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Thanks

... to those who attended this week's kapa haka performance
... to those who attended our School Athletics Day
... to the Finlayson's for welcoming our juniors to their farm this week.

People of the week

... to all of those children who have received certificates or school colours over recent weeks in acknowledgment of their achievements and contributions to the school over the course of 2018.
... to the 6 boys who won the BMX Schools Challenge trophy last weekend. Congratulations!!
... Home Gardeners ... the judges were blown away by the quality of gardens and by the knowledge of our young gardeners.

Term Calendar

10 December School Prize Giving (underway 6:30 pm)
11 December Reports issued
14 December Final day of the school year (school finishes 3:00 pm)

2018 Prize Giving

Monday 10 December

The evening will start at 6:30pm and will conclude approx 8.00pm with a supper.

Grandparents are welcome.

Families are asked to bring two plates of finger

food please for a shared supper

– to be placed on tables which will be set up outside the staffroom.

Attendance on this night is optional for 5 year olds (all other children are asked to be present please).

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Reminders from previous weeks ... visit newsletter archives on our website

... DVDs of school production ... school stationery 2019 Digital devices 2019

Upcoming Year 7 and 8 Events

... Year 7 Sailing Day ... 13 December ... consents issues ... **return Monday please**

... Year 8 End of Year Day ... 13 December ... consents issued ... **for return Monday please**

Both events combine bonding with a celebration of a great year. Thank you so much in advance to those parents able to help with transport and supervision. There is a cost, but please let us know how we can make this easier (happy to arrange time payment or deferment). Any questions in the run, up to Mrs Donaldson please.



Art Scholarship - Years 4 to 8

If you have not yet collected your child's art exhibit from the library please collect this on Monday ... we need the library empty by 3:30 at the latest please.

Year 7 and 8 tech programme

... will continue to the final day of term 14.12 (full day) ... please ensure children come prepared. Thankyou.

Year 8 Leaving Books

A reminder ... still a couple missing .. we would love these by Monday please so we have them to present at prize giving.

Lost Property

Please drop by to check the lost property bin sometime next week.

Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

2019 School Stationery



Stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - www.myschool.co.nz

The class stationery lists will be uploaded by the time school closes & confirmation of your child's 2019 classroom will be sent home with instructions on how to order next week. Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

Class Lists

... will be on display in the hall noticeboard 12 December. The staff have put a huge amount of time into getting these as close to right as they can. I know of no other school that invites parents to contribute their thoughts prior to placement, and can assure you that all of these thoughts are considered very seriously. Sometimes a request by one parent can be directly countered by the request of another parent, and sometimes we do not feel a request is in the interest of the child or their peers. Lists go through multiple stages before they are finalised.

Prior experience has indicated to us the importance of friendships, every effort is made to ensure that every child is placed with at least one of their close friends. **Where all requests cannot, for whatever reason, be met, we aim to meet at least one request where we can.** Having said all of this, there must be give and take, reflection (and time - even a day or two) can bring perspective, and change can be a very positive thing. All rooms will be staffed by outstanding teachers, delivering outstanding programmes, surrounded by outstanding kids (who have outstanding parents!). **Changes to lists after their publication are unlikely to be made.**

For those interested ... term dates for 2019

Term 1 30 January to 12 April

Term 2 ... 29 April to 5 July

Term 3 ... 22 July to 27 September

Term 4 ... 14 October to (approximately) 13 December

Staffing for 2019

The Board is pleased to announce 2019 staffing as follows ..

Teaching staff	Support staff
Room 1a TBC ... likely start term 2	Teacher Aides
Room 1 Mrs Marvin	Mrs Neumann
Room 2 Miss Gentil/ Mrs Walker	Mrs Crawford
Room 3 Mrs Baker	Mrs Wynyard
Room 4 Mrs Waiomio	Mrs Pol
Room 5 Mrs Jongkind	Ms Hannam
Room 6 Mrs Milicich	Mrs Ryan
Room 7 Miss Blundell	Mrs Hamilton
Room 8 Miss Burgin	Mrs Perris
Room 9 Mrs Gunson	Information Technology
Room 10 Mr Johnson	Mrs Sullivan
Room 11 Mrs Lunn	Administration
Room 12 Mrs Donaldson	Mrs Dorahy
Room 13 Mr Crump	Mrs Sinclair
Information Technologies / Teacher Support - Mr Delemare	Caretaker / Grounds
Te Reo - Miss Morunga	Mr Palmer
ESOL - Mrs Slykerman / Mrs Pol	
Learning Support / Pastoral Support - Mrs Williams	
Reading Recovery / Junior diagnostics - Mrs Robertson	
Deputy Principal - Mrs Robertson / Assistant Principal - Mrs Donaldson	

Special Thanks to

Our sponsors for their generous contributions to our School
Staff for efforts, beyond the call of duty
The Board for its unswerving dedication to duty
Children for striving to attain your goals
(and for supporting others towards the same end)
To the many parents etc who have given their time to help in
classrooms, camp, sports days, transport
To those who have given us the benefit of the doubt
when things didn't quite turn out right.

We have plenty of exciting things planned for next year including a (continued) special focus on writing, further initiatives in the areas of science and technology, multiple intelligences, and student well-being, POSSIBLE new classrooms, relatively low class numbers in all rooms, new learning support initiatives, and more ...

We look forward to sharing much more about these with you in the New Year.

And finally

Prize Giving always reminds us that real success seldom happens by accident. It is usually the result of diligent effort. Full credit, in advance, to every child who receives an award at prize giving, and to all of those children who worked hard to grow their learning, achieve their goals, overcome their fears and enrich the lives of others. But just as important, behind every successful child is a back stage team of parents and teachers who get stuck in and do their best, in a job that is often more an art than a science. You can take credit too.

And your job at prizegiving ...

... to help us create a special moment for every child who goes up on the stage. We do not make decisions lightly on who is called up, they deserve to be there. Let's make it as special for them as we possibly can.

As this is the last newsletter of the year ...

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas. Best wishes to those who end their association with us this year - we hope you will reflect positively on your period of involvement with our school.

Kind Regards Nga mihi nui

Kevin Trehwella
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Fundraising Raffle Tickets

Thanks to the families who have returned raffle ticket butts & money and donated an item or 2 for the hampers.

Last chance to get your tickets back on Monday please, so you can be in the draw to win one of these awesome hampers in time for the end of year celebrations!

The Winners will be drawn at the end of Prizegiving

School Lunches

Please note there will be no Wednesday or Friday lunches on the last week of term – Wednesday 12th or Friday 14th December.



Our school BMX team
won the school
challenge!
Check out the trophy!