by both the student and parent. This agreement includes rules that the students must follow, taking care of school computers, being considerate of other users and looking after themselves sensibly. The school also recommends checking out further information about cybersafety on our school website www.cromprimary.school.nz or at www.netsafe.org.nz. A copy of all cybersafety information is also available from the school office.

The educational environment is rapidly moving towards greater use of the online learning environment. Schools take responsibility for teaching children about digital citizenship very seriously and programmes about this, including cybersafety, are an integral part of our school programmes. If you have any concerns about this please talk to classroom teachers in the first instance. All Years 3-6 students have

been set up with personal gmail accounts, to enable them to keep a digital record of their learning and reflections about this. All Years 5/6 students will have their own, or be issued with a school Chromebook, for the year. We have really appreciated that a significant number of parents have purchased Chromebooks for their child/children to use at school. Cromwell College continues with their BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Programme at Year 7 this year, so we know that our students will be well-prepared for this with our 1:1 device programme in Years 5/6.

NEW UNIFORM

Available from Metrografix located on the corner of McNulty Road & Barry Avenue or call Tanya on 445 4533 or 0276213582 (email tanya.metrografix@xtra.co.nz)

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Available online via Facebook Cromwell Primary School Second Hand Uniform Buy Sell Page.

Thank you for encouraging your child to take pride in their appearance by wearing our correct school uniform. The children looked great on their first day back!! We remind parents about the following:

- Plain white or navy socks only for the girls
- Plain navy socks for the boys
- No coloured items such as t-shirts or leggings to be worn underneath polo shirts, dresses or skorts.
- Canterbury trackpants or shorts are **NOT** part of our uniform and therefore must not be worn at school.
- Regulation school hat must be worn. This is either the new labelled hat or the plain navy brimmed hat.
- Shoes – black, brown or navy sandals or shoes, track shoes in colours that complement our uniform. We have asked for a common sense approach to footwear so no jandals, plastic shoes, shoes with heels or highly coloured shoes or boots please.
- It is vital that every item of clothing is named. Labels or special pens can be ordered through the uniform service.

TOUCH TOURNAMENT

Y5/6 Mixed touch tournament to be held on Sunday 28 February at the Wanaka Showgrounds. If your child is interested in playing in this tournament please email Andrew Ede andrewe@cromprimary.school.nz to register your child by Friday 19 February.

WALNUTS FOR SALE

Walnuts for presto, platters, salads and cakes. We have reduced the price of the walnuts donated to us. We're keen for our students to benefit from the profits, so please support this school fundraiser if you are able. Spread the word - 1kg of walnuts for \$5.00. Please send your money in an envelope marked walnuts, your child's name and room number.

The Deep, Dark Water by Stella Hodkinson

I swam into the deep, dark scary water. I went glug...

The freezing cold, blue water swirled around me like a tornado. Bubbles popped all around me - pop and bop! I got a shiver through my spine.

I splashed up... "I'm alive!" I sighed in relief.

It's great to be
back at school!!



We are happy to be with friends in our new classes
doing fun things like learning to play the recorder
and to shot put.



FINANCES

- School Costs will be billed to your child's account. A statement will be sent out monthly that shows the items billed and payments made.
- Please pay by internet banking (03-1735-0004162-000). Please put name and what it relates to as the reference and/or e-mail Tegan to advise. If you are unable to pay by internet banking, payment can be made by cash or cheque. Please place cash/cheque in a named envelope and specify what the payment is for on the envelope. The envelope can be given to the classroom teacher to come to the office in the purple bag. If dropping the envelope to the office, please put envelope in the post-it slot. **We do not have eftpos.**
- **We have limited cash, so please endeavour to pay the exact amount of cash.**
- **You can pay regular amounts to cover costs e.g \$5 per week if NE-Y2, \$10 per week if Y3&4, \$15 Y5&6.**
- Should you require assistance to meet school costs, please contact the principal or Tegan in the office as there is assistance that is available.

