

# COSGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER - Friday 22nd March - Issue 4



**MISSION STATEMENT:** *To improve learning outcomes by building a 'kind' school through engaging our whole community to Value learning, themselves and others.*

## From Mr Klein's Desk

*Kia Ora, Sali bonane, Talofa Lava, Malo Ni, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Sabai Di, Namaste, Chao, Kamon Achen, Hi, fakalofa lahi atu, Hola, Sous day, Nee Hao Ma, An young ha se yo, Sawat di kap, Bula, Ciao, Mobuhay, Kumusta, Askan, Dobro, Jutro, Namaskar, Dobry den, Halo Olaketa, Marhaba, Uraho, Welkom.*



Kia ora Whanau,

And just like that the term is almost over! This will be our last newsletter for the term. Only 3 weeks remain and that includes our Easter break. Please note, School is closed the Tuesday of Easter weekend so enjoy the extra time with your Tamariki.

On Wednesday, our senior syndicate hiked up to Massy park for swimming sports. The weather was beautiful and they were able to showcase some of the awesome skills they learned during their water skills programme. They all did a fantastic job and had a lot of fun. Thanks to all the staff and parents who helped.

Our new and improved website is up and running (with minor changes still being made) at [www.cosgrove.school.nz](http://www.cosgrove.school.nz). There is a section where you can contact us so please feel free to do so under that section, we love hearing from you.

Tuesday next week our football team head to McLennan park to participate in the North counties football tournament, we wish them the best of luck.

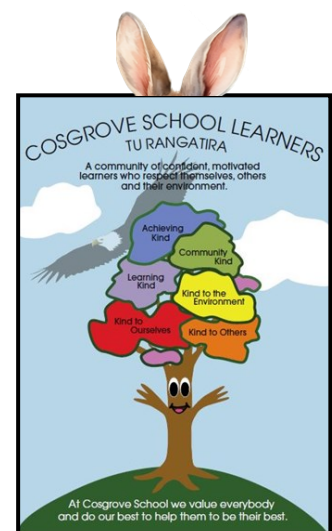
This week we say poroporoaki mo naianei (Goodbye for now) to Whaea Epiphany who is heading off on Parental leave. Her children will miss her but are being left in very good hands.

We are running a math's week at School during the holidays. If you would like to attend this, there is information further along in the Newsletter

Just another reminder that coming up on Thursday 28th March (day before Easter Friday) is a PUM (Paid Union Meeting) that teachers are required to attend. Children can finish at 1:00pm on this day. If you are planning on getting away for the Easter break this may enable you to leave a bit earlier.

Have a fantastic weekend and see you at School refreshed on Monday.

**Gus Klein | Principal**



# EVENTS

## PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALANDER.

Notices will be given to your Child closer to the time when needed for each event. School assembly's are held every Friday at 2:15 in the School hall, everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuesday 26th March	- North Counties Football
Thursday 28th March	- PUM .1:00 pm finish.
Friday 29th March SCHOOL CLOSED	- Good Friday
Monday 1st April SCHOOL CLOSED	- Easter Monday
Tuesday 2nd April SCHOOL CLOSED	- Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 3rd April	- Museum trip Rata and Totara A classrooms
Monday 8th April	- Museum trip Ruru and Totara B classrooms
Tuesday 9th April	- Museum trip Hoiho B classroom
Friday 12th April	- Last day of term 1
Monday 29th April	- First day of term 2
Friday 10th May	- TEACHER ONLY DAY
Friday 17th May	- Pink Shirt Day
Monday 3rd June	- Kings Birthday

## FIND THE BUNNY EARS!

There are 7 cheeky Easter bunnies hiding somewhere in our newsletter, but you can only see their ears!

The first person from each class to come to Margaret in the office with all 7 pairs of ears circled will win a very special Easter prize! Hop to it!

Hint...their ears look like this (not one of the 7!)



## ROAD SAFETY

A reminder for everyone to please **NOT PARK** in the School driveway to the staff carpark on Cosgrave road. Cars need to be able to freely come and go and this may include emergency vehicles.

Please also remember that yellow lines are not to be parked on at any time, it can be difficult for our road patrollers to see past your cars if you park here.

