



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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Spring - so much to enjoy, the days getting longer, blossoms, blooms and buds in abundance. Personally I'm looking forward to reducing the diesel usage as the weather starts to warm.

KAPAHAKA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAbj6Sh4VZk>

Our children performed at the Cultural Festival yesterday. It was a wonderful performance that you can see by following the link above.

SCIENCE

I hope you've had a chance to support your child's science learning at home. Here's another idea. If you have done some of your own science experiments please forward them through and I'll share them.

What will sink and what will float?

What you need: Objects you can put in the water (e.g., rubber toys, corks, coins, keys, rocks) and a plastic bucket or large bowl

Directions: Invite your child to put a few objects in the water and see what happens. Then, discuss the concept of "floating" and "sinking". Ask, "Do you think this one will sink or float? What makes you think that?"

Challenge their thinking. Aside from size and weight, what other properties of an object determine if it sinks or floats? Big steel ships can float.

Archimedes the scientist

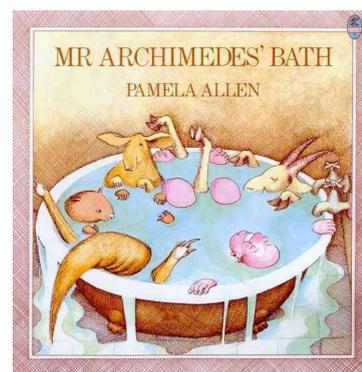
Archimedes was a Greek scientist born over 2,000 years ago. He is well known for being the first person to understand statics, which is a part of applied mathematics. It has to do with loads that do not move, for example in buildings or bridges. He also understood and wrote about what happens when things float in liquids, which is called buoyancy.

He was also an inventor because he made new tools and machines. For example, he made a machine to lift water that could be used by farmers to bring water to their crops. **This is called Archimedes' screw. There is one of these in the water play area at the Margaret Mahy playground**

Archimedes is thought to be so important as a mathematician that scientists have honoured him by naming a crater and mountains on the moon after him.



An artist's impression of Archimedes



A fun book to search out at the local library

For some science that is out of this world check out.

Astronomy Public Open Nights

Canterbury Astronomical Society, 218 Bells Road, Christchurch

Friday 14 September 2018 7:30pm and Friday 28 September 2018 7:30pm

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/astronomy-public-open-nights/christchurch>

SPORTS UNIFORMS

All sports uniforms issued for Friday sport and basketball need to be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you to the families who have returned these.

INDUSTRIAL NEGOTIATIONS

Our award negotiations are dragging along, the Teachers Agreement expired on 16 May 2018 and the Principals' on 16 May 2018, and we'd like them resolved and any talk of further industrial action banished.

It turns out the Ministry of Education negotiating team are not the ones who ultimately make the decisions, it's the Government MPs. Perhaps this helps to explain why this process is taking so long!

If you wish to support your teachers here is a link to a postcard you can send to Grant Robertson (he holds the purse strings). Newsletter 24 had a link to The Press editorial if you wish to refresh yourself with the issues.

<https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/postcard-grant-robertson/>

At Papanui Primary we haven't been directly affected by the teacher shortage to date but it is a growing problem. We have a small but reliable pool of relievers but at times we do have to go out to a Relief Teacher Service. On Monday at 7am there were no relievers available in Christchurch through this service, fortunately after 30 minutes and 8 phone calls I was able to secure a teacher. A number of those teachers I phoned had moved from the relief pool into full time teaching.

DAFFODIL DAY

The school raised \$285 that has been passed onto the Cancer Society. Thank you for your generosity.



KINDNESS

**If you have to
choose between
being kind and
being right, choose
being kind and you
will Always
Be Right.**

At school we do not have a lot of rules but some clear expectations through our values of RESPECT and INTEGRITY.

Some children helped develop our expectations around KINDNESS earlier this year.

This week I was resolving an issue where kindness was missing from a playground conflict. One child said, "I didn't do anything". By using the expectations we were able to see that doing nothing was not the best choice. Kindness is not being a spectator to something that is wrong.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11 September	PTA meeting 7pm	9 November	Mufti Day (Xmas raffle)
14 September	Kaboom Percussion	30 November	Mufti Day (Xmas raffle)
14 September	School disco	30 November	School disco
18 September	Board meeting	10 & 11 December	Reporting to Parents
28 September	Mufti Day	Thursday 20 December	
Sat 3 November	PTA Quiz Night	12pm finish for the last day of school	

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling

Paul

KINDNESS

At Papanui Primary School we expect everyone to be safe and happy. We do this by being kind to others – no matter who they are.

Being kind means you

- Smile at, and greet others
- Help people when they need it
- Encourage each other
- Play fair
- Use your manners (e.g. please, thank you, excuse me...)
- Work and play together in a caring way
- Include others
- Standing up when you see something that is not right (be an upstander).
- Think about what you say and do BEFORE you speak or act (is it kind? will it hurt someone?)
- Can forgive others (move on after a problem has been fixed up).

You do not have to be best friends with everyone but you are expected to be friendly towards everyone.