



"Te Ako i te Ora" - "Learning through Living"

From the Principal's Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It seems strange to be writing 'Week 7', when it only seems like we are just starting the term! To think we only have 13 more weeks of learning for the year, is pretty scary, but our focus for returning to school is to re-connect with our students, engage them in school activities and assure them that they are safe at school. Yesterday we had about 3/4 of our school returning on site, which is great, and we look forward to seeing the others returning as soon as possible, so we can be **our school** with all its members, once more.

We have strict hygiene protocols in place:

- ◇ Hand sanitise on entering classrooms and exiting them
- ◇ Use the correct coughing etiquette - into their elbow
- ◇ Blowing their nose and disposing of tissues
- ◇ Washing their hands regularly
- ◇ Sending children who are sick, home
- ◇ and most importantly, if your child is unwell, keep them at home.

With your support in this, we can ensure our school is safe for our students and staff.

If you do come to the school site to drop off or collect your children, you will need to **scan the QR Code on the Office door, classroom doors, or gates, sign in and hand sanitise.**

It has worked very well with the 'kiss and wave' drop off in the morning, and even yesterday we only had a very small number of students who needed support to go to their classrooms. As previously stated, the gates are open for entry but are closed (not locked) for our security and safety. The end of the day went very well yesterday. The children knew the routine and just went about leaving the school grounds as a normal part of their school life.

In fact, it was lovely to hear the buzz of voices, the excitement and raised voices when they played sport. It has been a very quiet couple of weeks and as a school is not a school without its children. The children of 'essential workers' who were here over the last few weeks were excellent - but it must have seemed very strange for them on a whole school site - but they could not play on the playground equipment, and games played were individual as they were not allowed to share equipment. They also completed their on-line learning, work packs and worked with teachers. I am sure they were glad to be back at school with their friends too.

New Enrolments for 2021

If you have a child turning 5 between October this year, and March next year, please fill out an enrolment form and hand it in at the Office, as soon as possible. You will be aware that as of 2021, we will have an enrolment scheme in place (zone) so we need to know the number of 'out of zone' enrolments that we will have for next year. Enrolment packs are available from the Office Foyer, or on our website.

Principal's Awards

This week Leona C. and Alessandra Q. of Room 9 showed me their 'Water Cycle' diagrams. A wealth of information beautifully presented. Well done!

Have a great week everyone

Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'

CALENDAR DATES



**Wednesday
2 September**

'Celebration of
Learning'

3:00 - 4:00pm in classes
To be re-scheduled once
we are in Level 1



Science Fair
2:30 - 4:00pm

To be
re-scheduled once we are
in Level 1

School Cross Country

will be re-scheduled once
we are in Level 1.

Wednesday 14 October

Board of Trustees
Meeting

7:00pm in Board Room
(if at Level 1)

New Entrant Parent
Meeting

6:30pm in Rm 19/20
(Hall)



Monday 26 October

Labour Day
No school on this day

Term Dates

2020

Term 3

Monday 20 July to
Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October to
Friday 11 December

2021

Term 1

Tuesday 2 February