Please, help keep our Tamariki safe.



## HEALTH IS WEALTH – WINTER WARMERS Method:

The chilly mornings and evenings seem to be upon us earlier than usual this year, how about trying this yummy and nutritious recipe for dinner to-night?

### HIDDEN VEGE MAC & CHEESE

#### Ingredients:

- Pumpkin, peeled & cubed - 350 g
- Cauliflower, chopped roughly - 400 g
- Dried oregano - 1/4 tsp
- Milk - 1 cup
- Macaroni - 200 g
- Butter - 1 Tbsp
- Onion, chopped roughly - 1
- Garlic, crushed - 2 cloves
- Carrot, grated - 1
- Tasty cheese - 2 cups
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Place the pumpkin and cauliflower into a large pot. Cook in salted boiling water for 10 minutes until softened. Strain, reserving ½ cup liquid.
2. Puree the vegetables with the reserved liquid in a kitchen processor or with a stick blender. Add the oregano and milk & stir.
3. Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced).
4. Cook the macaroni as per packet instructions and strain.
5. Melt the butter in a large pot. Add the onion, garlic and carrot cooking for 5-10 minutes until lightly browned. Add in the vegetable sauce and half the cheese mixing well.
6. Stir through the macaroni then season to taste.
7. Spoon into an ovenproof baking dish. Sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Place into the oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve



# EAGLE AWARDS

Each Fortnight we give certificates to one child from each class who follow the 6 Kinds and fly like an eagle! From those, three students (1 from the senior and 2 from the junior syndicate) are chosen as our **BIG EAGLES!**

Here are our winners from the last fortnight. Well done Eagles!!!



## BIG EAGLES

**Aaliyah Edwards, Palu Uhatahi & Annais Kolotau**

## Junior

<b>Piwakawaka A</b>	Kiaan Rao
<b>Wairoa</b>	Pania Raumati
<b>Kereru A</b>	Zaveen Khan
<b>Kereru B</b>	Maia-Jade Ngapera
<b>Tui A</b>	Aaliyah Edwards
<b>Tui B</b>	Asanny Hala
<b>Pukekiwi</b>	Palu Uhatahi
<b>Turanga</b>	Skylar Minhinnick
<b>Pahurehure</b>	Aanvi Sajwan
<b>Kopuera</b>	Roneisha Deo
<b>Puketutu</b>	Adon-James Pasene-Tasi
<b>Taihiki</b>	Aj Seleni



## Senior

<b>Totara A</b>	Gursharnveer Sidhu
<b>Totara B</b>	Darren Rodrigo
<b>Kauri A</b>	Willow Maamaloa
<b>Kauri B</b>	Richard Rodrigo
<b>Ruru</b>	Annais Kolotau
<b>Pukeko</b>	Abhinav Saini
<b>Hoiho A</b>	Sienna Mateo
<b>Hoiho B</b>	Miracle-Lee Patrick
<b>Rata</b>	Navroop Dhillon

## COSGROVE SCHOOL ONLINE

Please take a moment to follow us on facebook, download the SkoolLoop app or take a look at our New Website!

[www.cosgrove.school.nz](http://www.cosgrove.school.nz)

Please note we are still in the process of updating some of the information on our website.

**All our school news in one place!**

*Download Skool Loop today*

**Simple free download:** In Google Play & App Store search "Skool Loop" and choose our school once installed.



# TOP KINDS KIDS

Well done to our Top Kinds Kids for the last 2 weeks. These students collected the most Kinds Cards from their class for the week and got to choose a special prize!

