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Newsletter

Term 2 No.6

Principal's voice:

Tēnā koutou, talofa, bonjour, malo e lelei, kia orana and hello,

We are in our second week of learning back at school and the children are settling in so well. They have coped with so much over the past couple of months and seem to have taken it all in their stride.

The focus for the past two weeks has been on the students' well being. It is now good to see routines becoming more established in the classes and children settling into their learning.

Reports and 3 way conferences

We will be sending a report out at the end of the term and have been working with Edge (student management system) to develop an interim report. Because we have had so much time away from school the report has been modified to take this into consideration. We will be holding 3 way conferences in term 3 on Tuesday 4th August and Wednesday 5th August. Appointments will be organised at the beginning of term 3.

Alert Level 2 does not change for school

Thank you so much for your patience and consideration when dropping off and picking up your children. For schools all the protocols are the same with any person coming onto the school needing to register (because of distance tracing). For now we are going to continue with the same system but because our children are doing such a great job we will moderate the times slightly.

As from Tuesday next week (2nd June):

Arrival:

- **1 adult per family** who will say goodbye at the drop off point.
- Parents can drop children off from the car if preferred.
- No parents on the school grounds with the exception of new children (a register will be set up for them)
- **drop your children off at any time between 8:30 - 8:55am.**
- There will be a barrier set up just outside the caretaker's shed. The students will line up (safe distancing), from 8:30 onwards they may go straight to class and sanitise hands on entry.

Children walking to school

- There will be an adult supervising road crossing and children will be directed to join the queue to enter school and go through the same process as above.

Before school care

- A SKIDs staff member will pick up any children arriving for before school care from the drop off point. Arrangements will be made in advance for any families using this facility.

Wairau Valley Special School

- Wairau Valley school vehicles will be allowed access to drop off students. WVSS will keep their own Register of children and drivers entering and exiting their site.

End of day pick up:

- Students will be escorted to the collection point
- **2:45 - 2:50** - surnames A - G
- **2:50 - 2:55** - surnames H - N
- **2:55 - 3:00** - surnames O - Z
- Parents (one parent/caregiver only will be waiting by the barrier for their child/ren (social distancing to be complied with - super market style.) Children will be released as quickly as possible and parents will move offsite immediately.

Children walking home after school

- Any students who are walking home will leave promptly at 3:00pm and an adult will supervise any students as they cross Birkdale Road.

After school care

- At 2:50pm a SKIDs staff member will pick up any children who will be attending SKIDs that day directly from their classes. Parents collecting children from Skids will sign a register.

Wairau Valley Special School

- Wairau Valley school vehicles will be allowed access to pick up students.

It is important to realise that social distancing is still in place, we do ask that you are considerate of other parents coming in to collect children and that the entrance is kept clear.

Pyjama day - a bit of fun!

Here are a few photos of pyjama day. It was good fun with a high percentage of our children taking place. Casual Friday has taken a new meaning for me!





Blue Certificate winners

Well done to all our learners for the past two weeks.



God bless the Queen!

Remember it is The Queen's birthday weekend - ironically in Britain this is not a holiday!
Enjoy the extra day with your whanau.
Nga mihi nui

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Upcoming Events

Term Dates 2020:

Term 2	28th April - 3rd July
Term 3	20th July - 25th September
Term 4	12th October - 16th December

Public Holidays:

1st June - Queens birthday
26th October - Labour day

Whats on:

18th September	Photo Life - class and individual portraits
25th June	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm - 8.30pm
2nd July	Interim reports home
30th July	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm - 8.30pm
27th August	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm - 8.30pm

The Walking School bus:

This is currently on hold under Alert Level 2. We will notify you when this starts up again.
If you are interested in becoming a driver, have any queries or need further information, please contact Mrs Singh.

Public Health Nurses are available on 09 486 8996. Alternatively call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit www.health.govt.nz. The Public Health Nurses are able to help with providing things like nit treatment, action plans for students that have medical conditions and other general health queries.

School Dental services are based at Glenfield Intermediate, Chilvary Road, Glenfield.
Contact on 09 444 6160.

Hearing & Vision:

If you have genuine concerns for your child's Vision or Hearing or want to rule it out as a contributor to behaviour and performance in school you can make an appointment at one of the WDHB clinics. Please click on the link below for further information.
<http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/child-and-family-services/>
The vision screening is for distance only so if you have concerns for Vision you could see an optometrist, they will do a full eye check- Specsavers do free checks for children under 16 years.