



Monday 7th November 2022

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Well here we are in the last term of the year. 2022 definitely seems to have flown by. It has been wonderful to have had a fairly uninterrupted year. Looking back it seems surreal that we were all working from home for such extended periods. Thankfully other than a few small pockets of COVID still hanging around in school, things seem to have returned to normal for the most part.

Term 4 is always a busy one, with lots of end of year **celebrations, and assemblies**. Please do keep an eye on the calendars so you don't miss out on anything. It is great to see parents come along to assemblies which acknowledge the effort that all our students put into their work, and school responsibilities.

I hosted the final **Pizza with the Principal** for the year last week. What a lovely bunch of students. I enjoyed chatting to them about what is going on in their lives, and sharing some tasty Pizza very kindly donated by the Stables Restaurant Matakana. I look forward to carrying on this very sought after reward for years to come.

Last week also saw the inaugural **Charity Golf Day** sponsored by Jennian Homes. Thankfully the rain stayed away enough for the Golfers to make their way around the course and back to the club house to finish off a great day. Thank you to Rob Hood, Richard Turner from Jennian Homes, and the businesses that sponsored holes, also to those that came along to play. We raised approx \$9500 for the school. The extra funds are hugely appreciated.

This week we have our school photos being taken. **Photolife** have been taking our school photos for many years, and always do a great job. This is the perfect opportunity to get some more formal photos taken as a memento of your child's school years. Please send any sibling photo forms back to school by Wednesday.

On Friday we have the first of our special assemblies. Thank you to Bridget Casanelia for the work that she has put into coordinating the **Trophy Assembly**. We are always asked to acknowledge all the extra curricular activities that so many of our students participate in and this is the perfect opportunity. We really enjoy sharing their achievements outside of school. Be sure to send any trophies and medals the day before, so that they can be included on the day.

Our biannual **Move & Groove Show "Iconic Songs"** is coming up soon, after having to be cancelled in 2021. The teachers and students have been working extremely hard to get their dances sorted. There have also been some very dedicated parents coming in to help. As most of you will have seen, the tickets for the night shows were in hot demand, therefore we have now added a third daytime session on the Wednesday. I trust you have all managed to secure tickets. Please contact Kim in the office if you still need tickets for the night performances.

There will be some great food on sale in the quad prior to the evening shows, so no need to stress about sorting dinner before the show. Come along and enjoy the atmosphere along with some tasty treats. We even have Bernardo from 'Italian in the Village' coming to serve us some of his amazing Pizzas! Food vouchers are available on KINDO to save you queuing at the pay station.

The **PTA** will be hosting a **Welcome Morning Tea** for our newer parents in a couple of weeks. Invitations have been sent out with details. This is a great chance for people that are new to the school and possibly the area, to meet some new people and ask any burning questions about how the school runs.

We have a **Teachers paid union meeting** coming up on Friday 25th November. There will be a notice coming home shortly with more information about arrangements on that day..

Enjoy the sunnier weather, and I look forward to seeing you at one of the many events we have coming up this term.

Noho ora mai

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darrel Goosen', with a stylized, flowing script.

Darrel Goosen

Principal