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Thank you

- ... to those who supported our senior winter sports teams this week.
- ... to those who supported our Writers' Festival team
- ... to those who responded to our request for home headlice inspections this week (two more days).
- ... for supporting Pink Shirt Day. Thanks School Council for your efforts.
- ... Helen Butler for the kind donation of a guitar and ukulele - thanks Helen

People of the week

- ... those parents who have moved over to 3:15 (3:30) pick-ups after school.
- ... Logan and Callan Dahlburg who did an amazing job at the recent International rally in Whangarei. This included flag bearing, helping at the BBQ, keeping an eye on vehicles. Great role models. Well done boys.
- ... William Croucher for a superb piece of writing this week. William wrote about Mothers' Day and how he made mum's day special ... he actually made his mum breakfast. That's CARING in motion. Well done William!

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

31 May	Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament
5 June	King's Birthday
7 June	Team Photos
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 previous weeks Please ...

- ... Please 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 Senior Winter Sports Tournament ... 31 May. Questions to Mrs Donaldson please.
- ... Please let team coaches and managers know that you appreciate their efforts.

Pool Keys

Quite a number of people have not yet returned pool keys. Next week please.

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)
- ... Let the office know so we can track and advise parents of hot-spots.



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Caring Virtue

Three 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!**

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

Planning Family Holidays

We know that it not always possible to do so, but the Ministry of Education has asked all schools to remind parents that family holidays should be booked during term breaks where possible please.

(A reminder also that children are legally required to be at school a specified number of hours (9:00 to 3:00) each day unless an exemption has been granted).

Achievement Data

We said last week that we would share some achievement data if space allowed.

Recent norm referenced testing (years 4 to 8) indicated ...

... 82 % of our students are at or above average in Mathematics

... 85% are at our above average in Reading Vocabulary

... 83% are at or above average in Reading Comprehension

... 80% are at or above average in Listening Comprehension

... 73% are at or above average in Punctuation and grammar

These results are based a "normal distribution", meaning quite a wide average' band applies to every sample group, but these are still pleasing results. Well done to all concerned - a great team effort!

Player of the Day - Netball

Pukeko Journey Poutai

Tui Cosima Towey

Weka Isabel Alexander

Kiwi Amelia Rose Morris and special thanks to Natt Garden for taking the team

Sore Throats Matter - Preventing Rheumatic Fever

We have been advised that, with winter on its way, a lot of tamariki are getting sore throats. **Sore throats can hurt hearts.**

If your tamariki has a sore throat, please get a throat swab from your Practice Nurse at your GP Practice or participating pharmacy.

All children are at risk of developing strep throat however, research has shown that the risk of this leading to Acute Rheumatic Fever is predominantly higher in Maori & Pacific tamariki. Please direct any enquiries to your GP or the Public Health Nurse - Elizabeth Halvorson 021819791

Finally

Pink Shirt Day reminds us that bullying is an ever present enemy. It takes many forms and is not always overt. Let's unite to help ensure that each person is valued for who they are, for what they bring, for the uniqueness that is them. Please help us to encourage children to be very careful with their words, to be slow to judge, to include others, to know it is OK to see things differently, and to give people the benefit of the doubt when they can. Anyone who has tried to improve, knows it takes time, same with kids. So, remember ... we are all a work in progress, the journey to improvement can be a torturous one, full of bumps and setbacks, but it is probably the most important journey the kids (and we) will ever take.

Happy Birthday this week to Lisa, Blake, Clare and Shelley!!!

Ngā mihi
Kevin Trewhella
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!