

Wednesday 4th May 2022



Dear Parents,

Community Consultation: Covid-19 Traffic light moved to Orange



Our traffic light system is now on **Orange** as we start **Term II** and case numbers continue to go down. The **wearing of face masks** is no longer compulsory but **is strongly encouraged by the Ministries of Education and Health**. We will support whatever you decide for your tamariki 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.



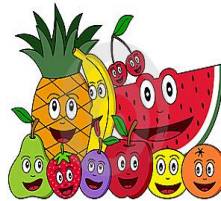
Community Consultation: Goal setting

To help with re-engage learning we will be holding goals setting interviews on Friday 20th May. Booking timesheets have been sent home and we will do our best to give you the time you wish or as close to this as we can. This interview will be an essential part of getting your child's learning on track and picking up to pace. Again this year we are offering zoom meetings or telephone interview as well as face to face meetings at school. You are free to choose the option that suits you

and your whanau best. **Because of goal setting here will be no normal classes on Friday 20th May.**

Health and Nutrition

As you are aware from the news there is big concerns about the amount of sugar and salt in our diets and how this can lead to obesity and health issues like diabetes later in life. Our community surveys have also shown your concern too for better nutrition for your child. So in the Junior School pupils can have options for juice, milk or water as a drink but **no fizzy drinks please**- they are just full of sugar. **(Up to 8 teaspoons in a 330mls can)** Similarly we are asking that there are no big bags of chips/burger rings etc brought to school. If you want your child to have this treat food please send only snack size packets with your child's lunch. Or you could try cutting up a carrot or apple or some raisins... Did you know that your child gets a free lunch and a piece of fruit every day at school? And even breakfast is available if your child is here by 8.30am.



Surplus furniture

Recently the Junior School has upgraded several classrooms with new furniture. Some of the older tables and chairs though are still in good condition and would

make a great desk for your child at home . If you would like a desk please contact Mrs Saumani Cell: **02102811294** The furniture is offered on a first come first served basis.



Complaints

With the best will in the world things can sometimes go wrong. It is a fact of life & when things go wrong how we sort it out is important. At home you know if one of your little ones hits their brother or sister you talk to them about their actions, that you love them but not what they did, & that there will be consequences if this behaviour continues- time out, no tv, sent to bed early, no play station etc. Even if you don't fully recognize it every family will have a way of handling problems & getting things back on track. The same applies to school & we give it an official title- a complaints policy. Basically if something is of a concern to you, the best thing you need to do is come in and talk about it. No matter what the issue is you need to talk it over with your child's teacher, or our management team or me. This initial conversation may mean that there is further investigating and reporting back to you later but talking it over is the fairest way to deal with things.



1. If you have a concern about your child and its minor see your

child's teacher.

2. If it's a major/serious concern come and see me.

You may need to make an appointment to see me but my door is always open to you. Your help with this is very much appreciated

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: - Ruth Lo'i staying on task & completing interesting stories and Mama Twin Tonitara for outstanding pencil sketch of herself R17. Our congratulations to both these pupils.



Mother's day

Sunday week is Mother's day and we wish all our Mums a special day where the family will do all the jobs around the house and let Mum rest! **And to celebrate our Playgroup is holding a special morning tea for our mums this Friday at 10.30am . All welcome**



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.....

