



## UPCOMING DATES

### April

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| Fri 2  | Good Friday                    |
| Mon 5  | Easter Monday                  |
| Tue 6  | Easter Holiday - school closed |
| Fri 9  | Ride to School                 |
| Fri 16 | Assembly                       |
| Fri 16 | End of term 1                  |

### May

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| Mon 3  | Term 2 starts |
| Thur 6 | PhotoLife     |
| Tue 11 | FODS Meeting  |
| Mon 24 | Oxford Pies   |

## Community Notices

### FREE BASKETBALL PROGRAMME

30 March, 6 & 13 April

Year 3/4/5/6

3:30pm – 3:45pm Check in

3:45pm – 4:30pm Skills and Games

Year 7/8

4:15pm – 4:30pm Check in

4:30pm – 5:30pm Skills and Games

This all being held at the Pulman Arena on a Tuesday.

Any questions, please email

[tania@absl.basketball](mailto:tania@absl.basketball)



## Principal's Reflection

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It was fabulous to see so many families here on Monday evening for the first Learning Conversations for 2021. This was a great opportunity for your children to share their learning with you and for the home-school partnership to be strengthened. If you were unable to attend on Monday evening we strongly encourage you to make an appointment to see your child's teacher before or after school.

Our thoughts this week have been with the families and staff of Pigeon Mountain School in Pakuranga, tragically a young child who was hit by a car in the carpark of the school passed away over the weekend. The Auckland Principal's networks have reached out to support the school at this sad time. This is a sombre reminder to us all to take extra care around both the school and the neighbouring area. Please look out for all of our children (not just your own). You can help with this by avoiding parking and walking through the staff carpark at all times. The gates by Acorn 4, the office and Room 2 should be used for entering and exiting the school from Young Crescent.

A huge thank you to you all for your amazing support of our Easter Raffle again this year. The prizes were drawn yesterday and all the baskets have been sent home with the winning sellers to deliver to those lucky winners. A big thank you to FODS and in particular Kirsty Harris and Joanna Waters for your help to make this happen.

We are all looking forward to the Easter Break this weekend, along with this comes the end of daylight saving. **Please remember that school will also be closed on Tuesday 6 April.** The Easter break often falls within the April holidays, however being earlier this year means that we have a 5 day break in term time. While Easter Tuesday is not a public holiday the rule to close schools on Easter Tuesday was first introduced in 1954. It's unclear why exactly it was introduced, but the holiday has remained in place and is part of the Education Act legislation. We hope you all have a safe and relaxing break and we will see you back at school on Wednesday 7 April.

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Malcolm - Principal

## EYE ON NATURE

Last week a group of Year 5-8 students attended the Eye on Nature schools day at the Auckland Botanical Gardens. The students took part in a variety of activities throughout the day all with an enviro focus.

Activities included:

1. Adding pollution to freshwater to remind us that we are all accountable for the waste that enters our streams
2. A clean energy experiment where students had to power a windmill with water to activate a pulley system
3. Identifying potential hazards to look out for when using the ocean and learning how we can help to clean it up by simply using a reusable drink bottle instead of buying plastic single use bottles. Students also learnt some basic surfing techniques - on land.
4. A virtual reality dive in the Hauraki Gulf and Goat Island thanks to the Peter Blake trust.

Thanks to Mrs Lunjevich and to the parents that were able to come along and supervise!



## NAMING UNIFORM

Please ensure that all items of uniform are named. We have alarming amounts of uniform ending up in lost property throughout the year and unnamed items are difficult for us to reunite with their owners. If you need to use a permanent marker to write the name in an item of uniform, pop into the office and we can help you out.

## RIDE TO SCHOOL

We are looking forward to Ride to School next Friday, 9 April. Make sure you have purchased your tickets for a chance to win a ride in some of the awesome vehicles we have taking part this year. Tickets are on sale before school until Wednesday 7 April.

## SOCCKER FUN DAY

Last Friday some of our Year 5-8 students took part in a Football Fun Day at McLennan Park. The teams were extremely successful on and off the pitch, showing great talent and sportsmanship. Well done to these students for displaying our school values and representing our school in such a positive way. Thank you to Mrs Owen and Mrs Mostert, along with parents for managing these teams on the day.



## SKIDS OPEN TUESDAY 6 APRIL

As previously mentioned, school will be closed for Easter break on Tuesday 6 April. If you need care for this day, sKids will be open and operating from Drury School from 7.30am to 6pm. To book, please go to their website or click on this link <https://enrolmy.com/skids-sknz2/book-now/5-Drury-Teacher-Only-Day>

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Full Day 7.30am to 6.00pm \$ 55  
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 Short Day 8.30am to 3.00pm \$ 42  
 Half Day 7.30am to 12.30pm OR 12.30pm to 6.00pm \$ 37

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| <b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>Backyard Birds</b><br>Targeted activities will get creative with City Bird Homes, insect repellent, feeders, traps, and bird feeders. | <b>Tue 20<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>TERRI: Tom &amp; Jerry: The Movie</b><br>Corporal's favourite cat and mouse teams bring their classic rivalry to the big screen in the animated comedy-adventure. | <b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> April</b><br><b>Sensational Senses</b><br>Put your senses to the test with fun-filled, drawing, films, games and pop songs. | <b>Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b><br><b>THIR: Crystal Mountain</b><br>Explore the wonders of natural crystals, journey through the world's most beautiful mountains. | <b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b><br><b>PII: Spies &amp; Detectives</b><br>Can you crack the code and uncover who stole the missing diamonds? |
| <b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>Closed</b><br>Sorry, we're closed for ANZAC Day.  | <b>Tue 27<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>THIR: AR Breaks Experience</b><br>A taste-of-the-art, interactive all-in-one of our boys and girls in Black.  | <b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>Out of this World</b><br>Journey to a Galaxy far, for a day of science, space and fun.                      | <b>Thu 29<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>THIR: Kool Yaki</b><br>Embark on your first New Zealand adventure.   | <b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>Dino Dash!</b><br>Race, jump, and roar your way to the top of the world.                              |

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