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# Newsletter

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#### Thank you

... to the truly amazing supporters of this week's year 3 and 4 hockey tournament ... and our senior referees.

... to those helping out (or attending) on Enviro Day (29.6)

... to those who have booked interviews for next week.

#### People of the week

... Congratulations Katrina Walker, Danica-Jade Williams & Taylor Masfield for outstanding pieces of writing this week.



Full size photos attached with email

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

26/27 June

Parent/Teacher Interviews

29 June

Enviro Day

30 June

Final day of term 2

17 July

First day of term 3

#### Mid Year Interviews To book visit ...

- [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://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**

**A reminder that school will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm on all interview days (NOT 2:30 as in earlier years).**

#### On interviews please help the process along by ...

... being on time and moving on the bell

... noting down any questions or concerns beforehand

... there are always multiple ways children can improve (and adults too), so maybe come with a clear picture of where you would most like to see change/improvement. Please note that these interviews primarily exist for the sharing of achievement information. While other issues can be touched on, a follow up appointment should be made for any significant issue not directly related to progress and achievement. Teachers would be more than pleased to connect with you again.

#### If our interview days and times did not suit

... please arrange to see your child's teacher at the start of next term.

#### Confirmation of Secondary School

Parents of year 8 children have received a form asking for an indication of which secondary school their child is likely to attend in 2024. This helps us to ensure that you get the information you need as we approach information and enrolment time. If you have not yet done so, please to their classroom teacher next week. Of course this does not lock you in, in is OK to change your mind down the track.



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

... Please conduct periodic headlice inspections at home

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

... Please continue to support AIMS fundraising efforts

... Interested in learning Te Reo in 2024 (located here at school)? ... Email Jody at [alexjody.partridge@gmail.com](mailto:alexjody.partridge@gmail.com) if you would like more info.

### Lost Property

With the end of term fast approaching, parents are invited to come and look through the lost property some time over the next week. This will be displayed in The vicinity of the hallway between rooms 11 and 12. Unclaimed items will be donated to charities.

### School Cross Country

Will be held sometime in mid-August. If your child is serious about placing in the school competition you might want to start them training over the holidays. First practice will be soon after commencement of the new term - so come prepared with running shoes.

### COURTESY VIRTUE

Thank you for supporting our recent courtesy virtue initiatives. We will announce some outstanding courtesy role models either next week or the first week of term 3. Please continue to emphasise our courtesy trigger words "please, thank you and excuse me" and we will do the same at school.

### Reading over the Holidays

Next week teachers will do their best to make sure that children have books to read over the holiday period. Please read to your children, encourage them to read before bed each night, and have lots of conversations around books. Show them that you love books too!!

### Caution on entry to site over the holidays

Please note that the school remains a building site over the holidays. This includes a considerable amount of roofing work, copious scaffolding etc. We request, for your safety, that the school is not entered over the holiday break without prior permission.

### Final words

We are very pleased to see just how many parents have committed to attending mid-year interviews. We collect quite of data, and it is our strong belief that parents should have access to this data. You need more than generalities to be assured of how your child is achieving, and whether gaps, if there are any, are closing. Most of the data we will share with you is norm referenced data and this gives us confidence that our judgments are accurate. Feel free to bring to our attention any areas of concern and we will commit to working on these.

This is the final newsletter of the term. Enjoy the coming holidays, have quality time together, and be sure to travel safely. Final day of term is Friday 30 June, first day back is Monday 17 July. Plenty to be excited about in the forthcoming term including cross-country, a lot more science, some extension programmes for promising scientists, and more.

See you next term!

Ngā mihi

Kevin Trehwella PRINCIPAL