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NewsSheet

3 September 2024

Principal's Pen

Kia ora Parents & Caregivers,

We are fast approaching the end of Term 3 and Spring is officially upon us, although it may not feel like it! With four weeks to go the holidays will be upon us again soon and hopefully some warmer weather.

This Term has seen a lot of disruption for all of you and us at school with the number of colds, flu & sickness doing the rounds. We have been hit particularly hard this term with a lot of staff, both teachers and support staff, being hit with a variety of ailments. Unfortunately, our pool of relievers has been severely impacted by this also. Relievers often work across several schools which exposes them to a wider again bunch of bugs. This term we also kicked off the first tranche of teachers involved in the Structured Literacy PLD. So coupled with sickness there have been several things influencing our day-to-day staffing across the school. Let's hope things settle down when the warmer weather arrives.

Last week we had a special assembly for Dame Lisa Carrington who came to school to talk with your children about her Olympic experiences, but mainly to launch her new children's book. This was very special and our thanks again to Emma Matuschka for making this happen. It was an excellent culmination of the Olympic work done across the school this term and so very special for your children to actually see and hear in person our greatest Olympic athlete of all time. Lisa would have to be one of the most down to earth, humble and just plain lovely people you could ever meet. She is such an amazing woman and one single superlative to describe her is impossible to find.

On Friday we held our annual Daffodil Day fundraiser was held on Friday last week. The day started with a performance by your Tūi and Kererū children in the hall. This was amazing and the children sang so incredibly well. They loved seeing you all there so thank you for helping make their day special. Big thanks to all the Tūi and Kererū team of teachers and teacher aides who put in a lot of work to make this the success it was. The Tōtara and Kauri teams did their thing with food stalls and activities for all to enjoy.

Keep an eye on any communication from your child's class/team as there are a few things happening before the holiday break. The school calendar will show things booked in.

Upcoming Events

Next Wednesday our teams will begin visiting the Life Education Trust trailer that will be parked in the Nutsey Ave turnaround bay. It will be in the usual spot where it parks every two years. Harold and team will be here until the end of term. There will be less room for cars, but this is manageable and unfortunately it is the only place we can fit the trailer in at school.

Take care and enjoy some slightly warmer weather.

Kind regards

Andy Brown

Upcoming Dates

Upcoming dates are published on the homepage of the school website and on the Calendar section in Hero.

Term 3 2024

- Friday 6 September - TOD - school closed
- Thursday 12 September - Interschool Cross Country - Y4-6
- Friday 13 September - FONS - Adult Disco 7pm
- Monday 16 September - Board Meeting 6pm
- Friday 27 October - Last day term 3 2.55pm