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### Thank you

... to those who have diligently advised the school office when covid cases are confirmed. This has hugely helped us with monitoring and notifications.

### People of the week

... those parents who have moved over to 3:15 (3:30) pick-ups after school.

... our PSG (and their support team) for your vision and commitment.

### 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

### Year 5 and 6 Winter Tournament

... as it stands this event may clash with a possible teacher strike on that day. We hope not, will keep our ears to the ground, and advise as early as we can if this event is moved to another day. Any questions to Mrs Burgin please.

### In Brief from previous weeks Please ...

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

... If your child 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 and this can lead to Acute Rheumatic Fever.

... Please let team coaches and managers know that you appreciate their efforts.

### Pool Keys

Please keep these rolling in ... we need all of these back please.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Please keep the afternoons/evenings of 26 and 27 June free. A booking invitation will be sent in the next couple of weeks. These interviews are an important opportunity to share data and impressions, and revise targets. More to follow.

### 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.

### Caring Virtue

Announcements soon of our caring virtue award recipients.



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### Composting workshop

... for those involved will be held in the staffroom (3:30 to 4:30) Monday 29 May. Any questions to Anna please.

### School Photos

Are now spread over two mornings ... team photos will be taken on 7 June and class photos on 8 June. Please see the attachment or visit the website provided for further information. Online ordering is preferred with payment into the photographers account - PLEASE **NO** PAYMENT INTO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT

### Chickenpox

We may be seeing the very early signs of chickenpox here at school. So please keep an eye on this and take appropriate action where necessary. Further information on chickenpox can be found here ...

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/chickenpox>

### Calf Club Day

We can now confirm that Calf Club Day 2023 will be held on **Friday 13 October**.

### Matarau Road

This is a tricky piece of road. This road is narrow with numerous blind-spots.

**Please** ...

... be very careful entering and exiting the upper car park. Edge to the brow of the rise so you can be sure of any on-coming vehicles.

... if you are picking your child up, and you are parked on the other side of the road, please collect your children and walk them to your car.

... for pick up, please use the lower bus bay if you can to reduce pressure on the carpark.

... if you have children year 3 and up, and you can pick them up at 3:15 pm (rather than 3:00 pm), this would really help.

... if you see a vehicle driven in an unsafe way in the vicinity of the school, please take the registration number and let our school office know. We WILL follow this up.

... and always reduce your speed when passing the school, particularly before 9:00 am and after 3:00 pm

### Plastics and the Environment

Please help us to reduce the amount of plastic coming to school each day by using compartmentalized lunchboxes and/or removing plastic wrappings from items before packing. We have explained to children that plastic dropped here enters waterways, and eventually the sea, and that this can cause sometimes irreversible damage. If you have time, perhaps you could reinforce the critical importance of caring for our environment, and that even small things, added together, can make a huge difference.

### 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.

Please direct any enquiries to your GP or the Public Health Nurse - Elizabeth Halvorson 021819791

### Player of the Day - Netball

Tui            Lola Boaks  
Weka        Giselle Coleman  
Kiwi         Pippa Peyton

### Finally

Great to announce to you all that ...

... Room 10 students are now back in their refurbished and reinsulated classroom.

.. Consequently, room 1 students have returned to their regular room.

... Room 9 students should return to their classroom within the next few weeks.

... Unfortunately, room 8 students will be in the library for most of this term as room 8 requires a more extensive refurbishment.

Thanks to staff, parents and children for their patience as room deficiencies are rectified. Thank you also to the Ministry and to NPM who have pulled all stops to ensure the necessary work is done as quickly as possible. The new rooms look amazing and they are very warm!

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!***