



## Term 4 October 2023

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Kia ora koutou

I hope you all had some time over the holidays to enjoy some family time.

You will have noticed quite a lot of **building works** going on around the school. We have all sorts of improvements around the school. Our hall has been strengthened for safety during earthquakes. Our Junior toilets are being refreshed and the layout changed. We currently have Room 3 and Room 10 repaired and getting new carpet and wall linings. We will then be moving through classrooms with carpet, wall linings, ceiling panels, lighting and painting over the coming months and into the new year. We will also be getting new concrete and drainage. We are looking forward to this happening so we can get some fun painted activities on the concrete for students to play on. Watch this space.

A reminder that we have a **Teacher Only Day on Friday the 17th of November**. Most schools in Whanganui are getting together to complete professional development around the refreshed curriculum.

Please remember to use our app, email or phone in **student absences**. If there are many absences it can take the best part of a morning to ring individual families. The app location is at the top of this page. It is so quick and easy to use.

I put out a notice last term asking for **enrolments** of pre-schooler siblings. Thank you for your quick response. I am hoping we have them all. We are now full for 2024. If you know of families wishing to join us they are welcome to be on our waiting list. Please let us know if you will be leaving so we can fill your spot.

Thank you for your response to the changing **uniform** survey. The board have met and reviewed your feedback and are in the process of sourcing the new options. We will be looking to start the transition to our new uniform in Term 4 of 2024. We expect the transition to happen over 5 years. This means we will see a gradual phasing in and out. The main points of interest from your feedback were the blue shirt, long trousers in winter and the option of a jacket. We will be sharing more information closer to the time next year.

### **Uniform reminders:**

As we are now in the summer uniform we have a few reminders.

- **Hats:** from next week children without their hats will be under the shade during break times.
- **Naming:** this is so important! Please name your child's uniform as this saves us so much time. We do not run a lost property space as we deal with items on the day. If they are named it is so much easier to return them to the right place.
- **Long hair:** we require hair that is touching or below the collar to be tied up. This is a health and safety issue.
- **Fringes:** please ensure fringes are above the eyes or tied back.
- **Head Bands, hair clips and ties:** please ensure these are navy or black.

We really appreciate your support with this.

Term 4 tends to move very quickly. Over the next few weeks we will be creating an end year countdown which will come your way so you can pencil important dates.

Have a great weekend.

Nga Mihi

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

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