

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome

Welcome! If you are brand new to our school a special welcome. If you are returning after the school holidays I hope you all had a good break and I look forward to catching up. Thank you to all parents who have bought new uniforms and stationery our pupils are looking smart and ready for the challenges of new learning. With uniforms can I encourage you to label everything- we end up with so much lost property but without a name it is almost impossible to tell who owns what. To start your child off at school on a good footing, we are providing all Year One pupils with free stationery and a \$100 uniform voucher. All our year 5 & 6 pupils have been given a chrome book to assist them with their learning. The chrome book will remain the property of the school but the device will be used by your child for the year.



It is always delightful meeting our new 5 year olds and hearing how they think. I asked them a couple of questions to see what they thought about coming to school. Here are some of their answers:

Why did you come to school?

Mum said I had to come.
I came to learn my abcs.
I have to learn so I can get a good job

What is your best part of the day?

I like drawing pictures
I like numbers
I like playing. Yep it's playing with my friends

What do you hope to be when you grow up?

I want to be the Police and arrest people and put them in jail. Just the bad people.
I want to eat bananas and have a lot of money.
I want to work in a store that sells shoes. I like shoes.

Swimming

This year we have started our school (Year 1-6) swimming programme early. With the number of drownings that occurred over the holidays, it is essential that our students feel confident in the water. If you haven't already done so please return your permission slips to class as soon as possible so your child won't miss out.



Playgroup

Research says that the most amazing learning occurs for a child in the pre-school years. If you have preschool children the Collegiate has two powerful ways to help your child learn either in the Playgroup where the delightful Ms Mafi can help you engage with your child in fun ways. Our Playgroup is open now and all you need to do is come and see Ms Mafi who will warmly welcome you to her mother's group and it's all free. The second option we have is Barnardos- which has free sessions too So if you have a preschooler you may choose the Play group and or Barnardos. This is good news and I hope you take advantage of these opportunities.



100% Attendance 2017



Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Rows include WADE, Journee-Brae (RM5), ATALILI Abigail (RM9), ATALILI, Samuelu (RM17), and TE PANIA EDMONDS, Waiata (RM10).

Our congratulations to these very talented and successful young children on another milestone- full attendance at school for 2017. Every day at school counts in learning. As a special prize these children will receive free stationery packs. Pretty good! I wonder who will win the prizes for 2018

End of the school day 2.45pm

Can I ask that you talk to your child about their home time arrangements? Normally your child/children should be going straight home, so you know they are safe. Younger pupils either need to be picked up by you or walk home in the care of an older brother or sister. It is important that if you are picking up your child that you are here a little before the bell at 2.45pm. If you are late, little ones aren't good at waiting and they may wander off home by themselves or go home with a friend and before you know it you can't find them and you get worried!

Sistema

Our Sistema music programme is going from strength to strength with more and more families taking up the opportunity for their child to learn an orchestral instrument for free.



Kupe Orchestra: Mondays, 3:15-5:00 pm
Tiki Orchestra: Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm & Fridays, 3:15-6:00 pm
Tamatea Orchestra: Wednesdays, 3:15-4:30 pm
Iriaka Orchestra: Thursdays, 3:15-4:30 pm
Tupaia Orchestra: Tuesdays, 3:15-4:30 pm

Student contact update details

If you have changed address or phone number, please complete the student contact sheet that is attached to this newsletter. It's so important that we are able to contact you should your child get sick and needs to go home. And of course we will keep your details strictly confidential.

Bell Times - Junior School 2018

8:45 School Starts:
10:50 1st LUNCH: Eating inside
11:00 Children play time
11:30 PLAY BREAK FINISHES
1:10 2nd LUNCH: Eating inside
1:20 Children play time
1:45 PLAY BREAK FINISHES
2:45 School Finishes



Yours truly,

John Shearer
Principal