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### Thank you

... to those supporting next week's Lit Quiz and the forthcoming Writers' Festival

... to those who have offered to help with next week's headlice inspection (we would love a few more offers).

### People of the week

... Paula. Happy birthday!

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

26 April	First day Term 2
9 May	Meeting of Board of Trustees
16 May	Writers' Festival
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
9 June	Year 5 and 6 Rippa Rugby
26/27 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
29 June	Enviro Day
30 June	Final day of term 2
17 July	First day of term 3

### In Brief from last week

Please ...

... no children to be dropped at school before 8:00 am

... pick your children up at 3:15pm if you can please rather than 3:00pm

... think of others when transiting the carpark ... 5 k maximum speed, move off promptly (but safely) after drop-off, do not block the exit or entrance, find a parking space if leaving your vehicle.

... advise the office of any changes to contact, residential (or medication) details

... send drink bottles to school each day

### Pool Keys

If you hired a key for the summer pool season, please drop this to the office next week.

### Forthcoming Winter Sports Tournaments ... 17 and 31 May

Middle school questions to Mrs Burgin. Senior school questions to Mrs Donaldson please.

### Change of Clothes

We will do our best to keep kids away from the mud but, as you will well know, this isn't always easy. A spare set of clothes could be a good idea for recidivists.



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### Caring Virtue

Last week you received support material for the CARING virtue.

A reminder to please discuss the **CARING** virtue with your child(ren), and continue to unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school.

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

... why caring is important

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

### Life Ed Trust

... joined us last week. 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

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 send 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. Would love a few more offers of help.

### PSG Meeting - ALL WELCOME

Next meeting is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - 5:30pm with meeting to start at 6pm at Kamo Club.

Complimentary first drink and nibbles provided. ALLWELCOME

RSVP to <https://forms.office.com/r/3TGmTVZRt1>

Any questions please contact Jules on 0210604453 or via email on [matarau.psg@gmail.com](mailto:matarau.psg@gmail.com)

### Finally

With winter sports well under way, thank you again to team coaches and managers. Please give these people 100% support, accept that final decisions are theirs, see them directly and respectfully with any questions or concerns, offer to help where you can, remind your children often that it isn't only about winning, and remember that you are your child's most influential role model.

This weekend, how about gear your up child to approach a coach or manager with a work of thanks.

Ngā mihi

Kevin Trewhella  
PRINCIPAL