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Newsletter

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Thank you

... to those parents who assisted with our Year 8 Surfing Day
... for your understanding and support during our class relocations this week

People of the week

... Olivia Spear for a stunning piece of writing this week.
... Those who have been gearing up for next week's duathlons.

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

29 March	Individual Duathlon
30 March	Team Duathlon
6 April	Final day for term 1
24 April	No school
25 April	Anzac day (holiday)
26 April	First day Term 2

Early Notice - 24 April

Some of you may know that a new curriculum is on its way soon, to be phased in over the next couple of years. Schools are required to undertake professional development in preparation for this, and the government has provided staggered days across the coming months for this purpose. These days must be used within specified timeframes. To minimize inconvenience to parents, most schools in Whangarei have nominated Monday 24.4 (between last day of the forthcoming holiday and ANZAC Day, which is 25.4). Accordingly, please note that that school will be closed on 24.4 and buses will not run on that day. The first day of school for term 2 will be Wednesday 26 April.

School Duathlon Events - 29 & 30 March

... For year 4-8 students, will take place as follows ...

Individual Event - Wednesday 29 March ... 12.50-1.40pm

Team Event - Thursday 30 March ... 12.50-1.40pm

Students will need bike, helmet & appropriate clothing. Parents welcome to support the racers. We can store bikes in the school hall between events. Any questions in the run up to this event should be directed to Mr Delemare please. If your child has not yet registered for these events they can do this themselves or via their classroom teacher.



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Responsibilities Virtue

Thank you for spending time with your children discussing our Rights and Responsibilities Sheet.

Please look at this with your children, and continue unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school.

... talk about where you exercise responsibility in your lives

... why being responsible is important

... maybe help them set a "responsibility goal"

The kids are off to a great start.

Coaches and Team Managers

Already people are gearing up for winter sports. As in earlier years, we will be very much dependent on parents putting their hands up to support as coaches or managers. If approached, please give this serious thought. Without parental support we will not be able to register teams. Much more to follow.

Player of the day

Basketball

Minis Basketball - Taniora Rapana

Have your residential / contact details changed?

... if so please let Paula know.

If you formerly resided out of zone, and are now residing in zone, we are particularly keen to hear from you. In zone children generate more funding ... which means more and better resources for students. So please let us know next week if your children were balloted into the school initially and have moved into our zone since then.

Lost Property

Please drop by over the coming weeks to check lost property - located in the corridor between rooms 11 and 12. Items remaining at the end of term will be donated to charities.

School Books

Might also be a good time to check on bookshelves, under beds etc for any school books. It would be great to have these back at school by term's end.

Final word - Air and mould testing

We apologise for any inconvenience arising from the sudden reallocation of rooms this week. Parents can be assured that our actions have been largely cautionary, and that all necessary measures will be/are being undertaken to ensure that rooms will be readied for the return of students early next term. Parents can also be assured of on-going monitoring and testing of air quality moving forward.

We are working closely with the MoE, and expert technicians, to ensure that everything is done right. Please see the letter emailed earlier today for a fuller explanation.

The Board is hugely grateful to staff, parents and students for their support as we set things right.

Ngā mihi

Kevin Trehella
PRINCIPAL

Community notices

Group Structured Literacy Intervention Programme



This successful course is being offered again in 2023. Instruction is evidence-based, targeted, and multi sensory. Your child's reading and spelling skills will increase through whole group/small group activities, progress monitoring and home learning.

This course is led by Eunice Fuchs, accredited teacher with the Australian Dyslexia Association, and Sheryn Comrie, SPELD/ Dyslexia PLUS teacher since 1988. The teachers are registered members of Learning Disabilities Association of New Zealand LDANZ.

- Years 4, 5, and 6 students.
- 16 weeks, 32 lessons - starting May 1.
- Weeks 2 to 9 in term 2 and 3 2023.
- Mondays & Thursdays. 3:30-4:45 pm
- Clark Road Chapel.
- Dyslexia PLUS membership of \$80/family.
- 3 instalments of \$370 by: 21 April, 16 June, and 11 August.
- The cost includes lesson fees, parent support and pre/post assessments.



For more information and to register your interest please contact our office on 09 4300 693 | admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz | www.dyslexiaplus.org.nz