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Term 4

Week 8

Hello,

An early newsletter this week – the last for 2021! Firstly, my thanks to everyone for being so patient and understanding as we navigated this most extraordinary of years.

Hopefully it didn't show too much but this has been a challenging and stressful year for teachers (and principals!) and we are very grateful for every occasion that our school community supported us and showed us kindness - it is appreciated.

We have certainly missed having our school open to our community, and the pandemic has meant that many of our traditional events have been cancelled this year. But, as always, we have got there and the promise that we will return to some semblance of normal next year gives us something to look forward to and plan for over the summer break.

The move to the new 'traffic light' alert levels begins for schools next year and so much depends on our community getting vaccinated so that we can transition from the Red to the Orange and then Green levels. If you are not yet vaccinated, please consider rolling your sleeve up over the summer.

Thanks also to our wonderful teachers and staff who, as always, have worked tirelessly and skilfully, and with care for each and everyone of the children in their care and to our Board of Trustees, led so ably by Marco van den Broek, that provide the solid platform that allows us to do our work.

Finally, to wish everyone that reads this Meri Kirihimete and a safe and happy summer break, enjoy this time with your tamariki and mokopuna before sending them back to us in February.

Paul Barker.
Principal.

Prizegiving

Sadly, prizegiving will be 'in-house' this year but do keep a close eye on our Facebook Page on Thursday because we will post photos of all children that receive an award throughout the morning. The presentation to juniors (Rooms 4-7) begins from around 9am and then seniors (Rooms 1-3) from around 11.30. In the afternoon beginning from 1.30 we will attempt to use Facebook Live to stream the awarding of the school trophies. We will do the best that we can to make this as good as we can- so please bear with us!

Honours Board Day

At the beginning of the year we set ourselves a challenge of every child achieving "Honours Board status". In truth we didn't quite get there but given the nature of this year we have decided that all children have qualified for our Honours Board Fun Day which we will hold on Friday. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming togs that day and some sunscreen would not go amiss either. We plan to send them home from school happy and tired that day!

Summer building works

There will be a lot of building work occurring at school over the summer break. The sick bay is being refurbished, the office gets new lino and carpet and Mr Barker finally gets new carpet after 15 years! The hall floor is getting a revamp and carpet, as is the library which along with the junior block is getting some roofing works. We are also hopeful that the earthworks for the replacement classrooms will begin over the summer but this is not yet confirmed. With all this happening it would be appreciated if everyone could please stay away from the school grounds this summer – your help would be appreciated.

End of School Year

The last day of the school year is Tuesday the 14th of December. We have previously advised that school will finish at 12pm that day however it will now close at the normal time of 3pm. School resumes on Wednesday the 2nd of February 2022.

 *"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."*

- Charles Dickens. 