



Term 1 Week 1

3rd February 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora.



Welcome to the 2017 school year. It's great to be back starting off a new year and nice to see all the enthusiastic young faces back, ready to get into their learning again. We are looking forward to a busy, happy term and I'm very optimistic that the weather will come to the party now that we are back at school....hmmm.

Welcome back to Tracy Jones who is teaching in Room 2 this year, after a year off being a new mum. Welcome also to Nichole Findlay who will be teaching in Room 2 on Fridays.

Meet the Teachers Evening

You are warmly invited to the Meet the Teachers Evening at 7pm on Thursday, 9 February. This is a great chance to get to know your child's teacher, find out about the class programmes and make connections with other parents. We start in the hall and then go to the different classes. We will hold two sessions for each class (about 15 minutes each) for people with children in different rooms. If you have more than two children, perhaps just go to the rooms where you don't know the teacher yet. We should be finished about 8pm. Rm 10 will hold their meeting at a different time (to be advised by Miss Paterson).

PB4L

One of our new initiatives this year is the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) programme. This programme aims to reduce problem behaviour in schools so that students have a safe, orderly and positive environment for learning and personal and social development. Over 600 NZ schools are involved in PB4L.

We are working first on identifying our behaviour expectations of children, defining minor and major problem behaviours, setting up reward systems and systems for dealing with problem behaviours. There is a strong emphasis on teaching and reteaching behaviour expectations and having consistent approaches throughout the school. Of course a system like this relies on your understanding and support so we will look to keep you informed as we move through the process.

Thought for the day

Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while. Kin Hubbard

We look forward to seeing you around the school and invite your support, input and involvement in the school in 2017.

Regards

Robin Harris, Principal



SPORT REGISTRATIONS FOR CRICKET

Please note—cricket will be played on a Tuesday, not a Monday as advertised in the Term 1 Registration form. If you have registered for Cricket please contact the office if the Tuesday is suitable.

REMINDERS

- Daily—Heat-ups - see note.
- **Monday**—Pita Pit Orders (remember these are now ordered online at "LUNCHONLINE" www.orders.lunchonline.co.nz/home)
- **Wednesday**—Subway Orders (Order by 9:00am at the Office)
- **Friday** - PTA Sausage Sizzle—\$2.00 each

- 6 Feb - Waitangi Day - School closed.
- 9 Feb - Meet the Teachers at 7.00pm
- 9 Feb—Sport Registrations close—Term 1
- 14 Feb - Governance Meeting
- 15 Feb - Lucky Book Club closes
- 1 Mar—Puss in Boots show—1:30pm
- 22 Mar—Hiwi the Kiwi Performance

Keep visiting the website for regular school updates

STUDENTS BRINGING HEATUPS from home.

These can be bought to school any day of the week. Please ensure all heat-ups are clearly named and in a suitable container to go in the school pie warmer. **NO FROZEN ITEMS PLEASE** - this is for health and safety reasons.

Items for heating to be placed in **lunch boxes in Rms 4, 5 & 9.**