

## Week 4 Term 2 2023

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Kiā ora e te whānau

Wow, it's hard to believe that it is Friday already and the end of yet another busy week.

### Congratulations

Today we celebrated Annelise Aufer's graduation from Victoria University of Wellington. We are so very proud of all the hard mahi that she has done to complete her Bachelor of Education. Tino pai!



## STEMM Challenge

On Tuesday Karen Johnston took 2 teams of senior students to our first STEMM challenge hosted by Hutt Science. STEMM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Manufacturing.

The challenge consisted of 3 rounds of questions and 3 practical rounds, which included using a pendulum, labelling organs in different animals, and making a small rocking chair that would hold a golf ball. Some of the questions were quite tricky - such as "in an email what does 'cc' stand for?" and "out of an egg beater, telephone and radio; which one was invented by a New Zealander?". Both teams held their own in a large crowd of 51 teams, and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done, fantastic effort everyone!



## Pink Shirt Day

It was lovely to see so many tamariki dressed in pink today for such a great cause.

Pink Shirt Day is an annual bullying prevention campaign celebrated throughout Aotearoa and internationally. In Aotearoa, it specifically works to reduce bullying in schools by celebrating diversity and promoting the development of positive social relationships. It aims to create environments where all people feel safe, valued and respected regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability or cultural background.

The students have been having lots of discussions in their classrooms around speaking up and standing together to stop bullying. Kia kaha everyone!



## Sickness

Over the past week we have noticed an increase in the number of students

coming to school not quite 100%. Consequently, Kelly in the office has needed to contact more parents than she usually would quite early on in the day. If in doubt, we ask that you keep your child at home to ensure we keep the spread of germs to a minimum.



Tuesday 23 May - National Young Leaders' Day

Tuesday 30 May - Northern/Central Zone Cross Country, pp 1 June

Monday 5 June - King's Birthday

Thursday 8 June - Safe Dog Handling Sessions (Rms 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 15)

Tuesday 13 June - Safe Dog Handling Sessions (Rms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9A, 10, 11, 12)

Friday 30 June - End of Term 2

Ngā mihi nui

Sharon Boese