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Thank you

... To those parents who have made a very real effort to pick children up in the 3:15-3:30 period to relieve pressure on the carpark. This has made a very real difference. Please continue if you can.

... Those who supported our Rippa Rugby and Mathex teams this week.

... From Mr T to the lunchtime knitting group who made him an awesome beanie to wear on his winter beach walks - they were too polite to say why he especially needed one.

People of the week

... Emily Pearson who can now spell words Mr T can't spell thanks to grandmas tutoring.

... Jackson W, Vali Judkins, and Oliver Rowntree who tied the lunch area without being asked. Well done boys!

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

12 June	Meeting of the Board of Trustees
22 June	Jump Day (more to follow)
26/27 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
29 June	Enviro Day
30 June	Final day of term 2
17 July	First day of term 3

COURTESY VIRTUE

Last week you received some COURTESY support material. If you have not yet done so, please 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 courtesy in your lives

... why being courteous is important

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

Upper Driveway

Thank you for your patience as a new driveway is installed from the junior school to the main quad. This area is fenced off by and large, but entry through the main gate is unavoidable. Contractors have been asked to have a dedicated "spotter" on duty at all times a vehicle is moving, to keep barriers in place, to avoid the periods before and after school, to cease work during break times, and to be extra vigilant. Extra duty staff have also been assigned to watch this area. Nevertheless, please take care when transiting this area. The concrete will be poured this weekend all going well.

In Brief from previous weeks Please ...

... Please conduct periodic headlice inspections at home

... We will announce our caring virtue award recipients next week.

... Pool Keys ... we need all of these back next week please.

... If you have (or know of) 5 years olds due to start with us this year, and you have not yet advised, please let us know next week.

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Mid-year Interviews

Monday 26 June & Tuesday 27 June (plus the additional day of 28 June - Year 7 & 8 only)

Our online interview booking system is now open. Interviews are booked on a first in basis.

Please note that we have 2 concurrent interview cycles. You will need to book under 2 different codes (see below) ... On interview nights the change-over bells will ring every 15 minutes as per normal, but these bells will apply to the year 1 to 6 interviews only. The year 7 and 8 interviews will be of 10 minutes duration, all of these interviews will be held in room 11, and change overs will be at the direction of the teachers. All 3 senior school teachers will be present at the year 7 and 8 interviews. If you have children in years 1 to 6 and in year 7 and 8, please remember that times will overlap and so we suggest that you book your year 7 and 8 slot with spare slots either side to avoid double ups.

To book you need to visit - www.schoolinterviews.co.nz & enter the relevant code as follows ...

Junior and Middle School (years 1 to 6) the code is 279ys

Senior School (year 7 and 8) the code is 2cet5

If you do not have access to the internet, or if you have any questions, please give Paula a call on Monday. Teachers are available at other times by appointment.

School will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm (NOT 2:30 as in earlier years).

(p.s. having two cycles enables us to provide parents of year 7 and 8 students with feedback from all of their child's specialist teachers, thus negating the need for multiple interviews. This also enables teachers and parents to identify whether issues are context or subject specific).

AIMS

Over the coming weeks our AIMS teams will be conducting the occasional fundraiser to help raise funds for their forthcoming AIMS Tournament. Please keep an eye and ear out and support their efforts if you can!

If you suspect your child has covid please ...

... Keep them 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.

Finally

Thanks for the many ways you support the school ... we don't always get a chance to say thank you, but we do appreciate your support. Best for the weekend. Don't forget to book interviews slots.

Ngā mihi

Kevin Trehwella

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