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Thank you

... to those amazing parents who installed our new basketball hoops over the weekend. The kids are already loving them!

... to Mel Williams for helping us to squeeze out the swimming season just a bit. Thanks Mel

... to those who supported our duathlon days

... to those who have stepped up to manager and coaching roles for school sports teams (please support these people 100%)

... to those who attended our school ANZAC commemoration and to those who supported our ANZAC team on the day (and thanks Mrs D for your efforts)

People of the week

... our Responsibility virtue winners (end of last term) - check out our facebook page if you missed this.

Term calendar ... Much more to follow after staff meeting next week

26 April	First day Term 2
9 May	Meeting of Board of Trustees
17 May	Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament
19 May	Pink Shirt Day
31 May	Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament
5 June	King's Birthday
8 June	School photos
30 June	Final day of term 2

Morning Arrival Times

A small number of children are still being dropped at school before 8:00am. Please note that we do not guarantee staff on site before 8:00am and so it is critically important, for safety reasons that children are not dropped at school before this time. We also request pick up by 3:30pm please unless the children are at After School Care or on the last bus.

Upper carpark

If you use the upper carpark, please pick your children up at 3:15pm if you can, as it will help to reduce congestion, as opposed to 3:00pm. If around half of parents can manage this, your carpark experiences will be altogether different ones.

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.



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Caring Virtue

We are very excited to announce that our mini-virtue to start the term is **CARING**. Responsibility remains our big virtue for 2023 **but caring (and 6 other supporting virtues) will be introduced as we move through the year**. Please discuss the **CARING** virtue with your child(ren), and continue to unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school.

Support material is attached to this newsletter.

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

... why caring is important

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

The kids are off to a great start but remember none of us are perfect ... we all make mistakes ... we are all a work in progress!

Life Ed Trust

... joined us this week and will remain with us for the next few weeks. Maybe ask your children what they have done and say hi to Nadine if passing. Harold will make a surprise visit soon.



Pink Shirt Day

This day is celebrated internationally as a day when as many people as possible stand up against bullying of all forms. Our Student Council invites students to participate in Pink Shirt day on Friday 19 May. While this is optional, children are encouraged to wear a pink shirt (or some item of pink clothing) on the day. *The school council would like the school to be transformed into a Sea of Pink*. Please bring along a gold coin donation for help stamp out bullying campaign - money will be donated to the charity.

Headlice Inspection

If you think you may be able to help with headlice inspections on 11 May please give Paula a call.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day.

Kiwileles

Our school has signed up to become a ukulele school. Mrs Slykerman will shortly be rolling this programme out to those interested and so watch this space.

Welcome to Term 2

Great to connect with students again and to hear about their holidays. Also a relief to have a number of displaced classes returning to their rooms, with another to go back soon. The Board's goal has been to ensure that rooms are as comfortable as they can be, and that structural issues are addressed.

Unfortunately, rooms 8 and 9 will take a bit longer but these classes seem so happy where they currently are they may not want to move back. We start long term development discussions with the Ministry soon which will lead (in 3 to 5 years) to some significant building replacement.

Drop by with any questions at any time and visit often.

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- Mondays & Thursdays. 3:30-4:45 pm
- Clark Road Chapel.
- Dyslexia PLUS membership of \$80/family.
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