



Tuesday 6 June 2023

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

I hope this finds you all well, that you enjoyed the long weekend and you have settled into the cooler winter weather. I am sure you, like me, are well over the rain and the chaos it seems to be causing. Fingers crossed the motorway and the link road will be opening soon which will certainly relieve some pressure. We have a busy last few weeks of term with the **Auction, the Matariki Family Evening, Jumping June, Parent Interviews** and much more.

Talking about Jumping June, it couldn't have come at a better time considering the miserable weather of late. Our students love skipping and are making use of any available space, given that our fields are so sodden and unusable for play. This is of course a fundraiser for the Heart Foundation and participation in the fundraising is not compulsory however, it is a great opportunity for students to learn skipping skills and keep physically active and fit. In fact, the skipping is so popular amongst the children that we moved the date for the final event to Friday 23 June.

We do seem to have had a bit of a resurgence of Covid cases that have come along with the cooler weather, so please do be vigilant and test where necessary. The advice that we are currently following is that cases still need to be isolated at home for 7 days. Tummy bugs have also been doing the rounds and neighbouring schools have been struggling with chicken pox.

Our main fundraiser for this year, the "**Bayleys Barnyard Boogie & Auction night**" is coming up on Friday at the Stables Restaurant in Matakana. We have sold a huge number of tickets - I believe the most ever. It should prove to be a great night. I am sure I will see lots of you there, with your "boot scootin" shoes on! Thank you to the fabulous team of dedicated parents from Year 3 & 4 that have been working so hard behind the scenes to make this event such a success. The **Silent Auction** portion that is currently running on the **32Auctions website** is due to close at midday on Sunday. Be sure to jump on and check out the items that are up for Auction, all generously donated by local businesses. I am looking forward to Leon from Room 7 joining me as **Principal for the day** on the 23rd June. I am sure he will have a fantastic day that will stick with him for years to come. If you want a chance for your child to have this experience next year, this is an item that is part of the live auction event on Friday night.

Thank you for your patience with the format change for **Assemblies**. The weather has been too unpredictable and wet/cold for the students to be outside for a prolonged period, so it was decided that having virtual assemblies would be more practical for the time being. **Certificates** are being given out in class, and the students all enjoy watching the assembly take place in the warmth and comfort of their classrooms. Fingers crossed all will be able to return to normal next term.

Last week our **Year 4 students** spent time at **Omaha planting** trees under the guidance of DOC. This is something that we do each year. Another 400 trees were planted to add to the already impressive tally over the years.

Students spend time learning about how important these plantings are to our environment, as well as getting stuck in and doing the hard work to get them safely in the ground. Thank you to teacher Fiona Clarkson for organising this outing.

I am looking forward to hosting our second **Pizza with the Principal** next week. Another great bunch of students will join me for tasty Pizza thanks to the **Stables Restaurant Matakana**. Our school leaders do a great job helping to hand out certificates, and setting up on the day.

Our next round of Reporting to Parents will be our **Parent Interviews and Mid-Year Reports**. These interviews will be held on the 20th & 22nd of June. Notices will have come home today in your child's book bag. Please book your interview using the School Interviews website. This is a great opportunity to hear about the progress your children have made along their learning journey so far this year.

Enjoy the last few weeks of Term 2, stay warm and well.

Noho ora mai

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darrel Goosen', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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