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Phone: 405 0099 Term 2
Week 2

Hello everyone,

It was a proud day yesterday as we took the time to bless our beautiful new murals at the front of the school – they are spectacular!

These murals, and the one on the inside of the entrance way, see the completion of the front entrance project. This work was first envisaged way back in 2006 (though not quite in this form) proving once again that good things take time!

The magic of this project is the people behind it. Ron Martin had the vision and the skills to do the structural work and the design and installation of the brick and stone work, the children the creativity and thinking skills to capture some of the most important things in our community and school, and to contribute to the painting.

Rebekah Tregonning had the commitment and undoubted talent to put all of the children's thoughts together and with Mrs Carter to ensure that the final product is of such a high quality.

Allistair and Pete, doing such great work to complete our new classrooms, kindly did the installation of the murals over the weekend and Whaea Gee led the blessing.

As always, it takes a team effort to get things done, and a collective commitment and determination to get them done to a high standard. Thank you to everyone involved – our beautiful school is even more beautiful thanks to your efforts.

Kind regards,

Paul Barker.

Dental Truck

The Dental Truck is with us and every child will be seen before the truck leaves us later this term. If you need to talk to the dental nurses you can contact them on 0800 MYTEETH (0800 6983384).

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matter of principle, stand like a rock." - Thomas Jefferson.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to our first Students of the Week for Term 2 – Jahnaya, Ngakau, Samara, Boston and Chase – ka pai to mahi!



Teacher Only Day

Thank you everyone for being so understanding as we held our Teacher Only Day on Monday.

We used the day to work with Ms Louise Dempsey who is a well-known and very well regarded writing 'expert' and sometimes for people such as Louise who are in such high demand a teachers only day is the only way to get this support - thanks again for making this possible.

We do try hard to have the least amount of teacher only days as possible but we are signalling that we will be having one more this term to enable us to move once the junior block is complete.

There is a lot to do, moving three classes back to the junior block, setting up a new class in the junior block which we hope to open soon, getting the library back to being a library, moving the breakfast club back to its original home from the hall. The date is not set in stone just yet as it depends a little on when the new classrooms are complete, but we are working towards maybe adding this day onto Kings Birthday weekend as a type of mid-term break for families.

We will provide an update as soon as we have a confirmed date.