

Wed 13th April 2022



Dear Parents/Whanau,

End of Term One

Normally at this stage of the term I would be writing about all the achievements and exciting learning your child has done. But not this time. This term has been one of the hardest we have endured under covid. Our roll normally is over 400 pupils but with families either sick or isolating our roll fell to just 52 pupils. We have a staff of over 40 but that too got hit and we ended up at our lowest point with only 9 staff at school.

It's been a hard term and a slow recovery. However our numbers are coming back well into the 300s. We are still missing a few families, but most children have returned and we are engaging normal school based learning again.



Some children have lost aspects of their learning. With two and a half years of disruption its not surprising. If you have

noticed that your child's reading has slipped or they can't spell don't panic. We will recover this lost learning and working in partnership with you especially with hearing reading or spelling and basic facts we can get your child back to where they should be. Just remember that every day of school counts and unless they are sick **your child needs to be at school.**

Community Consultation: Goal setting (Advance notice) To help with re-engage learning we will be holding goals setting interviews early in Term II. More on this later, but this interview will be an essential part of getting your child's learning on track and picking up pace.

Goal setting will be on Friday 20th May.

Community Consultation: Covid-19 Traffic light Red move to Orange

Our traffic light system feels like it's been forever stuck on red but there is hope that it could move to **Orange in Term II** as case



numbers continue to go down. If that happens the **wearing of face masks is no longer compulsory but is strongly encouraged by the Ministries of Education and Health.** We will support what ever you decide but keeping masks on when inside the classroom as we go into winter sounds like a good way of preventing the spread of viruses of all kinds including the common cold or flu.



Next Term if we are in the **orange setting** we are looking forward to opening the school more to whanau coming in.



We still ask that you don't go into classrooms but you are free **(at orange setting)** to come to drop your child at the classroom door if you wish.

And of course, encouraging good hygiene will continue. Again, the simplest but most important thing that we all can do is wash our hands. It kills the virus immediately. We will also continue to remind pupils to stay home if they are unwell and to seek medical



advice. So be reassured we are operating as safely as we can.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Max Osman for excellence in reading And Mihi Elekana showing good leadership Our congratulations to both these pupils in R11.

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Term One will finish this Thursday 14th April at 2.45pm. Friday 15th April is Good Friday, and the Easter Break begins the pupils' holidays.

Better than all the Easter Eggs you may buy for your children I hope you spend time with them. Time with your child is the greatest gift that you can give to them.

Term Two will recommence on Monday 2nd May at 8.45am. Wishing you all a Happy Easter



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.....

