



Term 4 December 2023

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Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to all who joined us for prize giving on Wednesday night. We are so proud of our students. Thank you for celebrating with us.

Reports will arrive home with your child on Monday. In your report envelope you will find the stationary list for next year. Your report will also advise you of which room they will be in and which teacher your child will have next year.

We have **a few changes** happening.

This year we are farewelling Miss Corney. She is heading down south to live in Christchurch. We will miss her and wish her the very best for the future. She is an exceptional teacher and will leave a big gap in our school family.

We also have Mrs Patching stepping out of the classroom next year. She will be working with students needing extra literacy support. She will also be leading Kapahaka and Te Reo across the school.

We have two new names and one room change for classes next year. We have employed two new teachers. They are both very experienced teachers and will fit beautifully into our team. We have Mr Alex Caradus who will be teaching in Room 6 and Mrs Forsyth who will be teaching in Room 7.

Mrs Lewis (aka Ms Couper) is moving from Room 6 to Room 4.

Please trust us with choosing the classroom placement for your child. So many factors go into our placements; academic, social, student teacher relationships, skills and strengths, space, year groupings, offering a fresh start, allowing your child to build new skills and new friendships, encouraging independence, some friendships are best in the playground rather than interrupting the learning... the list goes on.

Because of this planning it is not a simple flick of a student.

It is very normal for a student to feel anxious or worried that they are with a new teacher or not with all of their friends. Once the new year kicks off they quickly settle and get on with the year of learning.

Please trust us... this is our core business and we have your child's best interests at the heart of all decisions.

Please also understand that we do not stream classes. All students are taught at their learning level. So if your child is moving from Room 6 to Room 5, for example, it is not that they are going backwards. It is because each room has two year levels.

- **Last Day of Term 4:** Tuesday 19th of December. School closes at 1pm.
- The School **office will be closed until the 22nd of January**. From the 22nd the office will only be open from 9am to 1pm.
- The school **office will be closed on January the 31st** as we are all off site for our Staff Only Day.
- **First Day of Term 1 2024:** Thursday 1st of February at 9am. New families and students will be welcomed at our powhiri at 10am.
- **Waitangi Day is Tuesday the 6th of February**. School will be closed.

Uniform

We are changing our school uniform. This will be **phased in over the next 5 years**.

All students from Year 0 to Year 6 will start the year in our current summer uniform. The new items will not be available until the end of March at the earliest. We will be giving you detailed information as soon as possible next year regarding the changes.

We do have some donated stock at school so if you are needing something in the meantime you are welcome to see Ivy. Ivy will be available from January the 22nd between 9am and 1pm each day.

Year 7 and 8 students will also start the year in the current summer Intermediate Uniform. However, the Year 7 girls (and Year 8 if needing a new skirt) are able to start the year in the new skirt. They are already available through Andersons' uniform shop. All you need to ask for is the Cullinane College skirt. The beauty of this means that you will not be needing a new skirt heading into Year 9 at Cullinane College.

If you have any queries in the meantime Ivy is the expert.

We do have an end of year liturgy on Tuesday morning at 9.15. You are most welcome to join us.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday break. Take care.

Nga Mihi

Jacqui Luxton

