

## KO TE AHUREI O TE TAMAITI ARAHIA O TĀTOU MAHI

2nd August 2022

Kia ora koutou e te whanau,

How lovely to be back, sitting at my desk watching our most junior students enjoying the sunshine. (in between showers) I want to acknowledge and thank Trish Smith for agreeing to replace me so I could finally take my sabattical. Trish did a great job and enjoyed reconnecting with many old friends in Westport. We will see her again soon.

Recently the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health sent a directive to schools strongly suggesting that all students in Year 4 and up wear masks inside. The rational behind this is that masks protect the wearer from catching and passing on viruses and other winter illnesses. We are asking parents of students with mask exceptions to please contact the school. (if you have already contacted us over this , you do not need to again) Students will be encouraged and expected to wear masks in class, each classroom has a supply of masks and hand sanitiser.

This Term we have Harold from Life Education Trust visiting, swimming sessions, BOT elections and parent teacher interviews. The interviews will take place week 5, booking slips will come home Monday.

At the end of term 2 we farewelled two teachers, Ms Hakaraia is now at Buller High and Ms Walsh at St Canice's. We welcomed Ms Kersten who is teaching our youngest students in Room 9 and Matua Bevan who is teaching in Room 3. As you may be aware from the many reports in the media, relief teachers are very hard to come by at the moment and if we have staff affected by illness, we may have to have some classes learning from home.

Covid continues to have an effect on students and staff and cases are continuing to rise on the West Coast. As we have not moved from 'Orange 'we are still asking whanau to drop their children at the gate and if you need to come in please come to the main office, sign in and wear a mask.

Board of Trustees elections take place this year. If you are interested in this important task and want to know more, either contact the returning officer or hop on the STA (School Trustees Association) website which is full of information about what being a trustee entails. Nominations must be in by noon on Wednesday 17th August.

The William Piklets set off on their first adventure this afternoon, they meet up with Loburn School for a tramp and overnigher. I'll look forward to seeing the photos.

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The tamariki are enjoying the lessons with Harold as they learn about empathy and how to recognise and control their emotions. Harold has some merchandise for sale in the school office. Hopefully you will be able to read the prices on the photo



Ngā mihi nui,

Cath O'Loughlin

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