

Newsletter

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Thanks

... To those who supported last weekend's trail bike ride and to the dedicated team who organised and ran the day.

More to follow.

... To those parents who supported our zone and interschool swimmers over recent weeks

People of the week

... Our Parents Support Group

... Our Zone and Interschool swimming teams

Virtues Focus for 2021

Just a reminder ... please take some time to discuss the conscientiousness virtue with your children at home. Some support material was sent home a couple of week's back and this can also be found in the newsletter section of our website.

... perhaps talk about what conscientiousness is

... how you practise it in your life

... what it might look like for your child

... maybe set some conscientiousness goals at home

Let us know of any special successes so that we can celebrate these with you.



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

24 March	Meeting of Board of Trustees (Parents welcome)
31 March	Northland Swimming Championships
2-6 April	Easter break
16 April	Final day of term
3 may	First day of term 2

Arrival Times

A reminder please that children must not be dropped at school before 8:00AM as we cannot guarantee their supervision before this time.

Lollies

Please do not send lollies to school with children. Thank you.



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.... Previous Newsletter

... Advice of absences ... Voluntary Donations ... Corona virus –

Safe practices/Being prepared

Senior Options programme ... School Gates ... Cell phones at school ... Learning Support Programmes

... Pool keys Bus times ... Parent Helpers in rooms etc. ... Communications ... Contact Details

... Optional Conditions for Learning ... School Sponsors Guitar Lessons ... Homework Drink Bottles ...

Pick up of children ... Social Media

Trail Ride

MASSIVE THANK YOU from the Parent Support Group to all those involved with the Matarau Trail ride on Sunday - the day was an absolute success. We're looking forward to next year's ride already! Thank you to all of the track crew, the admin/ registration crew, the food crew, the teachers, teacher aides and parents that turned up and got stuck in with serving food, registering riders, marshalling the start gate and of course all the riders that came and enjoyed the day - there were 483 of you plus the mini kids track, so a guesstimate of approx 900 people on site. Without you all and our sponsors we couldn't have gone ahead ~ so "thank you"

Netball

Netball season is starting soon. A request for payment of netball fees was sent home yesterday for payment at your earliest convenience please. If you are paying online please use as a reference your child's name and "netball".

Request for Parent Helpers

If you have a few hours each week to work in a classroom, the library etc, please connect with your child's teacher or the school office and we will match you to a task of your choice. Parent help at school makes a huge difference to staff workloads, frees staff to work with children, and contributes to the smooth operation of the school. We know you are busy, but would be hugely grateful for any time you are able to give.

We would be especially grateful to hear from parents able to help with ...

... preparation of Monday lunches (beans and noodles) ... from around 11:30 to 12:45. Not too onerous but a good fund-raiser.

Please give Paula a call if you can help. Even if we roster you.

Corona Virus

The Ministries of Health and Education have made this video available to parents seeking to explain this virus to their children. It's Your call on whether or not you use this.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=OPsY-jLqaXM&feature=emb_logo

Lunches & Sushi

Lunch orders need to be in by 8am on Thursday morning for Hole in one and by 8am on Friday for Sushi. You can order online www.lunchonline.co.nz or ring 0800 565 565.

Player of the day - Basketball

Matarau Crushers - Justin W. * Matarau Magics -Toby R. * Matarau Mavericks- Tayla T.



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Gearing up for Winter Sports

When children wear our school colours on a Saturday morning, they bear a special responsibility to represent our school well. This means more than putting in your best performance on the field/court, it also means demonstrating sportsmanship, supporting other team members, playing fairly, encouraging others, respecting coaches and referees etc. Every child wearing our colours, and every parent who accompanies them, is expected to represent us this way, it is a condition to being in one of our teams.

The ultimate goal of all that we do (including playing sport) should be to grow character, in ourselves and in others. Please do not question referees, support coaches and managers unequivocally (and if you have a question see them early, privately, and with an open mind), respect the opposition (including their support team), and be careful with your words from the side line. Egos (not only children's egos) can be fragile, and so choose your words carefully. Please let us know of special Saturday achievements so we can celebrate these in the newsletter. Best wishes for the best season ever.

After School Care

If you think you would use our After School Care programme please contact Tracey on 021 127 1115 to enrol, or for more information.

Cyber – safety

Have you noticed just how often issues of cyber safety appear in the media. It is becoming more and more critical for parents to know what their children are accessing and when. If you need assistance Mr Delemare is highly available to work with you, just leave a message at school and he will get back to you.

EASTER FUNDRAISING

We have been gifted three beautiful, cuddly Easter bunnies, so an idea started to develop...

We were wondering if you could add an extra Easter egg or chocolate bar to your shopping basket over the next week, so we can run a fundraising Easter raffle this term? The plan is to have three hampers full of CHOCOLATE and, of course, one of the lovely bunnies.

Please send in any chocolate bars or Easter eggs to either Paula in the office or Mrs Easterbrook in Room 2 (I promise not to eat any).

If you have a spare basket for these items, we'd love that too.



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Finally

In the last newsletter I told you about some exciting developments around the technology curriculum and the regular “hands on” opportunities children are getting with Mr Johnson to “do science and technology”. The week before I told you a bit about our class and extension music programmes being taken by Mrs Slykerman. This week I thought I would briefly tell you about what Mrs Williams does. Mrs Williams is our Learning Support Teacher. Among other things, Mrs Williams works with small groups of children to address areas of specific need, does diagnostic screening to see if a child may have an undiagnosed learning disability, connects with teachers at the start of each year to ensure that recommended modifications to programmes for individual children have been made, communicates with families, and connects with children needing a bit of love and care. Mrs Williams is great at all of the things she does, but we think she enjoys her pastoral care role most. Next week maybe we will give you an insight into Mrs Marvin’s role.

Nga mihi
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Community Notices

EPIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM Mon 19th - Fri 23rd April kids aged 7-13years 8:30am-4:pm 1day \$45per day 3+ days \$40per day @ The Home of Northland Futsal Excellere College Kamo info & registration
www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz or contact Christian 021 2467328

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Conscientiousness

What is conscientiousness?

Conscientiousness is being responsible, hard-working and organised. It is about **"getting the job done"** and doing the job **"to the best of your ability"**.

Why be conscientious?

Being conscientious means ...

... you can trust yourself to finish what you have started.

... people can rely on you

... and you get the satisfaction of knowing you have done a great job.

Did you know?

That conscientious is not just something you are born with - you can become conscientious by practising it.

That conscientious is **NOT** about being perfect.

How do you practice it?

By being well planned.

By setting goals.

By breaking big tasks into smaller "bits".

By taking tasks one step at a time.

By persevering.

What would conscientiousness look like if ...

You have been asked to do a task and you do not know where to start?

You have extra work at school at a time when you are already very busy?

The due date for an assignment is the same as the date of a forthcoming sports tournament?

You have a lot of work to do but there is something you would much rather do?

The teacher gives you a free afternoon to choose your own work?

You are tempted to rush something?

Signs of success

You meet deadlines.

You don't leave things to the last minute.

You prioritise - work out what needs to be done first.

You feel good about your work.

You give your best effort.

You don't give up.

You have clear pathways to your goals.

You "go the extra mile".

Affirmation

I am conscientious. I will work hard. I will give my best to whatever I do.