

## Term 1 Week 3

Monday 12 February 2018



“Te Ako i te Ora” - “Learning through Living”

From the Principal's Pen .....

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Meet the Teachers Evening - Tuesday 13 February

We look forward to seeing as many of our parents and caregivers as possible, tomorrow evening, at 6:00pm in the hall, for the Meet the Teacher evening. The evening will start with a brief introduction, then you will meet with your child's teacher and team leader. The aim is to finish the evening around 7:15pm.

After 7:15pm, the Friends of the School (FOS) team are meeting in the Staffroom to discuss this year's plans for fundraising and fun activities, and welcome you all to attend, to help with the organisation, and also to share new ideas and meet with a very inclusive and dedicated group of volunteers.

### Symbols around the School

You will see the harakeke (NZ Flax) symbol on our letters, website and brochures. In the school grounds the flax bushes (PA Harakeke) on the field were planted in the shape of the Marlborough 'M' and one of the aims this year, is to ensure the flax bushes remain healthy and truly represent our school belief. The harakeke has been chosen as the graphic and vision for our school.



### Harakeke Proverb

Hutia te rito o te harakeke  
Kei whea e Komako e ko?  
Ki mai ki ahau;  
He aha te mea nui o te Ao?  
Maku e ki atu  
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

### Flax Bush Proverb

If the heart of the harakeke was removed  
Where will the Bellbird sing?  
If I was asked, what is the most  
Important thing in the world;  
I would be compelled to reply,  
It is people, it is people, it is people.

The proverb reflects the Maori reference to the harakeke as a whanau or family group.

### Life on a Harakeke bush (our school community)

The flax bush will often support a large community of animal, providing shelter and an extensive food source. Tui, bellbirds, geckos, insects and snails enjoy the nectar.

### Visiting our School Site?

If you are on the school grounds during the school day, (we know this happens when your child has forgotten something) please ensure you go to the school office first to sign in, before going to the classroom. Remember to sign out too. It is only by doing this that we have an indication of who is on our school grounds and it also helps us with ensuring the safety of all our students during the school day.

### Daily Arrival

Please help us by ensuring your child arrives at school on time (before 8:55am) As when they arrive late they often miss vital information about their day, are unsettled about walking in late, and are often embarrassed. If your child is late, then they will need to go to the office and collect a yellow 'late card' and sign the 'late book' as well.

I know that sometimes arriving late at school cannot be helped, and is out of your control, so thank you to all those who regularly arrive early, thereby allowing your child time to settle and have fun with their peers before school starts.

Look!

Tuesday 13 February

'Meet the Teacher' evening  
6:00pm in the hall

Friday 16 February

Junior and Middle  
Combined assembly @  
9:10am

Wednesday 28  
February

New Entrant Parent  
Meeting

2018

### Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 31 January  
to Friday 13 April

Easter Break

Friday 30 March to  
Tuesday 3 April

Term 2

Monday 30 April  
to Friday 6 July

Term 3

Monday 23 July  
To Friday 28 September

Term 4

Monday 15 October  
To Friday 14 December

### Community of Learners (COL)

At the end of 2016 we formally joined the Kaipatiki Community of Learners (COL) which comprises the following schools: Manuka Primary, Target Road Primary, Windy Ridge Primary, Bayview Primary, Wairau Valley Special School, Glenfield Primary, Intermediate and College, as well as three Early Childhood/Kindergartens.

Therefore, we support each other to raise standards in education. The schools work as a whole, and the professional development called Visible Learning is individualised for each school. With this in mind, each of our teachers joined all the other schools and their teachers for a whole day of professional development on January 30th, at Glenfield College, to continue our journey.

The **Senior Team** will be starting the process of **Student Council Elections** this week by registering to vote, and writing a Candidate's speech..

### House Points Winner

The winning House from last year's accumulation of House points and 'Shout Out's' was **MIRO**. They will have the opportunity to have a swimming pool party at lunchtime on: **Thursday 22 February** (next week)

### Weekly Merit Certificates

Room 1	Chase P-C., Michelle J.	Room 2	Lincoln G., Stephan S.
Room 3	Marco R., Zoya W.	Room 4	Jordan S., Kaleann M.
Room 5	Maria N., Harry C.	Room 7	Anisa P., Stitch L.
Room 8	Georgia H., Matthew Y.	Room 10	Vanessa J., Eshaan K.
Room 11	Khyzzl P., Jonathan N.	Room 12	Annie T., Adan B.
Room 13	Ryan S., Nazeeha F.	Room 14	Zeek P., Hunter Mc
Room 15	-	Room 16	William T-KL., Sophie O.

### Mathletics Certificate

Congratulations to Abby E. on receiving a Gold Certificate for her Mathletics achievement.

### Dates for your Diary .....

Friday 16 February	Junior and Middle combined assembly at 9:10am
Wednesday 28 February	New Entrant Parent Meeting at 6:00pm in Room 7
Friday 9 March	Junior and Senior combined assembly at 9:10am
Tuesday 13 March	Class Photos
Wednesday 14 March	Minifair—organised by Senior team
Tuesday 20 March	School 'A-Thon'
Wednesday 21 March	Celebration of Learning at 3:15—5:30pm
Friday 23 March	Middle and Senior combined assembly at 10:45am

### Assembly Times:

Juniors - Friday at 9:05\*  
Middles - Friday at 12:00\*  
Seniors - Friday at 10:50am\*

\*These times are for single-team assemblies. Combined assemblies are as stated above.

### Students with BYOD Chrome Books

All students with BYOD Chromebooks will need to bring them into the school office on **Thursday** of this week. Please make sure they have a sticky 'post it note' or similar on the Chromebook that states the student's name and their password. Our IT technician will be working on them for the day.

Have a great week everyone.

Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'

### Reminders: .....

- ♦ Scholastic book orders due in at school by Friday of this week
- ♦ Sushi orders to the office by 3pm tomorrow (Tuesday)
- ♦ School Donations can be paid at the office, or by internet banking. If paid in full (or you have set up payments online) by 29 March, your child will have continued access to the Mathletics programme.