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Term 2 No 2

FROM CATH'S DESK

KO TE AHUREI O TE TAMAITI ARAHIA O TATOU MAHI

Kia ora koutou e te whanau,

Another disrupted week for students, whanau and teachers. The on-going industrial action will hopefully come to an end soon, as the teachers discuss the next offer to settle their contract. It is very unfortunate that this occurred the same week as the district wide teacher only day which has been planned since last year.

We have had to postpone the William Pike Challenge twice now because of weather. Given the tragic events at a kura up North we have tightened up our RAMS and if there is any chance of bad weather we will be postponing. The safety of our tamariki will always be at the forefront of any decision around Education Outside the Classroom activities.

I wish to inform whanau, that due to on-going health issues I am only working three days a week at the moment. I am trying to have Wednesday/Thursday off as the AP is released those days. This will not impact the Kura and all whanau can still ring the office for appointments etc.

The Garden to Table programme is going from strength to strength, with the students making delicious herb scones last week. This programme couldn't run without the support of FONS, parent volunteers, Josie Sharp (our teacher aide) and of course Whaea Heidi and her wonderful class. Be sure to look out for our newspaper page on Thursday 15th June as the Garden to Table programme will be featured.

Covid seams to be doing the rounds again along with stomach bugs, flu and colds. We have had a staff member away each week this term with Covid. Please keep your children home if they are sick, if they have been vomiting or have diarrhoea the recommended time to return to school is 48 hours after the last bout.

Congratulations to all our students who represented us so well at the West Coast Cross Country last week. Thank you to whanau who transported and supported their children at this event. We have several students going to Christchurch to represent us at the Canterbury Cross Country and our best wishes go with them.

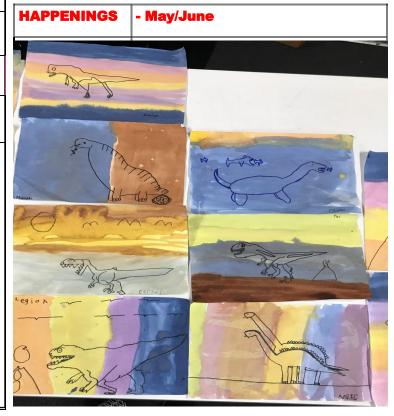
I hope you enjoy Kings Birthday weekend and manage to spend some quality time with your whanau.

Cath O'Loughlin

NOTICES						
Sports Academy	Bronson Stephens, Mia-Jane McCullough	Room 3	Mia Barrell, Leroy Richards			
Room 6	Brody Rusbatch, Eva Franklin	Room 7	Henry Phillips, Luke Wannell			
Room 8	Caleb Clough, Lydia Riddell	Room 11	Stella Reynolds, Ashlyn Doyle			
Room 12	Lockey Martin, Charlie Barker	Room 13	Roz Irving, Ruby Croft			
Room 14	Myles Tait, Daphne-Emily Griffin	Eke Panuku	Shaquilla Te Hau-Tanawhea			
Room 17	Rijahn Rangihuna-Weallens, Layla Shannon		NAVIGATOR AWARDS			

2023 School Terms and Holidays				
Term 1	Tuesday 7th Feb—Thursday 6th April			
Term 2	Monday 24th April—Friday 30th June			
Term 3	Monday 17th July—Friday 22nd September			
Term 4	Monday 9th October—Friday 15th December			
Statutory Days	Tuesday 25th April—Anzac Day			
	Monday 5th June—Kings Birthday			
	Matariki is in the Term 2 holidays			
	Monday 23rd October—Labour Day			
	Easter is in the Term 1 holidays			
	Last day of the year—Friday 15th December—1pm			
	Teacher only days—Term 2			
	Friday 5th May and Friday 2nd June			

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Covid and Sickness

Covid is still raising its head around kura with both Staff and Children being affected.

Along with other usual winter bugs, please keep your children at home if they are unwell, no matter how small it may seem.

Most winter illnesses are very easily spread amongst children who in turn pass it to staff.

If children do come to kura unwell, please expect a phone call home.

To keep our kura open in the coming months, we need to try to keep as bug free as possible. Please also remember there is a 48 hour stand down from school if your child/ren have been vomiting and/or have had diarrhoea.

FRIENDS OF NORTH SCHOOL AGM

7pm - Monday 12 June WNS Staff Room

All welcome!

Feel free to come along to our Annual General Meeting. You'll hear about the fundraising and activities FONS have been up to over the last year. This is open to anyone from the school community. We'll have drinks and nibbles to share and there's always a good laugh.