Week 6



Week 7

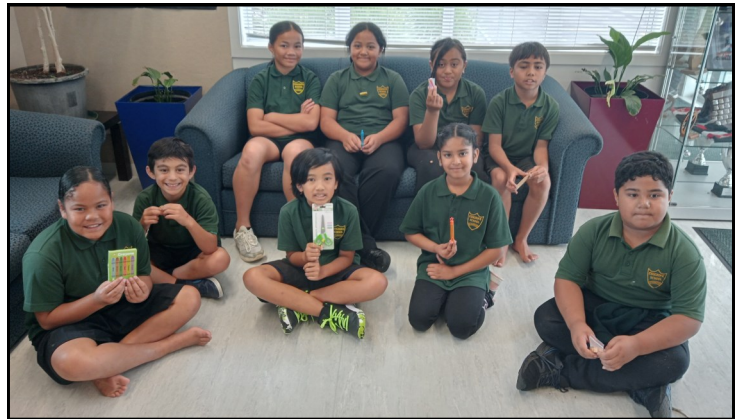
Juniors



Seniors



Juniors



Seniors

# TOP ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to our Top Attendance classes this fortnight.

Term 1, week 6 :

**Juniors: Piwakawaka A**

**Seniors: Hoiho A and Pukeko**

Term 1, Week 7:

**Juniors: Pukekiwi**

**Seniors: Pukeko**



Each week the class who has the best attendance for the week from each syndicate get a special treat for the whole class! In the warmer months it is Ice blocks and in the cooler months it will be hot chips!



# What we are learning: Piwakawaka A

Piwakawaka A – The best class full of artists and players.



**Our New Entrants in Piwakawaka A are learning these basic skills using small Balls:**

**Balancing and dribbling a Ball:**

Using a stick, they are learning to balance a ball on different body parts such as their head, shoulders, elbows, or knees. This activity helps improve their hand-eye coordination and concentration. They are encouraged to dribble the ball using their hands or feet while moving around an open space.



Students in Piwakawaka A are allowed to explore and discover their own artistic abilities in a supportive and nurturing environment. This term we learnt how to draw a self-portrait using our facial features in the right place. We also made these beautiful flowers in the vase using paint and paper plates. The paint on our hands felt cold and tickly.



# Eat Right. Be bright

## Magic Show



Our students were lucky enough to see an amazing magic show! Incorporating learning about nutritious and healthy food with magical wonderment. This show teaches kids to take control of their diets and create good attitudes towards food behaviour.

Eating nutritious and healthy food increases levels of concentration, learning ability and school attendance due to fewer sick days, leading to educational improvements for all Kiwi kids.







The Science road show was back for 2024! The kids had an awesome time looking at all the exhibits and watching the live Science show.

This year we learnt about:

The body — *Te tinana tangata*

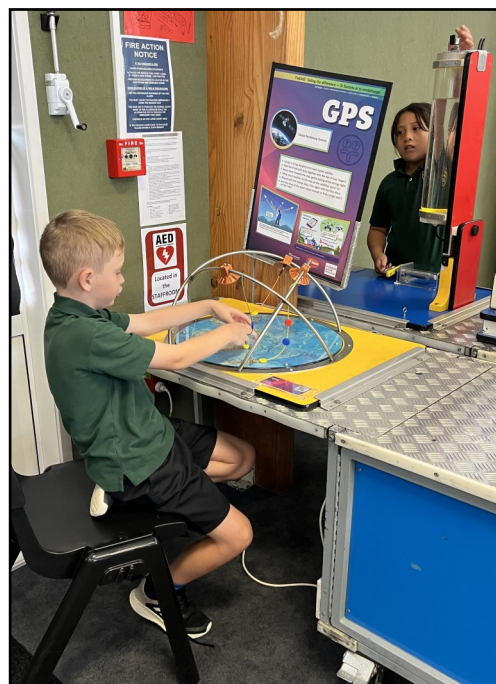
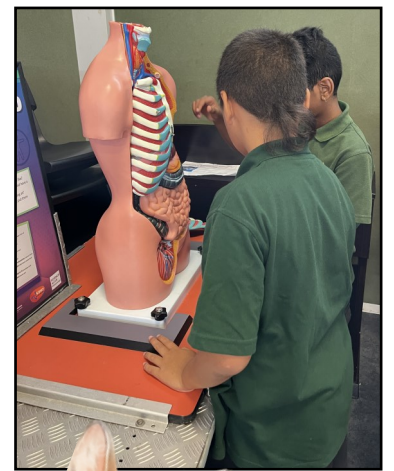
Energy — *Te Pūngao*

Materials — *Ngā Matū*

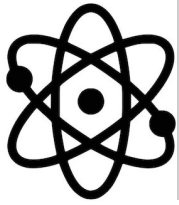
Measurement — *Te Inenga*

Spinning and whizzing — *Te Porotiti me te pūruruhū*

Telling the difference — *Te Tautohu ki te rerekētanga*







# SCIENCE STUFF



After being Inspired by the Science roadshow, Hoiho A learned about non-Newtonian fluids and even had a go at making some!

