



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

From the Principal’s Pen .....

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are rapidly approaching the end of 2020 - a year of extremes and changing and challenging demands on yourselves, your families, and on the teachers and school.

We are nearing the end of this extraordinary year and I wish to thank you for the wonderful support you have provided to your own children and the staff and school as a whole, in these trying times.

**Staff Changes for 2021**

There are a few staffing changes for the 2021 school year. Mrs Henty is returning from maternity leave, Mr Ryan is remaining with us, and Miss Nicholson-Byers is leaving us to pursue new avenues. We wish her well for her future and thank her for the role she has played this year at school.

With the impending arrival of 4 new classrooms over the Christmas holiday, all the classrooms will have to be renumbered to create a more logical flow. The new classrooms will be numbered: 13,14,15 and 16.

- ◇ Current Room 13 to be renumbered Room 17;
- ◇ Current Room 14 to be renumbered Room 18;
- ◇ Current Room 15 to be renumbered Room 19;
- ◇ Current Room 16 to be renumbered Room 20;
- ◇ Current Room 17 to be renumbered Room 21;
- ◇ Current Room 18 to be renumbered Room 22
- ◇ The old Dental Clinic will be renamed as the “Making Room”.

**Finally, some teachers have moved year levels for next year:**

- Year 5/6 teachers will be: Mr Ogg, Mrs Beattie, Mrs Wotton and Mrs Martel
- Year 4/5 teacher will be: Mr Ryan.
- Year 3/4 teachers will be: Miss Williamson, Mrs McGrath, Mrs Kim, Miss Bohling and Mrs Shoebridge.
- Year 2 teachers will be: Mrs Tiplady, Mrs Hildesley, Mrs Leathart, Miss Sussex and Mrs Henty.
- Year 1 teachers will be: Mrs Warner, Mrs Hogarth, Mrs Malhotra and Mrs Pratt.

Mrs Light will continue with Reading Recovery and support programmes; Mrs Sinawi will continue working with Mrs Warner; Mrs Woodman will continue working with Mrs Wotton.

**Still to happen .....**

The  **juniors** still have their ‘Have a Go’ Athletics sports day happening on Wednesday 9 December;

This **Wednesday 2 December**, is the Cluster Athletics Day, that was postponed from last week due to the poor weather conditions that were forecast.

This week sees the **Junior Prizegiving on Friday at 9:15am** in the junior courtyard followed by the **Seniors (Years 3-5) at 11:00am**, also in the junior courtyard.

The **Year 6 Graduation and Prizegiving event is on Monday 7 December, 6:00pm** at Glenfield Intermediate School Hall, followed by the Graduation Disco.

**Lost Property**

We have managed to accumulate a lot of lost property and it has found its way to the Library! Please take a look before the end of term, as it will then be gifted and redistributed to a new owner. Please label all items of clothing with your child’s name and remove the old name from gifted items of clothing.

**CALENDAR DATES**

- **Wednesday 2 December**  
Cluster Athletics  
Onewa Domain  
9:15-2:00pm  
  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
6:00pm
- **Friday 4 December 9:05am**  
Year 0-2 Prizegiving  
Junior Courtyard  
  
**11:00am**  
Year 3-5 Prizegiving  
Junior Courtyard
- **Monday 7 December 6:00pm**  
Year 6 Graduation/  
Prizegiving and Disco  
at Glenfield Intermediate  
School
- **Thursday 10 December 9:55am-10:30am**  
Students visit their classes  
for 2021
- **Friday 11 December 12:30pm**  
School Finishes for the  
year.

**Term Dates**

**2021**

- Term 1** ←  
Tuesday 2 February to  
Friday 16 April  
Easter Break: 2-6 April
- Term 2**  
Monday 3 May to  
Friday 9 July
- Term 3**  
Monday 26 July to  
Friday 1 October
- Term 4**  
Monday 18 October to  
Monday 13 December\*\*  
(to be confirmed)

**Return of School Journals and Reading Books**

Please check under beds, on shelves, in bedrooms, back seats and the floor of your car, under the couch and other little places for those elusive reading books. We are about to start stocktaking them next week and would love to have as many returned as possible. Can you also please check that all library books are returned to the library so they can be added to the stocktake total.

Have a great week everyone

**Sue Buckley**  
“Learning is at the heart of our journey together”

**Sushi Orders**

Next week will be the last week for sushi orders for the year.

**Bricks 4 Kidz 2021**

**Motorised Lego Model Building**  
Year 0-6 children  
Tuesdays 3:00-4:00pm in the Library  
Starting Tuesday 9 February through to 13 April  
\$225.00 for 10 sessions  
First session is FREE!  
[www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/Auckland-Ins](http://www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/Auckland-Ins)



**Roads Around our School**

Please cross and model the correct way to cross the road, in the right place, as our young children are very impressionable and will copy an adult. This could lead to children being hurt, as they cross between Cars and not on the manned crossings. Regardless of age, they are not always with an adult that is Monitoring their crossing, and we want all of our children to be safe and Road SMART.

**Holiday Programmes .....**

**Youth Town**

Located at 9 Argus Place in Hillcrest.  
For children aged 5-13 years.  
Costs: \$45 full day session (8:15am— 6:00pm) \$30 school day session (8:15am—3:15pm)  
Additional \$20 for day trips  
There are leaflets in the Office reception area, or you can look online at: <https://youthtown.org.nz/auckland>

**Kids Klub**

Look online at [www.kidsklub.co.nz](http://www.kidsklub.co.nz) for further information about their holiday programmes.

**Thrill Zone**

New Zealand’s one-stop venue for awesome adrenaline-fuelled indoor and outdoor activities.  
Located in Takapuna. Visit [www.thrillzone.co.nz](http://www.thrillzone.co.nz)  
Mention our school’s name, and you will get an extra game for free!

**School Closes for the Holidays on:**

**Friday 11 December at 12:30pm**

**School re-opens on:**

**Tuesday 2 February 2021**



