



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome

Welcome! A very special welcome to all our new families. I hope everyone had a good holiday break and I look forward to hearing all the fun stories. 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 and without names, 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 1 students with FREE stationery. All NEW Year 1 students \$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.



Why did you come to school?

I have to learn something. Mum said I had to. I like playing. Yep playing with my friends. I want to read and write.

What is your best part of the day?

I like my friends. My best part is playing. Do you like your class work? No, just playing I like alphabet shark. I like my teacher.

What do you to be when you are an adult?

I want to be a Police girl and put people in jail. I want to be a girl doctor. I don't know I'm only five.

Swimming

This year we have started our school (Year 3-6) swimming programme early. Lessons start next Tuesday 11 February & will run for 8weeks. 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/Barnados

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 Playgroup and or Barnardos.

Bell Times - Junior School 2020

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



Surplus furniture- study desk for home?



Over the holidays several classrooms had new furniture upgrades and we now have some extra desks and chairs we don't need. We would like to offer these tables and chairs to you for your child

to do homework on. If you would like this for your child please see Mrs Tauofaga in Rm 18. This offer is totally FREE, you just have to pick it up and it will be on a first come first served basis.

100% Attendance 2019

- Herema Tanielu Rm 4
- Rachael Afu Rm 5
- Sarah Atalili Rm 18
- Ana Naitoko Rm 5
- Emma Wiparata Andrew Rm 7
- Tarissa Wiparata Andrew Rm 12

Our congratulations to these very talented and successful young children on another milestone- 100% full attendance at school for all of 2019. Every day at school counts in learning. As a special prize these children will receive free stationery packs this year, so it has cost their Mums and Dads nothing to start school. I wonder who will win the prizes this year?

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 are worried!

Sistema

Our Sistema music programme is going from strength to strength with so many families taking up the opportunity for their child to **learn an orchestral instrument for FREE.** Sistema has been researched and it is showing very positive results for pupils that stay on the programme. To make it easier for pupils to attend practices the Sistema music programme is held both in school and at OMAC. (We have free taxi vans to get your



child to the practices at OMAC). Sistema starts for Term 1 on Monday 17 February.

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. Of course we will keep your details strictly confidential.

Healthy Food and Nutrition

In the Junior School, we have **a free daily breakfast programme** where a simple nutritious breakfast of wheat bix, toast and milk is provided. All your child needs to do is rock on up to the Orange Pod after 7.45am and enjoy. If your child is not in the breakfast club **8.30am-8.40am is a good time to come to school.** Our School also provides **FREE fruit and milk for morning tea and lunches** for those who need it. Some foods however are better than others in supporting learning. **Fizzy drink, chips and cheezels are not the sort of food that your child needs,** in fact these foods can stop your child concentrating and learning. So please when you are making morning tea and lunch for your child limit the chips and cheezels. A few sandwiches and a piece of fruit are all your child needs.

Yours truly,
John Shearer
Principal

Return Slip (Return this slip and go in the draw for a book prize!)

I have received the newsletter & I have read it.

Signed.....

