

Wednesday 22 July 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Community Consultation: Covid-19 Alert Level 1



Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had an enjoyable if wet break over the pupils' holiday period. Definitely winter is now with us and the rain and cold are likely to stay with us for some months. So even if your child tells you that they are waterproof it's time to put on jumpers and coats. If you need a coat we have some supplies at school. Just ask your child to tell their



teacher and we can sort it. We are at Covid Alert level 1 so that is good news and means we have no community transmission.

We are safe. Alert level 1 does mean though that the borders are closed and that's the Governments job to keep out the virus.

However while we are safe from Covid we need to continue keeping up our good hand washing practices. Soap not only kills the Covid virus but it also kills general cold and flu bugs too. Let's continue to keep everyone healthy with good handwashing practices. Even a normal cold or flu is a miserable experience. And just another reminder Doctor's visits are free for children under 14 years old.

Term Mid-Year Goal refresh



At the beginning of the year we worked together to establish learning goals with your child. The Covid-19 lockdown period has put a brake on things and it's timely to revisit where we are with your child's learning. We are sending out the goals that were written back in March. If you are happy with what was agreed back then and you know how to support your son or daughter then we just continue to focus on these goals. If you need more help or think we need to change the goals, then in Week 2 you are invited to come in after school and meet with your child's teacher and look at the goals and how to support them. A letter with more details about this is being sent out with this newsletter.

Roll growth: Rm 2

It has been wonderful to see nearly everyone back at school and our numbers are still growing. We have opened another classroom for our delightful five year olds who are

continuing to join us. Opening another classroom has meant that we have needed to re-group some children in our existing Year 1 classes. This will give us smaller class sizes and more individual attention for your child. A letter with full details has been sent home to those involved.

Sistema

Oure Sistema programme is starting again this week with a combination of in-school and after school sessions. All children should have their after school timetables for practices but please check with Mrs Ainoa if you are unsure. We will transport your child to Te Puke o Otara Hall which is the new after school venue while OMAC is being renovated but a reminder you need to arrange pick up your child afterwards. I've heard them practicing recently and our orchestras are getting better and better. Can't wait to hear the end of year concert.



Health and Well-being

As I mentioned at the end of term the dental clinic arrives back at school next week and they will be again checking our tamariki's teeth. Last time they were here one of the dentists spoke to me at length about sugar and the damaging effects it has on teeth. Lollies, sweets, fizzy drinks are just bad news for a child's tooth enamel and the sugar eats away at the teeth and destroys them.



Simple as that: sugar in sweets and fizzy drinks destroy your child's teeth. For that reason the Junior School has a ban on fizzy drinks. If you wish to give this as an occasional

treat please do this at home. The dentist said that the best thing for your child is water and milk. Thank you for your support with this. NB. Remember we all need to brush our teeth twice a day: once after breakfast and after dinner at night.



Hearing and Vision

On Monday 27th July we will be having hearing and vision testing. If you think your child may have a hearing or vision problem please get in touch with your child's teacher- even just a note will do and we will get them tested. This is a free service.

Attendance Competition: Every day counts For Term 3 we are running an attendance reward programme. If your child is at school every day -Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri then they will go into a draw for a \$50 Countdown voucher. Easy to win and a bit of fun. I wonder who will be our first winners?



Junior Awards

The hardest working pupils this week are R7 - Viliami Faau for working hard and achieving goals.



Welcome Back!

Yours truly, John Shearer Principal