UNIFORM

New Uniform can be purchased from Tanya at Metrografix. Tanya is in the Metrografix office from 9am until 2:45 daily. If uniform is needed outside this time please call and arrange a time that suits.

E-mail: tanya.metrografix@xtra.co.nz, telephone 03 4454533, cell: 027 6213582.

- House T-shirts are available for \$20
- Highlighter Vests can be purchased for \$10 each
- Boys School Socks, lovely quality nice dark navy - available in twin packs \$9.00 per pack (so \$4.50 a pair).
- School hats with the house colours (\$20) - pre-ordering available now

SCHOOL LUNCHES...

Heat Ups:

There will be no heat ups until further notice.

Subway Tuesday:

Please **order and pay online**. Visit www.subwayexpress.co.nz (you will need to register if you haven't already) and click on the School lunch option. Choose Cromwell Primary School from the drop down list. Choose your sub and then work down the list to select or deselect cheese, salads etc. On the last page is a box where you can make additional notes (eg..no sauce). The subs ALL come with sauce by default. You will have to do a separate order and payment per child. At this stage you can't order school lunches via the app.

"Kumi's Sushi at Highlands" Fridays:

Vegetarian or Teriyaki Chicken, Tuna & Mayo —\$6 for 6 pieces or \$7 for 8 pieces. Please order before 9am on Fridays via



Cromwell
Primary School
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

APPROXIMATE COSTS INCURRED EACH YEAR AT CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

(there may be additional costs to those listed that may arise during the year)

<i>Suggested (40 weeks) Weekly amount to pay costs & activity donation (not including optional activity)</i>	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
School Donation	NE to Y2	Y3&4	Y5 & 6
Donation per child	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Voluntary Contribution			
EOTC Week -Trips/Overnight Camp etc (<i>approximate costs</i>) Junior School Year 3	\$20.00	\$20.00	
Marae Trip Year 4		\$100.00	
Camp Year 5 & 6			\$300.00
Skating (per day, usually for two days) <i>Approximate cost</i>	\$50.00		
TOTAL (Excluding Optional Activity)	\$150	\$200	\$380
Weekly Contribution (over 40 weeks)	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$9.50
Optional Activities			
Ski Trips (Usually two days. Costs will be less if have own gear, ski pass etc). <i>Approximate cost</i> PLEASE NOTE: SKI TRIP IS FOR YEAR 5 & 6 ONLY		\$230.00	\$230.00
Guitar (\$40 per term) - Year 4 up		\$160.00	\$160.00
Touch Rugby		\$10.00	\$10.00
Sports Representation e.g. 4 per year		\$20.00	\$20.00
ICAS Assessments (approx. \$15 per paper)		\$40.00	\$40.00
Websteps	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
TOTAL (for all Optional Activities)	15.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
Weekly Contribution for all Optional Activities (over 40 weeks)	\$0.40	\$11.90	\$11.90

COMMUNITY NOTICES



COMPETITION FOR GIRLS YEAR 3-8

GIRLS SMASH!



No experience necessary! Come along and enjoy music, lollies, appearances by Otago Sparks & heaps of prizes! Teams are 6 aside but individual girls are welcome.

Monday | 4pm | Molyneux Park | Monday 15th Feb-15th March

Register by using the link below:

<https://registrations.crichq.com/register/276234>

For any enquiries: sam@otagocountrycricket.co.nz

Cromwell Drama

DRAMA CLASSES 2021!

Mondays

7 & 8 Year Olds @ 3.30-4.15pm
9+ Year Olds @ 4.15-5pm

Please contact Kylie Hodkinson
kyliehodkinson@gmail.com
or Cromwell Drama on FB

The Marriage Course

Do you want the best marriage possible?

The Marriage Course is a proven way to strengthen and enrich marriages.

Treat yourself to a "date night" over seven Wednesday evenings.