Would you like to try this at home? Its called oobleck and all you need is:

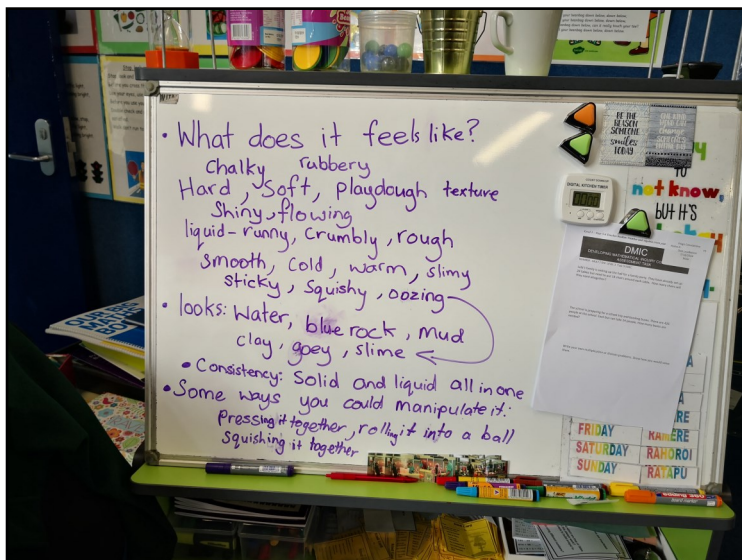
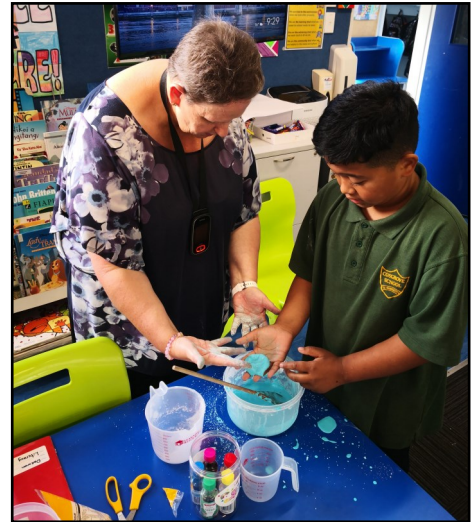
- 1.5 - 2 cups cornstarch or white cornflour
- 1 cup water
- Food colouring (optional)

Instructions:

1. Pour water into a bowl and add a few drops of food colouring if desired.
2. Add in cornstarch by the spoonful and stir until combined.

To test if your oobleck is the right consistency, try out some these little experiments that also show off the unique properties of non-Newtonian fluids.

- Pick the oobleck up out of the bowl by squeezing it in your hand to form a ball. Uncurl your fist and the oobleck should drip out of your hands like a liquid.
- Take a spoon (or any kitchen utensil) and quickly hit the surface of the oobleck. The spoon will bounce back, giving the appearance of oobleck having a hard surface. Press the spoon slowly against the oobleck, however, and it will sink instead.
- Try swirling your fingers or a utensil through the bowl of oobleck – slowly at first, then quickly. You will face far more resistance when trying to move quickly through the oobleck.





# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**FREE FREE FREE**  
Maths Holiday Programme

**Monday 22nd April - Wednesday 24th April**  
8:45 - 12:30  
**Enrol Now!**

Scan to complete enrollment.

Your child will need to bring morning tea and a water bottle.

OR follow the link [Cosgrove Holiday Programme](#)

# PARKFEST

*Central Park Opaheke Rd, Papakura*

## ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY  
**23**  
MARCH  
10AM - 2PM

Local Entertainment  
Community Stalls  
Food Trucks  
Market Stalls

Clowns  
Facepainting  
Bouncy Castle  
*Plus so much more*



*Come along and enjoy a family fun day in the park*

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