



Monday 2 May 2022

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

A heartfelt Haere Mai to the New Entrants that are starting school this week, our transferring students, and also a BIG welcome back to all our existing students to Term 2. We are thrilled to have everyone back under the slightly more relaxed 'Orange' setting. We are hoping for another relatively smooth term, and trust you have all fared well with any illness that you may have encountered.

I would like to welcome Mrs Ashley Brewer, who is going to be teaching our new entrants in Room 13. Many of you will have already met Ashley, who has children in Year 5 & 6 at Matakana school, and has also been relieving for us. Originally living in America the Brewer family have decided they wish to call New Zealand home and are settling in nicely.

There is an exciting term coming up with the much awaited **Year 6 Camp** to Kawau Island next week, numerous **Inter School sporting** events, and some great trips planned. Please keep an eye on the calendars on the school App, and on the Facebook page.

Our Year 6 students always thoroughly enjoy themselves at Camp Bentzon and learn some great skills while they are away. The camp is jam packed with fun activities, and adventures. I am looking forward to heading out there next week. Thank you to Mr Hatfull and the Year 6 teachers/teacher aides for all your organisation and to the parents that will be helping out at camp.

We have a **PTA Welcome Morning Tea** for new parents to the school planned for the 18th May, an invitation will be sent out next week. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents who have recently joined our school community, and to ask any questions that you might have about how things operate at the school on a day to day basis.

On Tuesday 28 June and Thursday 30 June, the second stage of our **Reporting to Parents** cycle takes place with Parent Interviews and Mid-Year Reports. A notice with booking details will be sent home closer to the time.

We are hoping to do a **Hangi** at school as part of the annual **Matariki** celebration in June. The planning is still in progress, but it is likely we will be needing some parent help, as there is a fair amount of work involved. Please keep an eye out for any notices that come in the next few weeks pertaining to this.

There are two fabulous exhibitions coming up in the school Hall in the next month or so. First we have the **Matakana Model Boat Show** (that was originally planned for last year) on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th June. Come along to this unique event and check out the lovingly crafted boats, all made by hand by dedicated local modellers. There will also be a live interactive display in the school pool, complete with outstanding replicas of the local wharves.

The following weekend we have the return of the **Auckland Lego Users Group display**. We last held this in 2020, and it was extremely popular. Some of Auckland's top Lego builders will be showcasing their builds, and there is even a 'play pit' of Lego so you can build your own masterpiece. Be sure to come along with the family and check it all out.

Also of note is the contractual **Teacher Only day** on the 3rd of June. Please be sure to put this on your calendar for reference.

Now that we are operating under the '**Orange**' traffic light setting we can get back to a little bit more of a regular routine, in that parents will now be able to come onto the school grounds, however we do encourage you to wear a mask, especially when entering a classroom, an assembly, or the school office. We also ask that you do not congregate on the grounds at drop off, and pick up times. We still have active cases within the school community and would like to minimise spread within the school as much as possible.

Reminders:

- School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm. Kindly allow your child plenty of time in the morning to unpack their bag and settle into the classroom. If your child is late please park in the community carpark and then proceed to the office to sign your child in to school.
- If you come onto the school grounds we encourage you to please wear a mask when you enter a classroom, or the office, and ensure that good hygiene practices are followed.
- Any parents that come on to the school grounds during school hours, or for longer than 15 minutes before or after school **MUST** sign in at the school office.
- Please inform the school office if your:

child is sick (use the school app, email or 24 hour answerphone).

contact details have changed.

child has a new health issue or medical condition.

This should be a busy and action packed Term. We all look forward to inspiring your children and our community.

Ngā mihi



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Principal

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