

**Principal's voice:**

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

Once again this has been an unusual term (or should I be saying the new norm!) but we have got to the end of it and survived.

First of all I would like to say a big thank you to all of you, it is not easy juggling work and children at the best of times but with the added pressures of level 2 procedures and restrictions it has been extremely tricky for you. I cannot say how much I appreciate the effort everyone has put in to abide by the procedures and follow the drop off and pick up rules. This is why we have such a great community - ki te mahi ngatahi te rereketanga -working together makes a difference!

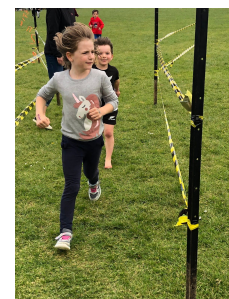
Hopefully when we come back together for term 4 we will be down to level 1 - if not we will keep on going in BNS style!

Wacky hair day

Wacky hair day was fantastic with lots of children getting involved. It was good to have some fun and support a worthy cause at the same time. We collected \$201.80 for child cancer - thank you for your generosity.

**Cross country**

We had a different cross country but our tamariki all enjoyed themselves. Thank you for the parents who came to cheer on their children from the footpath (restrictions again!). We managed to get the cross country finished on time and even managed to work around a couple of rain showers!





Speech semi finals

Congratulations to our semi finalists who all did a fantastic job. Our speech finals for both Juniors and Seniors will be held on Friday 16th October.



Blue Certificate winners

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



Have a fantastic break, enjoy spending some fun time with your tamariki and remember that the clocks go forward on Saturday at midnight!

Kia kaha

Nga mihi nui

Jan.

Upcoming Events

Term Dates 2020:

Term 4 12th October - 17th December

Public Holidays:

26th October - Labour day

Whats on:

Term 4:

27th October	Vision and Hearing testing
28th - 30th October	Camp - Shakespeare Lodge - Year 5 and 6 students
3rd November	Interschool Cross Country 10am - 2pm
16th - 20th November	Road Safety Week
16th November	Photo Life Class and Individual photos
19th November	Interschool Swimming
19th November	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
20th November	Kapa Haka Festival - Kauri Park
25th November	Interschool Athletics
10th December	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
11th December	Year 6 Leaving Function & Graduation
14th December	End of School Assembly 9.15am - 11am
16th December	School Picnic Fun Day
17th December	Last day Term 4

Photo Life: 27th November:

The way photos are being done this year has changed. Like a lot of businesses Photo Life is changing to an Online Ordering.

Every student will get a "Key Code" with a unique code to purchase their photos through the Photo life website. The Key Codes will be the same for each student throughout the entire year, meaning all the photos they are in across the year will be available to view and purchase when Ordering Online.

The only change on Photo Day will be taking the portrait photograph of every student, whereas in the past they would have only taken photographs of those with order envelopes.

The Walking School bus:

Currently suspended due to Covid.

If you have any queries or need further information, please contact Mrs Singh, Room 10.

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, Chivalry Road, Glenfield.
Ph 09 444 6160

Hearing & Vision: Tuesday 27th October.

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.

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School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are open from ***Sunday 11 October 2020*** for the election of ***two*** parent representatives to the board of trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on ***Sunday 1 November 2020***. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on ***Friday 4 December 2020***.

Signed *Jenny Williams*

Returning Officer