



# NEWSLETTER

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Term 3

FROM CATH'S DESK

Kia ora koutou e te whanau.

Thank-you for making the effort to support the kura and your children at level 2. Keeping your child/ren home if they are at all unwell is really helpful. We now have the Covid 19 APP poster at all entrances and a sign-in book is available in the office and by the old Dental Clinic, it is very important that all adults on site have signed in, or used the APP. Hopefully it won't be long before we are back at level 1. While we are at level 2 there will not be any assemblies or performances at school. For whanau that want more information around schooling at level 2 please log on to the Ministry of education site.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-whanau/>

While we endeavour to have relieving teachers when our teachers are away, this is not always possible especially at short notice. Under level 2 no staff can be at school either, if they are the slightest bit unwell. I have had to send teachers home and because of this, we are needing to split classes. This is not ideal for anyone but the best we can do in the situation.

Some events are continuing, the BBBS programme with the high school students continues as does the sports coaching from Jordan and Tim. Kapa Haka Festival is still going ahead as is the Science Fair. The performance by the NZ players has been cancelled and the High School Open night is also on hold.

Harold arrives on Friday, the students are very excited to welcome him back. There will be pens etc to purchase in the office.

We are having a **Teacher-only Day on Monday 31st August**. On this day we are having Professional Development around new Ministry resources and initiatives. We are revamping our school reports after feedback from parents, we have been working with the people from EDGE (our student management programme) and are close to finalising the new format. We are hoping to finish this work on the teacher-only day as well.

Hopefully you all saw the photo of our students with their masks. They made such a good job and enjoyed the experience of 'tech' at school, while the High school was unable to deliver their programme. This has now started again so 'tech' as normal again this week.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai --*If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive*

Kia kaha

Cath O'Loughlin

## AUGUST HAPPENINGS

Wednesday 19 August (not again until Sept)	Year 1/2 Swimming
Friday 21 August —Friday 28 August	Harold—Life Education Trust
Friday 21 August	Science Fair
Wednesday 26 August <b>CANCELLED</b>	Year 5/6 Field Day <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday 28 August <b>CANCELLED</b>	Assembly—9.15 <b>CANCELLED</b>
<b>Monday 31 August</b>	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
Wednesday 2 September	BOT Meeting—5.30pm - Staffroom
Wednesday 9 September	Year 7/8 field Day
<b>SOME FIXTURES MAY CHANGE DUE</b>	<b>TO COVID LEVELS AT THE TIME</b>

***TERM DATES 2020*****Term 3 20 July—25 September****Term 4 12 October—16 December (1 PM FINISH)**

A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers who made the Learning Conferences either on Tuesday or Wednesday. A huge thanks to all our students who showcased their work to their whanau. We're sure you did yourselves proud.

It was a massive couple of days for the teaching staff also, on top of teaching all day and getting learning sheets together for the two days for all students. Thank you for your dedication and expertise in what has been a very topsy turvy year so far. Teachers will be in touch with those parents unable to attend on those days.

***SCHOOL UNIFORM***

**We have noticed a decline in the wearing of correct school uniform lately.**

**We would like to remind parents that:**

**Our uniform pants are BLACK NOT BLUE.**

**Pants/shorts need to be plain black, no logos, no stripes or other colours.**

**Black long sleeved thermals only are permitted under the uniform tops.**

**Black or white socks are preferable.**

**We would appreciate parents ensuring children are wearing the correct uniform to school please.**

**Please ensure footwear is appropriate for PE.**



**VEHICLE PARKING**  
**OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

**We have had several complaints regarding parking outside school on Cobden Street.**

**We strongly remind you.....**



- **DO NOT PARK ON ANY YELLOW LINES, they are there for a reason**
- **DO NOT OBSTRUCT RESIDENTS DRIVEWAYS, they get miffed**
- **DO NOT PARK ON / IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE**

**We spend a considerable amount of time teaching your children right from wrong, please help us by abiding by the road rules.**

**Failure to adhere may result in Police Patrols in the morning & afternoon.**

**We would like to keep our staff and your children safe .**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

**IT APPEARS NOTICES DON'T HAVE AN IMPACT AS WE'VE HAD A VISIT FROM COUNCIL WHO HAVE HAD COMPLAINTS ALSO. THEY & THE POLICE WILL BE DOING INTERMITTENT PATROLS.**



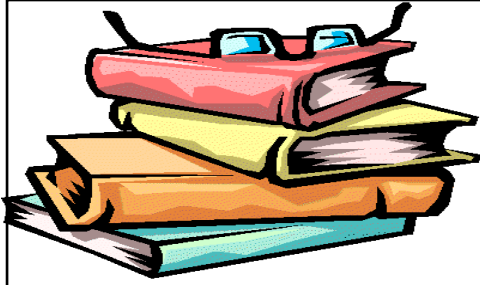
**We are back at level 2 so that means everyone who comes into school must sanitize and sign the contact register in the main foyer or at the junior gate. Better still use the app displayed at the junior gate or the foyer.**

**If your child is sick (including coughs and colds), please keep them home.**

**We would respectfully ask that if you bring your child into school and collect them every day, that you leave them in the care of our staff at the gate please.**

**The least people we have in our school grounds, the least likely chance that sickness can occur. We would appreciate if you don't need to enter the school, then please don't.**

**This procedure worked very well last time and we expect it will be no different this time. We ended up with some very independent children which is great for them, you and us.**



# TEACHER ONLY DAY

MONDAY 31ST AUGUST 2020

THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED  
FOR PUPIL INSTRUCTION

## ABSENTEES



We hate having to bang on about the same thing over and over but.....

It is a requirement from the Ministry of Education in New Zealand that every child enrolled in school attend every day the school is open for instruction.

Now we know there are circumstances that sometimes prevent that happening.

It is our responsibility to record, and indeed it is a requirement that schools in NZ report their attendance to the MOE each term and weekly during COVID19.

What we ask of you as caregivers that you inform us, either by the absentee line, parent app or txt on school phone if your child is away for any reason.

**THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE MUST ALSO BE KNOWN BY US ( not that we are nosy, but it's because it is a requirement) AS EVERY ABSENCE AS WELL AS PRESENCE REQUIRES A CODE. THERE ARE DIFFERENT CODES FOR EVERY DIFFERENT REASON OF ABSENCE AND THIS CODE IS VITAL FOR THE REPORTING OF DA-**

**TA TO THE MoE AS WELL AS OUR ELECTRONIC STUDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WE RECORD THEM IN. IF NO REASON IS GIVEN THEN YOUR CHILD WILL BE MARKED TRUANT.**

There is clear evidence that non attendance is linked to achievement.

### Caregiver addresses and email

**A reminder that if you change address, phone number or email account, please inform us. It is hard to communicate with families when phone numbers are defunct and emails bounce back to us.**



