

Each year, there is a NZ Bully Free Week that most NZ schools participate in. There is a particular focus on Bully Prevention and the **Power of Kindness**. This year, **Pink Shirt Day** or Anti Bullying Day is on Friday 21 May. It is a day when people wear pink to show they are against bullying. We are celebrating **Kindness and being Kind Friends** and encourage everyone to come to school with a **dash of Pink** next Friday 21st May.

Kindness at the Gate and in the School Grounds

Once again I ask you all to be kind and considerate when dropping off or picking up your children. Parking in driveways, on yellow lines, in green cycle lanes or school carparks is **NOT** OK! It is dangerous for our children, for cyclists and other drivers. Yesterday, I received a written complaint from a cyclist who could not get past the school as a car was parked right across the cycle lane. What made it worse was that the cyclist had obscenities yelled at her. This is a disgusting way to behave in or close to Bankwood School. We work hard to teach the children about kindness, respect and what language is appropriate to use. It makes it difficult when adult members of the community behave in this manner. I ask that each and every one of you are positive role models for all our children. **Be Kind to each other.**

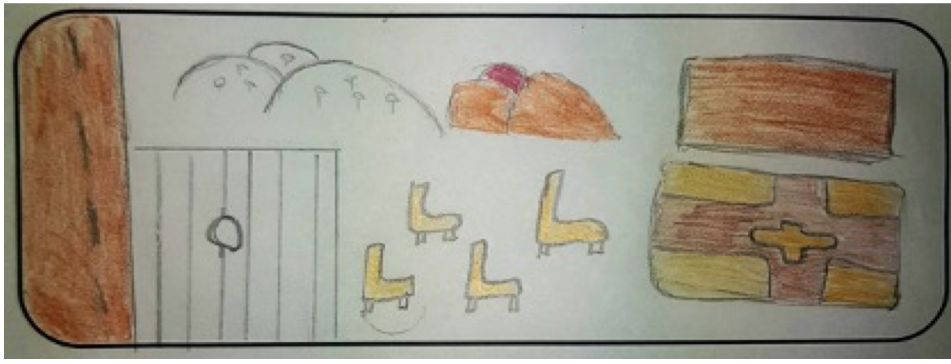
For many years we have been supported by St Pauls' Collegiate in what is called 'Over the Fence'. Twice a week, a group of senior students visit. They spend time in classrooms supporting learning and then move into the playground and play games. Our children really enjoy this time with the 'big kids'. To add to that, we are honoured to receive a donation from the St Paul's Gala Day. This year we received \$4,500 which we will use to purchase play equipment across the school. Ms Holford accepted this donation on the school's behalf when she visited St Pauls with the Year 5 and 6 children.

What's On This Term

Monday - Friday	17 - 21 May	Pink Week
Wednesday	19 May	Olympian Visiting Year 3 - 6
Friday	21 May	Pink Day
Thursday	20 May	Teina Visit to Gardens (Rooms 10 -13)
Wednesday	26 May	Assembly Tuakana leading
Thursday	27 May	Firewise for Pohutukawa
Monday	31 May	Year 6 attend Fairfield Intermediate show
Friday	4 June	Teacher Only Day No School
Monday	7 June	Queen's Birthday No School
Wednesday	9 June	Assembly Room 10 - 13 leading
Wednesday	23 June	Assembly Room 5 - 8 leading
Wednesday	7 July	Assembly
Friday	9 July	Term 2 Ends



Regards, Kay Cleaver, Principal.



Remembering Papa By Aaliyah

My eyes remember seeing my great grandpa die.
 My ears remember hearing my great grandpa's favourite song.
 My mouth remembers saying I love you to my favourite grandpa.
 My hands remember writing messages to heaven.
 My feet remember tingling when I heard my grandpa had died.
 My mind remembers thinking of my awesome grandpa.
 My heart remembers me being so sad after what happened.
 My nose remembers red flowers.

Remembering Poems By Room 2



At the Moana By Shyla

My eyes remember seeing the crowd.
 My ears remember hearing 1000 people talk.
 My mouth remembers tasting the salt of the beach water going into my mouth.
 My hands remember the heat burning my fingers.
 My feet remember the feeling of the soft sand.
 My mind remembers me happily with my family.
 My nose remembers the smell of the fish and chips as it entered my mouth.
 My heart remembers me having fun with my family.



The Hot Sand By Raquel

My eyes remember seeing the clear sky and sun.
 My ears remember listening to the water washing.
 My mouth remembers tasting the salt water.
 My hands remember touching the hot sand.
 My feet remember lying on my floaty in the water.
 My mind remembers looking at the beach.
 My heart remembers beating in the water.

