

Tena Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Greetings to you all,
We are getting very close to the time when year 8 will be going to camp – only 2 more weeks! We would appreciate payment for camp as soon as possible please. If you are having problems please contact Judy or Hennie at school.

REMINDER

School starts at 8.55 am!

We have had quite a few students arriving at school after 8.55 am! Parents assistance in making sure your child is at school on time would be very much appreciated.

School Donations

School Donations paid before 31st March will receive a 20% discount. These can be paid at the office, in cash or eftpos. Any parents wishing to set up regular automatic payments can do this through the office.

REMINDER—School Lunch Eating

There are two breaks during the day. 10 minutes at the beginning of each break is for students to sit and eat after which they can finish their eating or pack away left overs and go off to play. Should you have any concerns around lunch eating please contact the office.

Student of the Week

Our Student of the week is Karlos Wihongi-Williams from Room 4. Karlos has made a positive start to the year. He is organised for his learning and has made great improvements in his swimming. Ka pai Karlos.



Meet the Teacher Night

Our Meet the Teacher night will be held on Tuesday the 21st February from 6.00 – 7.30pm. Details are included in this weeks newsletter. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and meet your child's teacher.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

ALSO we will be having a second hand uniform stall in the Library on Meet the Teacher Night. We have lots of near new uniform for sale!!

Reading Together Programme

We will be running our Reading Together Programme this term, starting on 1st March, 3.15 to 4.15 pm, held in the school staffroom. This is a very enjoyable program designed for parents to help their children with their reading. If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office.

School Swimming Pool

Swimming has started for all students in year 5-8. All students need to have their swimming togs as swimming is a part of the school curriculum. Given the number of drownings over the summer learning to swim should be a priority for us all.

Year 1 Swimming

This term Year 1 classes will be swimming on Fridays of weeks 2 and 3.

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 classes will be swimming on Friday of weeks 4 & 5. Please remember to send your child's swimming togs and towels (named) in a plastic bag on these days. Please note swimming is part of the school curriculum and our pool **IS** heated.

Year 3 & 4 Swimming Timetable

Year 3 & 4 swimming will be held on Fridays from 1.50 to 2.50 pm. **Rooms 9 & 10**—Week 3, 17 Feb & Week 6, 10 March.
Rooms 27 & 11—Week 4, 24 Feb & Week 7, 17 March
Rooms 23 & 21—Week 5, 3 March & Week 8, 24 March.

Year 8 Vaccination Programme

Planning for the 2017 School Based Vaccination Programme is now under way. The HPV Gardasil 9 talks for our Year 8 students will be around the HPV vaccine used in the New Zealand Immunisation Programme from 2017. The Year 8 Gardasil 9 (HPV) programme will require all consented Year 8 Boys and Girls to have Dose 1 during the months of February/March/April and Dose 2 to be administered 6 months later over the months of September/October/November.

Friends of the School AGM

Election of Officers was held on Wednesday 15th March at 6pm. Natalie Lakai, our long serving Chairperson (8 years), has resigned from the position. Natalie will still be assisting with Friends of the School fundraisers. The Friends of the School would like to acknowledge and thank her for the tireless work she has done over the years. The new Chairperson is Catherine Douglas, and the Secretary / Treasurer is Michaela Williams. We welcome all new parents who would like to join Friends of the School. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th March at 6pm.

Powhiri

Next Thursday, February 23rd, at 9.15 am in the school hall, we will have a Powhiri to welcome new staff, students and families to our school community.

Sunhats and School Shoes

Sunhats are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4, if your child is to play in the playground. These are available from the school office for \$8.00. Correct school uniform, including black leather shoes or sandals, is also a requirement. Canvas shoes are not an option as they quickly become smelly and tatty.

School Pedestrian Crossing

Please help us to keep your children safe while crossing the road by using the patrolled pedestrian crossings provided by the school. Parents please teach your children how to cross roads safely.

Stationery from Required from the School

A reminder to parents to pay for their ream of paper at the office. The cost is \$5 per student. Year 3 / 4 students are all having new profile folders this year - the cost is \$4 please pay to the classroom teacher or at the office. Year 7/8 students are all having a new profile folder this year - the cost is \$4 please pay the classroom teacher.

Kiwi Quiz

Our winner for last weeks Kiwi Quiz was Garima from room 13. Where does the Northern Royal Alb-tross breed in NZ? The answer was A. Otago. Congratulations Garima!

Kiwi Quiz

Who won the Rugby 10's in Brisbane last weekend?

A. Blues B. Crusaders C. Chiefs

Name: Room No:

Important Dates

21st February	-	Meet the Teacher
23rd February	-	Powhiri 9.15 am School Hall
1st March	-	Reading Together Programme