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WEEKLY EVENTS

Swimming

Swimming starts next week 2pm

Thursday 10th February Rooms 1 & 5

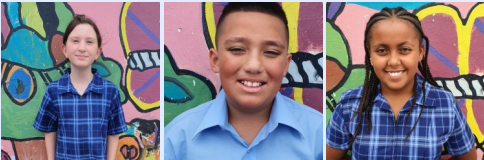
Friday 11th February Rooms 4 & 6



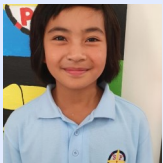
TERM DATES:

- 7TH FEBRUARY NO SCHOOL WAITANGI DAY
- 10TH February Meet the teacher night, either by Zoom or Teams. Emails will be sent out.
- 11th February St Catherine's Technology.
- 24th February BOT Meeting 6pm

We welcome to Kauri class as Year 7s Mela Diamantis, Harlem Vaigafa, and Ruth Bekana



We welcome to Pohutukawa, Year 4 Miana Cayamdas,



We welcome to Kowhai Year 1, Devante Latu, Eketarina Ah Kuoi, and Johanna Saili.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tony Kelly-Smith

Principal

Welcome to the start of a new year. In spite of the threat of lockdown sometime in the future, we are all excited to be back.

We have 7 new students, 5 new families, starting on day one and a few more in a week or two.

Thank you for the way in which your child/ren were ready for school. The clothing, the stationary and most importantly a positive attitude. We are very grateful for all your behind the scenes hard work.

COVID Red light rules for the school.

I understand that the MoE have put these rules in place to help keep us safe. But they are frustrating at times. We all acknowledge that, and are hoping that our efforts will help prevent the vulnerable from dying or having a major life long affect.

Main rules that affect us, are:

Mask wearing by all adults on the school site. Thank you for observing this on day one.

No coming into the building unless you are seeing Leanne at the office or have an

appointment with a teacher or the principal.

Therefore, no waiting in the corridors.

Wait outside the gate for your child to come to you.

We are following the guidelines and regulations set by the Ministry of Education.

Students in Years 5 to 8 have to wear masks. All other students it is optional. (Our year 4 students are in a class with Year 3 students, so don't have to wear one in class)

The teachers are mindful of getting the children outside often, so that the children can be mask free.

If your child is getting a rash or some other side affect from wearing the mask, please let us know.

Help required with housing:

We have two families needing accommodation. One family wants to move from a one bedroom house to a two bedroom house. The other needs a three bedroom place.

If you know of anyone who is moving or you know a landlord who is looking for a good family, let Tony know please.

Thank you.

OUR MERCY VALUES

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

OUR GOSPEL VALUE:

STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship

talent
planning
time
giving
PLEDGE
caring
faith
community
support
LOVE
treasure
growing
VISION
commitment
sharing
blessing

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This fortnight we pray for children celebrating their birthdays.



Devante



Serenity



Rehan



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If Covid comes to the school...

We take our advice from the **MoE**. If and when a staff member or a student gets COVID we will contact you all immediately. The school may NOT close down. Potentially only the class the child/adult was in, will close.

Some proposals for teaching during Omricon. DRAFT ONLY

If the teacher is a close contact and does NOT have Covid, they will try and teach from home. The students will be in the class and the teacher is on the screen. Another adult will be in the classroom, if we can arrange to have one.

If the teacher has covid from outside of the school, we get a relief teacher.

We will follow the advice from the MoE/health as to what happens to the children in the teacher's class.

There is a shortage of relief teachers currently, so we will cross that bridge when we get to it.

If a large number of children are self-isolating at home, we will try and support them as best we can. E.G. They join the classroom online for particular sessions like, reading and maths etc.

We will send an email early next week and a paper copy, updating your computer requirements so the students are ready to learn from home.

Health Reminders

Please let us know if you or someone in your house is self-isolating due to a close contact situation.

Please keep your child home, if they have a runny nose, sneezing or other COVID/COLD like symptoms. If a child has to get tested for COVID, when in fact it was just a cold, then it affects the whole family, who have to self-isolate.

