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# Newsletter

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### Thank you

- ... to our AIMS coaches and managers
- ... to our sponsors

### People of the week

- ... our new entrants and their families. Great to have you on board.
- ... those picking their children up from school in the 3:15-3:30 band - doesn't have to be every day of the week.

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

5 June	King's Birthday
7 June	Team Photos
8 June	Class Photos
9 June	Year 5 and 6 Ripa Rugby
12 June	Meeting of the Board of Trustees
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 ...

- ... 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 conduct periodic headlice inspections at home
- ... Chickenpox - please keep an eye out for this.
- ... Calf Club Day Friday 13 October.

### Pool Keys

- ... we need all of these back next week please.

### COURTESY VIRTUE

COURTESY will be our focus virtue until term's end. We will be encouraging the use of please, thank you and excuse me, letting others go first, greeting others in an engaging way, and not interrupting. This will sit under our broader focus of RESPONSIBILITY ... we have a responsibility to be courteous!

Please find support material attached. Look at this with your children, and gradually unfold your discussions over the weeks ahead, as we will at school.

- ... talk about where and how and where you exercise in your lives
- ... why being courteous is important
- ... maybe help them set a "courtesy goal"

Thanks for your support. If we double our efforts (home and school) we will quadruple the gains overall. The kids are off to a great start.

### Caring Virtue

Announcements next of our caring virtue award recipients. So watch this space.



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### Northland Cross Country

Congratulations, and best wishes, to those children representing our school in next Thursday's Northland Cross Country event. Thank you also to their support team.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Please keep the afternoons/evenings of 26 and 27 June free. A booking invitation will be sent on 9 June. 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.

### Soon to be 5 year olds we may not know about

If you have moved into zone, or know someone who has moved into zone, and you / they have a soon to be 5 year old (i.e. turning 5 before the end of the year), and the school has not been advised of this, please let us know next week. This information is important for us if we are to plan for optimal numbers in our junior rooms. Thank you.

### Player of the Day - Netball

- Pukeko - Ludovica
- Tui - Maia Van Boldrik
- Weka - Ayyah May Summers
- Kiwi - Whaiawa Tito
- Moa - Katrina Walker

### Finally

Some years ago we had a focus on "little things making a difference". We found that attending to things like manners, had astonishing ripple effects. Not only did the recipients of good manners feel good, so did the givers. Maybe certain words trigger receptors in the brain, which trigger new emotions, or even actions. So please get behind our focus on please, thank you, excuse me, letting others go first etc. Set some rules (and targets) around this at home and celebrate the gains with us.

Travel safely if going away this long weekend.

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!**