



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

From the Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Athletics Day

Sports Day for the Middle and Senior School students became a washout for the field events. Thankfully, all the sprint races were completed and what an amazing group of supportive children we have! They helped each other to do their best. They celebrated and commiserated with each other. We will have attempted to complete the field events today, as the weather started out nice and fine.

As soon as the juniors know, they will let you know when their re-scheduled sports afternoon is taking place.

Onepoto Cultural Festival

We were so fortunate with the weather on Friday - all participants, parents and audience had a wonderful time. Our senior Kapa Haka group had to endure a long wait as all the participating students performed so well, that the watching audience did not want them to leave the stage! Our students then entered the hall, prepared themselves and began to perform. They held the audience’s attention with their poise, dedication to detail and the pronunciation of their waiata’s. Once the students with the long poi came on stage, the audience hushed and watched in awe at the skills of these students.

Well done to you all and to Mrs Matkin for her dedication and work in honing the Kapa Haka group skills.

International Food Festival

It is happening this Friday 30 November from 5:00—8:00pm. Come along and join in the fun. A wonderful opportunity to see children perform - the outside stage is fully booked all evening with children performing—individually as well as in groups. Come along. Be prepared to buy and look at the children’s stalls and craft stalls - a lot of effort by all to raise money to complete the pool upgrade.

Cake boxes came home on Friday. Please bake, and send the items to school on Friday of this week. If you missed out on getting a cake box, you can collect one from the school office.

If you can help in any way on the night, please see a FOS member—and/or contact Sarah Wrigley on 021 2888 5550 to put your name down. If you could give just half an hour of your time, it would be very much appreciated.

Return of Reading books and School journals

Please check under beds, on shelves in bedrooms, the back of the car, and under sofas for those elusive reading books. We are about to start stocktaking them in Week 8 and would love to have as many back as possible.

Also, could you please check that all **library books are returned to Room 8**, so they can be added to the stocktake totals.

Reports

This weekend, I was able to read the first sets of the end of year report. This is always a busy time for all stressful for teachers - with time constraints to complete them as well as teaching every day in class. The reports I read were a tribute to those students’ academic achievements and skill attributes they have acquired and honed over the year. Well done.

Look!

Friday 30 November
International Food Festival
5pm—8pm at school

Monday 3 - Friday 7 December
Year 5/6 Camp

Thursday 6 December
Inter-school athletics

Friday 7 December
9:00am
Junior Prizegiving

11:00am
Middle Prizegiving

Monday 10 December
Monitorial Trip to Parakai

Tuesday 11 December
Year 5/6 Prizegiving and Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 12 December
Year 0-2 classes to Marlborough Park

Thursday 13 December
FOS Iceblock Day

Attendance

I thought I would just remind you, before some are surprised by their child’s report, that **holidays taken during school term time are not justified absences.**

The Ministry of Education and our attendance data shows that a number of students are taking holidays during school term time, even though we know your reasons for doing so. According to the Ministry of Education, these reasons given are unjustified, and are recorded as such on our database, as well as on term reports.

Congratulations to:

Zoram S., Tuaine R., Cooper J., Jordan D., and William B., for being selected to play at the National Tag Tournament on Friday 7 December. They are competing in the Under-10’s and Under 8’s respectively.

Weekly Merit Certificates

Room 1	Jayda A., Mia C., Mia A. Damian C	Room 2	Luka R., Stephan S.
Room 3	-	Room 4	Joji S., Isla M
Room 5	Arielle S., Peter J.	Room 6	Rhion K., Leona C.
Room 7	Daniel E., Lennan S.	Room 8	
Room 10	Olivia B., Momo G.	Room 11	Jonathan N., Sofia B.
Room 12	Luke G., Tom H.	Room 13	Patrick M., Emerson S., Nazeeha F., Eva R.
Room 14	Vivian y., Luca P., Nathan E., Lilyth O.		
Room 15	Mansirat B., Kaito H., Isaac B., Jorja S.		
Room 16	Calia D., Steven F.	Room 17	Lilly S.

Have a great week everyone

Sue Buckley

‘Learning is at the heart of our journey together’

‘Opposites’ Day - Thursday 13 December

The Student Council will be holding an ‘Opposites’ Day for the **senior students** (Rooms 2, 3,4 and 16) on Thursday of Week 9. Come dressed as a boy/girl, wear your clothing back-to-front, etc

Miniball

Final games this week. Some game times have been changed. Please check online to confirm.

Marlborough Meteors	v	Chelsea Colts	3:55pm	NSEC 2
Marlborough Bullets	v	GPS Warriors	6:40pm	AUT 2
Marlborough Flames	v	Willowpark Raiders	6:15pm	AUT

Glenfield Santa Parade

Sunday 2 December (this week)

Our school is walking in the parade. Join us. Families, siblings, the more, the merrier!

Please meet at High Road at 10:00am.

Fill out the permission slip that is on the form that came home last week, and return it to school by this Thursday.

Reminders:

- ◆ Sushi Orders to the Office by 12noon each Tuesday
- ◆ Sunhats must be worn when outside during the day.