



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

**From the Principal's Pen** .....  
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2! The holiday period of two weeks seems to have flown by! Not sure what I did, but enjoyed the relaxation time. All the staff attended an on-site First Aid course in the second week of the holidays.

You may have noticed that the new classrooms have a generator near them. This is because the school does not have enough electricity being directed into the school site to heat the new rooms etc. The generator will provide the power needed until a new transformer is installed. Hopefully this will be done by mid-June. The Ministry of Education is working with Vector to address this problem urgently.

The school is already buzzing with the events we have planned for you all, starting In Week 3, with:

**Book Fair**

We are very excited to announce that this year's Book Fair is being held from Monday 17 May to Thursday 20 May, and will be set up in Room 8. The book fair will be open before school (8:30-9:00am) each day and after school 3:00-4:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Children and parents/caregivers can come through during these times to browse, and purchase books.

Monday 17 May is Book Character Dress Up Day, where children come dressed as a character from a book.

We will have a whole-school parade at 9:00am and this is always a lot of fun. Look out for more information over the coming weeks.

**Cake/Home Baking Sale**

On Monday 17 May from 3:00-4:00pm there will be a cake sale to raise funds for FOS (Friends of the School). There will also be teacher-led games out on the field for children to join in with (if their parents are here at that time). More details to come from FOS.

**Pink Shirt Day - Friday 21 May**

We will be raising awareness amongst our students of anti-bullying. Further details will be available soon,

**Term 2 Inquiry**

This term the inquiry key word is 'Exploration'. The Year 0/1 students are exploring Space and the planets; Year 2 are exploring their own passions relating to Exploration; The Year 3/4 students are exploring 'Earth Systems' (exploring, describing natural features and describing how these are changed and resources affected by natural events and human actions. They will be sharing ideas and observations about the Sun and the Moon and their physical effects on the heat and light that is available to Earth.

The Year 5/6's big ideas are: 'that we are all explorers and that exploration takes on many forms. They will be looking at some of NZ's great explorers. What drove and still drives them to explore, and how have they changed our world?'

**Other happenings** .....

- ◇ Whole-School Tabloid Sports Day
- ◇ Matariki - celebrating and also trying out new skills and crafts
- ◇ Rlppa Rugby Tournament
- ◇ Netball season starts
- ◇ Choir will be rehearsing for the APPA Music Festival

**CALENDAR DATES**

◆ **Monday-Thursday 17-20 May**  
Book Fair

Cake/Bake sale  
3:00-4:00pm

◆ **Friday 21 May**  
Pink Shirt Day

◆ **Tuesday 2 June**  
Choir rehearsal at Epsom Normal Primary

◆ **Friday 25 June**  
Kai Hui Ako Day  
Accord Day  
School Closed for instruction

**Term Dates**

**2021**

**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 Dec.

**Other Happenings cont.** .....

- ◇ Minifair
- ◇ Science Fair for Years 5/6
- ◇ Accord Day for Teachers (25 June)

**School Uniform**

Please ensure your child wears the full correct uniform to school -

- \* Shorts, trousers, skirts/skorts, in plain navy
- \* Polo shirt with school logo, polar fleece top with school logo;
- \* White or black shoes/sport shoes with white or navy socks, or navy tights

Please do not send your child to school in bright coloured shoes, or for the girls, in footless tights/leggings. These items are NOT part of our school uniform. All uniform items are available from The Warehouse in Glenfield Mall.

If your child is wearing a 'gifted/passed on' uniform, or uniform item, please make sure it has their name in it, and not the previous owner's.

We have two Lost Property Monitors to help reunite uniform items with their owners, but they can only do this when the items are correctly named.

**Lost Property**

With the winter months now upon us, please make sure your child's uniform is clearly named. We have a LOT of lost property, and often polar fleece tops are taken off during the day, left somewhere, then collected and put in the Lost Property area. This week is the last week to claim lost swimming togs, towels and goggles. I am also surprised at the large number of lunch boxes and drink bottles left behind!

**Spare Change of Clothes**

ALL students are to have in their bag, a change of clothing (does not have to be uniform) in case they get wet or dirty during the day. Thank you.

**Principal's Awards**

Larry L., and Evie L., for their beautifully presented weaving and koru pastel work; Isla G., for successfully completing the Reading programme.

Have a great week everyone  
**Sue Buckley**

**INFORMATION** | **MULTI-SPORT**  
FOR PARENTS | PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

**This term we will focus on the following sports:**

- ✓ Netball (2 Weeks)
- ✓ Rugby (2 Weeks)
- ✓ Basketball (2 Weeks)
- ✓ Hockey (1 Week)

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For year 0 – 4 students.

**\$89.25 FOR 7 WEEKS!**

Mairangi Bay School – Mon	Forrest School – Wed
Browns Bay School – Mon	Verran Primary – Wed
Northcote Primary – Mon	Marlborough Primary – Thu
Glamorgan School – Tue	Torbay School – Thu
Campbells Bay School – Tue	Willow Park School – Thu
Murrays Bay School – Wed	Sunnybrae Normal School – Fri
Takapuna School – Wed	Kauri Park School – Fri

All sessions start at 3:05pm and finish at 4:05pm.  
Visit our website for start date for each school and more information.

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