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Thank you

... To those parents who shared our book character parade with us this week ... and to those who assisted with costumes at home.

... To Fonterra for their kind donation of sanitiser ... apparently Fonterra is donating sanitiser to schools across NZ.

People of the week

... Paula Hannam and team for your extraordinary work creating the most amazing library environment possible. This has generated considerable excitement and got us all very enthusiastic about books.

Virtues Focus for the remainder of this term ... and for ever!

In last week's E-newsletter you were sent material on the Courtesy virtue which will be our focus virtue for the rest of the term and beyond. Please look over this material again and ...

... find opportunities to discuss it with your child(ren)

... show how you apply courtesy in your life

... discuss how your child has progressed with their courtesy goals.

As in the past, we would love to hear about shining moments and to share these to encourage others. Thank you in anticipation.

Term calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

Mon June 22 Meeting of BoT (Zoom this time)

Fri July 3 Final day of term 2

Mon 20 July First day of term 3

Just a reminder ... please ...

... drink bottles and hand towels at school each day if you can manage this.

... pick up is now from 3:00 but it would be fantastic if parents of older children could pick up at 3:15 so we can get juniors safely to their parents.

... parents are welcome on-site (although we do request that you reduce movement around the school and, if staying more than 15 minutes, that you come to the office to sign in and out). *You do not need to sign in if you are connecting briefly with your child's teacher.*

... please continue to reiterate the importance of hand washing and coughing into the elbow at home.

... have someone on hand to pick your child up from school if they are unwell.

... keep your child home if there are any signs of sickness ... and do not return them to school with 48 hours of abatement of last symptoms.

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Ngahere visit for Rooms 1-4

As part of our Matariki celebrations, Rooms 1-4 will visit the Ngahere beside the Comrie Park kindergarten on Wednesday 24th June. Room 1 & 2 will visit from 9:00 am till 10:30 am and Rooms 3 & 4 will visit from 11:00 am till 12:30. Please send warm clothes, a raincoat and suitable footwear. Parents are welcome to join us for these play-based nature sessions.

Sponsors

Please support our sponsors where you can and maybe recommend them to others.

Mid-year interviews

Mid-year interviews will take place sometime around week 3 of next term. While this is later than usual, it does give us a bit more time to gather impressions, and firm our thoughts on the next steps for your child. Post lockdown our goal is to get things back on track and to get you the most up to date information we can on your child's progress.

Term 2 School contributions

Those who opted to pay their contribution in term instalments will notice that they did not get a contribution request this term. The board has decided it might be better for everyone for us to send term 2 reminders out with the term 3 reminders. These contributions are voluntary and, while certainly not expected, they do help to close the funding shortfall experienced by most higher decile schools.

Netball

Netball fees for the 2020 season are now \$22.00 per junior player (year1-6) and \$40.00 per intermediate player (year 7-8) - Unpaid fees need to be paid by Friday 3rd July where possible please. Fees can be paid online to the school bank account 12-3093-0239515-00, please add a reference of "Netball" and "child's name" or pay cash to the school office. If full fees have already been previously paid please contact Paula at the office.

Pool Keys

If you hired a pool key last term, thank you. It will soon be time to collect these and so maybe hunt around and get your key ready for return. We will request these in a week or so, when we have more open site access.

Headlice Checks

Please check daily and respond promptly in the event of infestation.

Matarau Fleece Sweatshirts

Get ready for winter! We have limited stock in the sizes 4-6-8-10-12 & 14 left in the office. Any size \$30each.

Pick up and drop off

Please ensure that no child is ever dropped on the school grounds before 8:00 am or left at school after 3:30pm. We are unable to offer supervision (and ensure safety) outside of these times. Thank you.

Please return to school

- ... any overdue library books
- ... ICAs Maths and English papers
- ... Pool keys from term 1

Scholastic Orders

The new Lucky Book Club folder was handed out to your child last week. If you like to order books, you can do this online or use the form. Closing date is Friday the 3rd July.

Promotion of Reading ... coming up

There is quite a bit of anecdotal evidence (but not a lot of published research) that fewer children are reading than in earlier generations, or maybe that they are reading different things in different ways. A number of studies have suggested that, for reasons which are not fully known, that reading from actual books (hard cover, pages to turn), and writing with a pen or pencil (as opposed to a keyboard), improves literacy in ways which cannot be replicated via a screen. In coming months, we want to really get kids reading ... (books!). We have an amazing library and we are going to take a closer look at who is taking books out, what they are taking out, how long they have it for etc. We are keen to help children to find the books that engage and excite them personally, as a way to hook them into a genre that works for them, and to ultimately grow their reading mileage. This will take time but should be well worth the effort. So the approach we are likely to take will be two fold ...

... to replace (at least some) screen time with book time (home and school)

... to assist each child on a journey towards genre (i.e. a journey to find the right books for them)

If we are to have an impact, we need you with us. We will be inviting you to assist with the above, especially with respect to replacing screen time with book time. Screens are addictive, and so we know this will not be easy, but we think it will be worth the effort.

We want to work with you to grow the reading culture you have at home, knowing you will already be doing amazing things. So ... more to follow.

Finally

Yesterday those children who participated in our lockdown Virtual Talent Show received signed letters from the Prime Minister acknowledging their efforts and talents. I received an email indicating that the Prime Minister had personally watched the video and had enjoyed it very much. We very much appreciated the Prime Minister's time, and congratulate the children for being acknowledged by one of the most important people in NZ!!! Wow!!!! You can view the PM's letter on our Facebook page.

Nga mihi
Kevin Trehwella

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Community notices

We are finally having subsidy applications approved and backpaid. Please take advantage of this if you are needing afterschool care Enrol now @ skidsmatarau or contact tracyn@skids.co.nz

Our OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) program is an After School, Before School, and School Holiday Program for children aged between 7 and 13.

Our OSCAR program here at ESGW provides children with opportunities that assist them to develop physically, socially, creatively, and emotionally while playing in a fun and safe environment.

We have info packs in store ready for collection for any parents wanting more information. Alternatively, we have a website with more information: <https://www.esportsgamingwhangarei.co.nz/extreme-kids>.

Also, parents who are eligible could get access to a WINZ subsidy which will help them with fees. We have info packs with WINZ forms onsite for any parents who need them or alternatively they can access them online.

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