STARTING 24TH FEBRUARY - 7.00PM

► Free babysitting ► No group sharing ► Limited places

Details: www.cromchurch.co.nz or call Douglas 027 354 5837

A Fundraiser for
Montessori Children's House Wanaka
& Wanaka Primary School

WANAKA TRAIL RIDE 2021

SATURDAY 27th MARCH

A unique and stunning all ages, all abilities trail bike ride over Deep Creek, Long Gully and Linds Peak Stations.

Riders have the rare opportunity to explore private high country farms whilst helping to raise funds for Montessori Children's House and Wanaka Primary School.

EVENT DETAILS

Coffee, food and refreshments available on site, bring cash. Trails open at 8.30 am and Trail Gates will close at 3.30 pm. "Sparks Assistants Compulsory!"

ANZAC SUPPORTERS
\$1 from every entry fee is donated to the ANZAC Appeal.

REGISTER

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE (opens 1st February)

ADULT in person \$65 incl. lunch \$55 ex. lunch
JUNIOR under 16 \$23 incl. lunch \$10 ex. lunch

REGISTRATION ON THE DAY

ADULT in person \$65 incl. lunch
JUNIOR under 16 \$23 incl. lunch

FREE PEWEE TRACK
Available online for Peewee track. 100m for track.

www.wanakatrailride.org

We need

YOU!



Keen to Play Soccer this 2021 Season??

Registrations for Cromwell Junior Soccer Club for all boys and girls aged 4 – 16 are now open until March 15th.

For more information and a link to register please visit the clubs website at <http://www.sporty.co.nz/cjfc/home> or contact the club at cromwelljuniorfootballclub@gmail.com

SUPERSTAR CRICKET

ALEXANDRA

A fast paced, soft ball game for primary school cricketers!

Get 6 of your mates along and join the fun!

MONDAY | 4PM | MOLYNEUX PARK | YEARS 3-6 | TERM 1 | 15TH FEB- 15TH MARCH

REGISTER USING THE LINK -
[HTTPS://REGISTRATIONS.CRICHQ.COM/REGISTER/277914](https://registrations.crichq.com/register/277914)

ALL QUESTIONS TO -
[SAM@OTAGOCOUNTRYCRICKET.CO.NZ](mailto:sam@otagocountrycricket.co.nz)

TERM PLANNER TERM 1

CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 1 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	1 February	2	3	4	5	6/7 Feb
3 February - 7 February			Term 1 Commences			
2	8	9	10	11	12	13/14 Feb
8 February - 14 February	Waitangi Day Observed School Closed					
3	15	16	17	18	19	20/21 Feb
15 February – 21 February	H1, H3 & H4 Water Funday	Mihi Whakatau 10.40am H3 Swimming	Kārearea Team Bike Safety	H4 Library Visit		
4	22	23	24	25	26	27/28 Feb
22 February - 28 February (Learning Partnership Meetings)		Kārearea Team Bike Road Skills		H4 Swimming		
5	1 March	2	3	4	5	6/7 March
1 March – 7 March	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week	Year 5-6 Swimming Kārearea Team Bike Ride H2 Bike Week	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week H1 Library Visit	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week	
6	8	9	10	11	12	13/14 March
8 March - 14 March	School Athletics Day (Year 3-6)		Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba H1 Swimming	Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba	Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba	
7	15	16	17	18	19	20/21 March
15 March - 21 March	Dunstan Zone Athletics (Year 4-6)					
8	22	23	24	25	26	27/28 March
22 March - 28 March	Otago Anniversary Day School Closed	Teacher Only Day School Closed		H1 & H4 Walk to Old Cromwell		
9	29	30	31	1	2	3/4 April
29 March – 4 April	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin CO Athletics (Year 4-6)	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin H1 Library Visit	Good Friday School Closed	
10	5	6	7	8	9	10/11 April
5 April -11 April	Easter Monday School Closed	Easter Tuesday School Closed				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17/18 April
12 April -16 April		Kārearea Team Queenstown Walk	Kārearea Team Queenstown Walk	H4 Library Visit	Final Day Term One	