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# WAKANUI NEWS

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## Caterpillars and Butterflies

Kowhai class have started the year with 13 children. Cliff, Primrose and Tessa turned 5 during the holidays and we have welcomed them into our class. We have very busy days and are often tired by the time 3 o'clock rolls around! As well as learning to read and practise our maths we have been swimming and watching our caterpillar turn into a cocoon. We have painted some monarch caterpillars - here are some of them.



### Stories from Kowhai

When it came out the butterfly was drying its wings – Henry

A caterpillar went into a cocoon and when it came out it was a butterfly – Eva

I had a caterpillar at my house so I put it outside before it made a cocoon. It was very wiggly - Cliff

My Grandma in the North Island has heaps of caterpillars at her place. The butterflies pick them up and put them on the swan plants – Edison

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## IMPORTANT DATES

22 Feb – School Duathlon  
23 Feb - Pp School Duathlon  
23 Feb – B.O.T Meeting – 6:30pm  
3 March – Junior Assembly – 2:30  
4 March – Colour Run  
11 March – Powhiri at Tinwald School  
16 March – Counties Swimming  
18 March – Pp Counties Swimming  
18 March – Whole School Assembly  
24 March – Junior Assembly  
30 March – B.O.T Meeting - 6:30pm  
2-6 April – Easter Weekend – School Closed

### A Few Reminders...

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the office by phone or email. [office@wakanui.school.nz](mailto:office@wakanui.school.nz) or ph 3023899.

The old bus stop in front of the school house is a "drop and go" area only. Please do not park there or leave your car unattended as it blocks access to the school driveway and parking spaces in front of the school house.

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to school everyone. Hopefully this week's covid 'hiccup' will be the only one we experience this year.

We've had a busy few weeks back - swimming lessons, our school bbq and class programme sessions, training for Monday's Duathlon and Swimming Sports.

New programmes and initiatives have begun across the school - collaborative STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities, Storytelling and Structured Literacy (keep an eye out on Flexischools for more information about these).

Thank you to those who have supported the Kahikatea Soap fundraiser so far - this has been very popular! Also thank you to those who have been able to help with pea straw deliveries etc. This major fundraiser helps supplement our curriculum programmes and resources, Year 7 / 8 camps to Waitangi and Abel Tasman, as well as allowing us to keep the family activity donation to a modest amount. Team Pea Straw are working hard and we are also very grateful to those who donate their paddocks for this venture.

You will see on our term calendar that we are hosting 3 school assemblies per term. We hope you can make it along to celebrate the learning that is happening in the classrooms and the Values awards that students receive.

We're looking forward to our trip to the Museum, junior assembly, the Colour Run and attending the powhiri at Tinwald School in the coming weeks. If you are able to join us at Tinwald for this, that would be fantastic. It is a great way to see what our students are learning every week in their Te Reo and Kapa haka lessons.

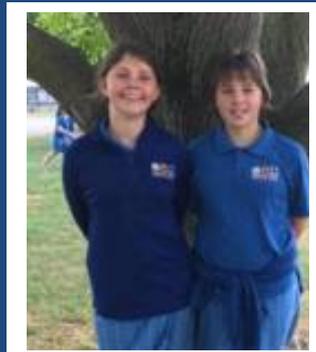
Lastly, a warm Wakanui welcome to our new families this term!

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Welcome!



A warm welcome to our new students and their families, Navarli, Tessa, Cliff and Primrose.



Head Students

Congratulations to our Head Students for 2021, Macy and Alex. We are sure you will both do Wakanui School proud.