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Thank you

... to our school sponsors ... please support our sponsors in return.
... to those who have indicated an interest in hosting international students this year. You will hear from Miranda shortly. Miranda is happy to answer any questions moving forward.

People of the week

... those parents who have seen the light and are moving over to 3:15 (3:30) pick-ups after school. Obviously this doesn't work for everyone, but maybe consider joining the movement!

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

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
7 June	Team Photod
8 June	Class Photos
9 June	Year 5 and 6 Ripa 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
... 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. And please kind, patient, and thoughtful toward each other ... kids are watching and listening!
... Please advise the office of any changes to contact, residential (or medication) details.
... Forthcoming Winter Sports Tournaments ... 17 and 31 May. Middle school questions to Mrs Burgin. Senior school questions to Mrs Donaldson please.
... A change of clothes can be a good idea for some children ... will leave this call to you.
... Let team coaches and managers know often that you appreciate their efforts.

Pool Keys

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

If you suspect your child has covid please ...

... Test them (we have a limited number of RAT tests if you need them)
... Keep infected children home for 7 days (we will do our best to provide work)



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Caring Virtue

Two weeks ago you received support material for the CARING virtue.

A reminder to please discuss the **CARING** virtue with your child(ren) often, 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"

... **AND PLEASE SHARE SPECIAL EXAMPLES SO WE CAN CELEBRATE TOO!**

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.

PSG Meeting - ALL WELCOME

Next meeting is on Wednesday 24th 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 to Jules on 0210604453 or via email on matarau.psg@gmail.com

Headlice

At this week's meeting the board decided to return to reliance on regular inspections at home and a request for a prompt response in the event of infestation.

We know from experience that three things must happen for this to be effective ...

... *there needs to be at least one time each term when there is a co-ordinated check at home across all families (to reduce re-infestation rates).*

... *that in the event of infestation action will need to be undertaken (ideally) within a 48 hour period.*

... *that throughout the year parents undertake regular checks at home.*

ACCORDINGLY next week has been set as the week for home checks please and we ask that all parents do this and respond within 48 hours if there is infestation.

If you are dealing with repeat infestations post-treatment, please let us know and (without using names) we will discretely advise parents of pockets of infestation so that they can be extra vigilant.

The board will review this new approach at the end of 2023.

Finally ... Enjoy the sunshine this weekend. Excellent achievement results from recent testing so will share these when there is space.

Ngā mihi
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL



Join the 3:15-3:30 after school pick up – it's a whole different experience! And you may only be 5-10 minutes later getting to your destination!