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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### ASB LAST WEEK THIS WEEK.



#### TERM DATES:

End of Term 3: 1st October

Term 4 Starts: 18th October

#### School Production:

- **2 December**

#### SWIMMING TERM 4

- School PE Clothes to be worn.
- Rm 1 and 2 Thursday afternoons
- Rm 4 and 5 Friday afternoons

## SUMMER UNIFORM

Term 4 Monday the first day back.

Only one main change...

**Hats: Blue School Hats:** Blue bucket hats: Blue brimmed hats.

**NO Caps. School Fleece:** NOT coloured hoodies. **Shoes: black** – any type of black.

NOT white, red, yellow, flouro etc please.



It will be compulsory for all students to wear their hat at morning tea and lunch times. If they have forgotten their hat, they can still play outside, but only under the veranda in the shade. It is for their protection. It is also a school policy.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wow. The last week of the third term. It seems to have been a very long term. The three weeks in lockdown didn't help.

I like the following quote from Pope Francis.

Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We must encourage people to move towards what they think is good... Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he or she conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place. Pope Francis.

Each week at school, one or two teachers at least, have a conversation with some students about 'good choices' We keep trying to push the message that 'if you practise making good choices then you'll get better at it.' Also, if you practise kindness, honesty, playing fairly, etc then you'll get better at that as well. Sadly quite a few students come into my office because of a poor choice and have a convenient lapse of memory or are very spartan with the truth. My question is the same each time..." What do you want to get better at? Honesty and truthfulness? If so, then practise that."

Over the next two weeks, please make the time to have a conversation or three with you child about this. Give them scenarios and ask them, "what would you do if you saw someone doing this? And why?" E.g. if someone from another younger class, was writing graffiti on the fence, what would you do? If that person was your best friend, what would you do? Is the answer different? Why?

It is good for your child to practise appropriate responses to different situations, before they get into that situation. We do role plays at school. Try having them at home. As Pope Francis says, everyone has their own idea of what right and wrong is. How do you know your child's idea is the same as yours? Do they have the courage to make the right choices when it involves their best mate?

Life is a journey, and we don't expect anyone to be perfect as we live our daily lives. So, in community lets continue to support each other, starting with our families, our friends and those with whom we come in contact with, to practise 'good' choices. Don't leave it to chance that your child will make the right choice.

#### Blessings

Tony

#### Changes to Kowhai class in Term 4

As you know Sophie Brooky has been on Medical leave for these last two weeks. Sadly, she won't be returning. She will be working at two other schools in Wellington next term. We would like to thank her for her contribution to our school, in particular to Kowhai class, these last two terms.

We have restructured our programme so will only be employing a teacher for one day a week on Wednesdays in Kowhai class. We will be using the Tuakana-Teina (Big brother/sister – Little brother/sister) model in the afternoons. A separate letter to Kowhai class and Pohutukawa class explains this in more detail.

## OUR MERCY VALUES

Encourage your child to think about our Mercy Values and write a prayer



## OUR GOSPEL VALUE:

**EMPATHY**



### BUILDING WORK AT SCHOOL

We have been waiting all year for the renovations to start. Finally, it is starting.

**These holidays** the following will take place. New membrane on the roof – above the corridor. Replacing the old butanol roof.

The sandpit will be moved to a new location. (Back fence between the two trees).

Preparations will begin, to build a covered deck out from Kowhai class (for water play etc) . Later, sliding doors will be added so students can easily go outside to play under cover and safely.

New LED lighting in all the classrooms.

New fire alarm system throughout the school.

**We are waiting** for suppliers to provide the materials for the following. Once New windows for Room 2.

New shelving for Room 3 and connecting door to Room .

The area behind the library will be completely stripped and made into a designed storage space with moving shelving.

Ramps to make access out of all the classrooms easier

Handrail down the right hand steps to the junior playground

New gate going into the carpark. Metal and magnetic.

New fence to go along the Northern boundary.

New high wire fence to prevent balls from going into the neighbour's place. When the materials arrive, the builders will start. There will be some room rotations to avoid having students in the same room as the builders. Once we have the materials on site, then we will believe it is about to start.

### CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEK

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/126492635/five-easy-phrases-to-start-learning-mandarin-in-nz-chinese-language-week>

你好

Nǐ hǎo Hello

你好吗?

Nǐ hǎo ma? How are you (doing)?

我很好, 谢谢

Wǒ hěn hǎo, xièxiè I am fine thanks.

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS

#### MATHS WHIZZERS

17 September: Beimnet, Mane, Rehan & Emmanuel.

24 September: Rehan, Natnael A, Nobel & Kyrie.

#### STEPS WEB

17 September: Christiaan.

24th September: Benjamin.

#### READ THEORY

24th September: Nardos

Writing champs Nardos & Ryan

#### GOSPEL VALUES: EMPATHY

17 September: Diana, Ryan, John, Darius, Elijha & Silone.

24th September: Elijah.

#### GO GETTERS

13 August: Selam, Serenity, Ryan, Miriam, Darius, John & Benjamin.

Writing certificate: Aaron G Climate change report by Snoop Dog.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This fortnight we pray for children celebrating their birthdays.



Mariam Dawood



Ryan Johnson



Benjamin Benyamen



Aidan Joy



James Chung



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