



Term 2 April 2023

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Welcome back to Term 2!

I hope that you have had a chance to enjoy some time with your children over the holiday break.

I am sending out a quick **survey around communication**. I would really appreciate hearing from you as this will help us to head in the right direction.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyxcpYyfxSs52Ys5Gnl-7SsAGWJw--QbSaXf4ZdjgUY4-hWA/viewform>

It has been lovely to see the children this week with their excitement at returning to school. We began the term with our **powhiri** and I always feel such **amazing pride** for our school during this special time. Your children are absolutely stunning as a group when welcoming our new families. Last term I shared a video of our Intermediate students singing on our Facebook page. If you haven't seen this yet I encourage you to do so.

We are back in **winter uniform**. We usually give a weeks grace to get items sorted. As this is a short week we ask that uniform is sorted by the end of next week. If you are unsure of what is needed please just ask.

We are very proud of our uniform and feel it plays an important role in creating a sense of unity and pride within our school community.

On the following page I have included some reminders.

Uniform Reminders

We are now into the winter term.

This means new uniform and a time to polish ourselves!



Long hair - to be tied up with black or navy ties.

Please keep fringes tidy and above the eyes.



Earrings - only plain studs or sleepers please.



Taonga and Crosses - may be worn but must be tucked in for safety reasons.

Shoes - Black lace up or Velcro shoes must be worn when arriving and leaving school.

We ask that shoes are plain, waterproof and black with no other colours or embellishments on them.



Name it, name it name it! We have 260 students... a black vivid marker works well!

Please keep **fancy shaved haircuts** for the holiday breaks.

Anderson's Uniform Shop are happy to help with both new and second hand. If things are a financial struggle please do come and see us as we can help out.



Term 2 heralds the beginning of those dreaded **winter illnesses**. I hoped we might have a reprieve for a few weeks but sadly that is not to be.

Covid is back in our midst already. Please keep your children home if they are showing any symptoms. We currently have both staff and students away with covid. Please remember there is a 7 day isolation period from the onset of symptoms.

As covid is well entrenched in our community this is now something we will learn to live with and continue life as normal. We will be using handwashing and good ventilation in classrooms as our main defence. Masks remain optional at this stage.

Please remember that students with **vomiting and diarrhoea** must stay away for **48 hours after vomiting and/or diarrhoea** has stopped. This is essential to keep bugs away from others at school.

In Special Character news there is a **children's Liturgy** which is being held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 7th May @ 9.30. This mass is completely run by our parish children and they would love you to join them and enjoy morning tea which will be served by them also.

We have had a **change of date for our whole school Mass**. Unfortunately there has been a clash with St Mary's Church. The new date has not been selected yet. We will let you know as soon as possible.

Weekly Mass starts this week. Every Friday morning two classrooms walk over to celebrate Mass with Cullinane College at 9.40. You are more than welcome to attend this.

Cullinane College have their open evening on the 2nd of May for 2024 prospective students. It starts at 5.50pm. It may seem early, however, Cullinane fills up very quickly. I encourage parents of both Year 7 and 8's to go along and have a look. This is a very important decision.

Last, but possibly the most important... I wanted to share a new **behaviour management initiative** that we have been trialling. I also want to ask for your support. We are running a Reset Room. This room is in the library and offers supervised quiet learning for students who are disrupting the learning in their classroom. The children are sent as an opportunity to reset and get their learning completed.

Parents/Caregivers will be informed by their classroom teacher if their child has been sent to the Reset Room. This is where **we need your help**. We would really appreciate you sitting down with your child to talk about respect. Respect for their teacher, respect for their fellow students and most importantly respect for their own learning. We are already seeing excellent results. We feel this is a **win win**, as not only is your child getting their learning finished, it allows the other children and teacher get on with the learning too. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions.

Mā te Atua e manaaki
Jacqui Luxton



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OPEN EVENING 2023

WHEN: Tuesday 2nd May, 2023 starting at 5.50pm

WHERE: Cullinane College Performing Arts Centre, 15 Peat Street, Whanganui

www.cullinanecollege.school.nz

Reminder:

Staff Only Days 2023

Our staff are very excited to be learning te reo māori as a whole team through Te Ahu O Te Reo Māori. We have already participated in a two day wānanga workshop in January along with a number of other schools. We now attend 10 weeks of after school classes and finish with another 2 day wānanga workshop. This date is fixed by Te Ahu O Te Reo Māori and I do appreciate this puts pressure on you. **School will be closed on the 6th and 7th of June**, SKIDS will be operating on these two days.

We are still waiting for the Staff Only Day date in the second half of the year. As soon as I know we will let you know.

We know this is an inconvenience for you and we do appreciate your support. These opportunities allow us to be at the top of our game for your children.

Mā te Atua e manaaki

Jacqui Luxton

Who to see...

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

Junior Team

Team Leader Dallas Limpus: dallasl@stmarys.ac.nz

Students from the JLC, Room 3 and 4

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