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Newsletter

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Principal's voice:

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

I hope this finds you all well. I feel that we are on a roundabout, as I'm sure many of you would agree. We get off for a while and then we are back on again! I know we are all waiting for information from Parliament about the alert levels and whether we will be back at level 2 next Thursday. At this point we should have some indication on Monday. As usual we will respond as quickly as possible.

Hard copy packs

Thank you to all the parents who came and picked up the learning packs prepared by the school. At this stage we are not planning to make up any more packs.

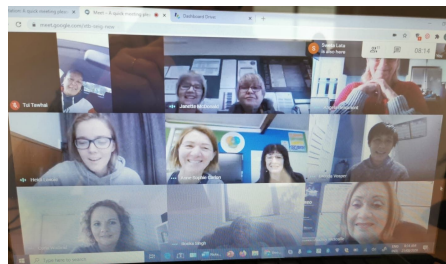
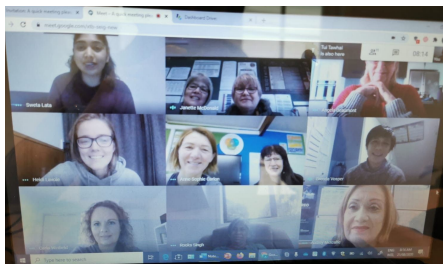
If you requested a hard pack but have not collected it yet, it is waiting for you to collect from school between 9:30 and 3:00. Please call the school and let us know before you pick it up.

Distance learning

We have learned some things from the last lockdown and the teachers are all working hard to make contact with their students. There has been some fantastic interaction at some of the meetings with just a few technical hitches!

The teachers are setting up schedules with times to work with the students. Our goal is to make sure that teachers have made contact with all their students at least three times a week.

We had a quick staff meeting this morning, Ania Sbai is not in the photo as she was taking it!



(Spot the difference in the two photos)

Gallery trip next week for our Seniors

We will stay open minded about our trip to the gallery on the 25th and 26th August just in case we drop to level 2 on Monday. Have in mind that it is more than likely that it will be cancelled. But fingers crossed - you never know!

We are sad to lose Heidi Lavoie

Miss Heidi Lavoie in room 9 will be leaving us on Friday 18th September (the week before the end of term 3).

With the COVID 19 pandemic and the changes made to current immigration regulations she has found herself in a situation where she is unable to continue to stay in New Zealand.

I would like to thank Heidi for her work over the past three terms and wish her all the best for her return to Canada. I am sure she will be gainfully employed over there very soon! We will miss her positive and happy personality!

We are in the process of now looking for a new room 9 teacher with adverts going out today. We have a very small window of time to find a new teacher and of course our current situation does not help, but we are staying 'solutions focussed'. If you know of any suitable candidates please let me know.

A word from Mrs McDonald to all our tamariki



Kia ora everyone,

Thought I would take a minute to write to you all.

Who would have thought we would have been back learning online again but here we are. Let's look at all the positives that will come from this and how it is going to help you develop as learners and future leaders.

Think about your goals set at the three way conferences:

- Can you remember what they were? (if not your first job is to find out)
- How can you take this opportunity to work on them?
- What would that look like for you at home?
- Will you be closer to reaching them before we return to school?

Talk to your teachers and your parents about how that could work for you.

I have added the photographs of our Matariki disco to remind you of the good times we have at school, and hope they make you smile.

I worked over the weekend with Mrs Wrightson, Mrs Vosper (her new haircut is so cool - you need to have a video conference just to see it!) Mrs Stewart and Maitresse Anso to get some hard copy packs organised for you as well as the learning your teachers are doing with you. If you speak to any of them can you pass on a big thank you for their help, I am sure they will appreciate it.

For now take time to get used to distance learning again and whatever you do be kind to each other. Your parents are amazing and will do the best possible job with you but remember that many of them are also trying to work from home. So be patient , show Manaaki and hopefully we will all be back at school soon.

A quick quiz for you to do.

1. What is the name of the toy cowboy in *Toy Story*?
2. What is the colour of an emerald?
3. What is the name of the fairy in Peter Pan?
4. Where does the President of the United States live while in office?
5. How many planets are in our solar system?
6. Where is the Great Pyramid of Giza?
7. What is a doe?
8. What do bees make?
9. What is a group of lions called?
10. Which is the fastest land animal?
11. What kind of animal was Abu in *Aladdin*?
12. Who wrote *Hamlet*?

Answers:

1. Woody 2. Green 3. Tinkerbell 4. The White House 5. Eight 6. Egypt 7. A female deer 8. Honey
9. A pride 10. The cheetah 11. A monkey 12. William Shakespeare

Take care and be kind to each other.

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