

Week 7 Term 2 29th May 2020

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I am so proud of our community!

Our individual bubble experiences will have been varied and wide reaching. Both positives and negatives.

I have been privileged to see behind the scenes, the amazing acts of kindness and support for each other. We truly are a special character school.

I am also aware that we have families who have had life circumstances change throughout this period. Please email me or come in and see me if you need any assistance. We can access support for you in many different areas. We are here to help.

Have you reflected and taken stock during this time? Have you stopped to appreciate the positives? Have you noticed what is truly important? Have you reflected on your families work life balance? Are you looking to make changes going forward? Did you start new hobbies because your child was bored. Boredom is actually a good thing to experience because it encourages creativity. Did you get to know your children in new ways?

We have been doing our own reflection as a school around keeping the gold, stopping the no longer needed and the prospect of starting new and wonderful things that have come to the surface. We will be putting out mini surveys seeking your voice. I implore you to help us create our new path going forward.

I am especially proud of the amazing staff at our school. I am so privileged to lead such a skilled, dynamic, caring, authentic, faith-filled group.

I cannot thank you enough for the positive feedback you gave me.

I made a big display in our staffroom with your wonderful comments so staff can be uplifted and know they are truly valued.



Morning Process... I am so appreciative of parents dropping students at the gate. This has made the morning process manageable for contact tracing. One of the positives I have noticed is the new found self management and independence of our students. I am so impressed with students carrying their own belongings and developing independence around starting their day.

Home time process... again thank you to those parents who are able to collect their children earlier. It has definitely helped with traffic congestion.

Have a wonderful and restful long weekend

God Bless

Jacqui Luxton



SPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Many of you will be keen to know what sport and physical activities are available to your child now that they are back in school.

All students will now be able to safely play with sports equipment during playtime and lunchtime. Students will be required to wash or sanitise their hands after each break and sports equipment will be cleaned on a daily basis. If teachers take their class outside for physical instruction then hand washing and cleaning of equipment will also be done each time.

All inter school sporting events have either been postponed until term three or cancelled. This includes all Contributing Schools (year 4-6) and Intermediate Super 6 events. Sadly there will also be no dance instruction with Mark Glastonbury in term 2.

Some winter sporting codes are still working through processes to ensure a safe return to play and we may be able to still offer Netball and Intermediate Basketball later this term. A note will be sent to all players who returned their Netball notices to see if parents still wish their child to participate. No date has been set but we will pass on information as soon as we know anything.

Please be assured that we are following Level 2 protocol to ensure students can enjoy physical activities throughout the school as safely as possible.

lan Kerr

Who to see... If you have a query or concern regarding your child please see your child's Teacher first. If you still require assistance please see your child's Team Leader as follows:

Junior Team

Dallas Limpus:

Student from JLC, Room 3, 4 and 5

Middle Team

Cath Daignault:

Students from Rooms 6, 7 and 8

Senior Team

lan Kerr:

Students from Rooms 9, 10 and 11





Wow it was fantastic being back in Room 9!

We talked about a wonderful Māori whakatauki today.

Whakapuputia mai o mānuka, Kia kore ai e whati. Cluster the branches of the Mānuka so the branches will not break.



We made our special pieces of weaving and wrote messages of thanks to the people who have helped us during this time. We discussed how this saying was explaining how together we are strong. We agreed we were very strong as New Zealanders over this time. We spoke about our Essential Workers and how thankful we are to them.









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Send	reason as this helps us to monitor the spread of illness and to assign the correct absence code for the
	Ministry of Education.

We need your help...

If your child is unwell, vomits or has diarrhoea you are required to keep your child home **48 hours after** all symptoms have stopped.

This is vital to contain the spread of the bug.





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"to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarkelling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people." (Titus 3:2)



In Term 2 we are focusing on the Gospel Value of

Courtesy.

We would love you to take the time to talk about and reinforce each

aspect of our ICIC Gospel Values with your child.

Using Manners is part of being courteous. The simple act of saying please and thank you was often seen in Jesus' actions with others.

He was always giving thanks to his Father, even when he was tired or struggling with what was asked of him.

Often giving thanks to his Father preceded a miracle, eg. the feeding of the 5000. He always showed manners to others, the children who came to him, the woman who bled and sought his touch.

A good picture book for kids about using please and thankyou is on you tube "Splat Says Thank You" <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=clqcjyu0-hM</u>



Manners

Using please and thank you Returning a greeting Greeting manuhiri appropriately Treasure your Kaumatua / Elders



June



and 3rd and 4th of September

We had alerted you about teacher only day dates... the have been canceled. We will have school as normal. 3rd of August