

Welcome Back!

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Kia ora e te whānau

What a lovely day to start the term! Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to our new whānau.



I would like to say a big thank you to Sharon Boese who had a very successful term as Acting Principal during my sabbatical leave. Thanks also to all the staff who supported Sharon and ensured school was a happy and safe learning environment for our tamariki.

Staffing

This term we welcome back Hannah Bui from maternity leave. Hannah is working in Room 9a this term while Anna Sissons is away on leave.

Unfortunately with the winter term, often comes winter illnesses which not only affect our tamariki, but also our staff. I want to assure parents we do our very best to get relievers for classes, but with the shortage of teachers, this is not always possible. There will be times when we need to split classes and make alternative arrangements, however continuity of learning is always a priority.

Attendance and Engagement Strategy

We know that to increase attendance and engagement we need to focus on tamariki being present, participating and progressing in their learning.

"We all have our roles to play. Parents, caregivers and whānau are responsible for making sure their ākonga are enrolled in school and attend every day." [Attendance and Engagement Strategy](#)

At the beginning of the year we formulated some attendance targets which are monitored regularly.

If you are experiencing any difficulties getting your child to school, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Shelley, our Learning Support Co-ordinator. We are here to help and will support you in whatever way we can.

Important dates coming up

- Mihi Whakatau – Monday 24 July 9am (further details to come)
- Learning Conversations – Monday 24 July and Tuesday 25 July ((further details to come)
- School Board hui – Tuesday 8 August 6pm
- Arts week/day – TBC
- Artsplash Choir Concert – Monday 11 September
- School Photos – week 10
- Last day of term – Friday 22 September
- Term 3 starts Monday 9 October

Ngā mihi nui

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