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Brandon Intermediate



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Kia ora koutou,
Term two is underway and all students have settled in well. We welcome to the school both Jodi Evaga and Jermaine Johns and are pleased to see them enjoying their learning in Room Five.

Brandon Intermediate is a growing school. We now have eight classrooms and are very happy to have Mr Aue teaching this new class in Room Five. Congratulations to the Room Five students who have settled in so well with the transition, you are managing this change and I know you will have great 2019 with both learning and the Brandon Intermediate experience!

Thank you to the students pictured for supporting the recent event at the Salvation Army. The event was to celebrate the work both OPSM and the Salvation Army have been doing with getting glasses to people in our community.



Drive Way – Terms two and three

Thank you to everyone who is helping keep the driveway safe for our students. During the winter terms we ask that students use the concrete footpath in the mornings, to both protect their shoes and also to reduce grass and mud coming into the school buildings. Students may **choose** use the field or footpath in leaving the school, as 196 students on one footpath at the same time is proving too dangerous.

Board of Trustees

School trustee elections are happening this term and we need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of our students. Boards of trustees play an important role in our school community creating a better future for our children. Nomination forms are being mailed out this week and we have 5 parent trustee spaces to fill.

Parents / caregivers and people in the wider community can be school trustees. School boards need to represent the diversity of our school community to ensure a bright future for all our children. If you would like to know more about the role please approach me (phone, email or call in) and I will share with you what is involved.

Camp 2019

Camp is a **BIG** deal for our students. We are again offering a 4 day camp to Curious Cove in the Marlborough Sounds. The cost to attend camp will be \$250. Costs (such as transport and accommodation) have increased for this event from previous years but we still believe that it is a great experience to be able to offer our students. The school will be applying for grants and undertaking fundraising activities. Fundraising will be in two parts:

1. Spellathon; where students can raise money towards their own \$250.
2. Concerts and other events to raise at least \$5000 towards paying for the adults who will be needed.

You are welcome to start making payment towards the cost by either making cash/efpos deposits at the school office or setting up an automatic payment to the following account, using your child's name as a reference:

Account Name: Brandon Intermediate
Account Number: 12-3254-0056665-00

Catch a Bus to school

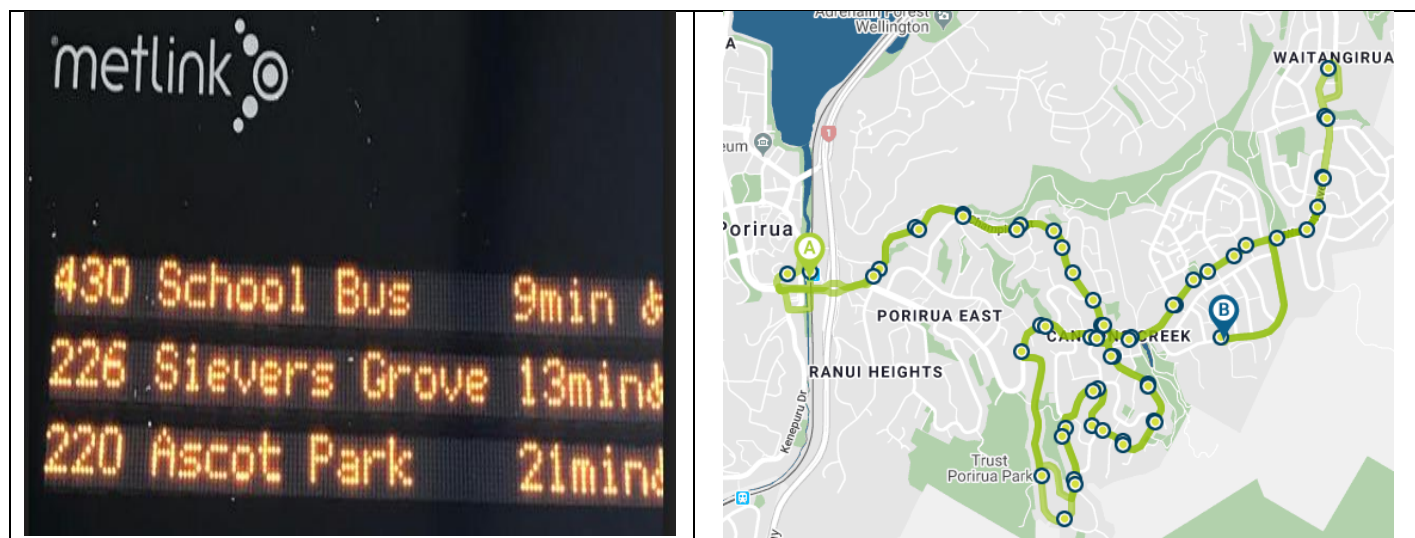
Mana Coach Services have put on a dedicated bus for students to get to both Porirua College and Brandon Intermediate.

I went for ride on the bus last week and it was a fun experience. The route is the 430 and it leaves from Porirua Station at 8:26am and will drop the students opposite Maraeroa school at 8:50am. Students can get on at many stops as the route below shows.

This may good option for students living a long way from school especially as winter sets in.

Students can use cash or a snapper card. More information can be found at -

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/timetables/school/430>



Swimming:

Congratulations to all the students taking part in swimming lessons. These lessons are so important and the school goes to a lot of effort to get students to the deep water pools at Te Rauparaha Arena where the lessons are more about safety in deep water (rather than just swimming up and down the pool). These are survival skills that may one day save lives. Please help to ensure that your child is involved as it is an expectation that every Brandon student learn these vital skills.

Free Firewood – Reminder

There is a large collection of firewood stored at the school. We would like to offer this to anyone interested. It may require some chopping up – but it has been drying out for quite some time so should be ready for this winter. Please ask at the office if interested.

Aotea College Enrolments 2020

All students whose usual and permanent place of residence is within the Aotea College home zone are entitled to a place at Aotea College. Due to pressure of numbers a limit of 10 places are available for Year 9 out of zone enrolments for 2020. No out of zone enrolments can be taken for Years 10 to 13 in 2020. Enrolments for 2020 are now being accepted and forms are available from the school website <https://www.aotea.school.nz/>

St Mary's College Open Day

St Mary's College will be holding their Open Day on June 13th from 9am. For further information please contact the St Mary's school office (04) 473 5554.

Coming up

Date	Event	Who / Where
Thursday May 16 th	Whanau Hui	All students families and caregivers
Wednesday May 15 th	Football Tournament (Girls)	Wakefield Park
Thursday May 16 th	Football Tournament (Boys)	Wakefield Park

Kia ora
Paul McKendry
Principal