



16th October 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Welcome to Term 4 and a very warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined our school today. I trust you had an enjoyable time during the past holidays with your children and that you are all looking forward to an exciting Term ahead. There are numerous activities happening this Term so please do watch the Event Calendar in the school app, newsletter and website to ensure you give permission and payment for activities by the stated date.

This Term, we have an exciting Integrated Study Unit - Move and Groove 'Why does the music make me move?' This unit has a major focus on The Arts - dance, drama, sound art and visual arts - we'll be creating, performing and practicing during the coming weeks and will celebrate with a 'Move and Groove' Show on November 21st, 22nd and 23rd. It's going to be fantastic!

Our School Gala is an important community event and fundraiser for our school, raising in the vicinity of \$30-40,000. A team of parents have been planning and preparing for the day and your support is now needed and appreciated. If you are able to donate your time on Gala day, please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using code p32bf and book in a time slot. Assistance with sorting and packing donated goods is required daily so if you have a spare moment, please pop into the ArtsHub or chat to Helena in the school office. Thank you for your support.

In Term 4 and Term 1 all students must wear their wide brimmed school hat whenever they are outside of the classroom. Our school operates a 'No hat, play in the shade' policy when they forget their hat. Sunscreen is available to students when participating in activities which involve prolonged time in the sun, during sports events and excursions for example. There are nominated sunscreen stations around the school. Please ensure your child has a school hat.

Kindo, our online payment and permission system, is introducing a new look for our online School Shop. This is designed to work much better on phones and various screen sizes and provide a more modern look, as well as some new features. The changeover will happen at the end of this week and additional information will be sent out this week.

Please remember school starts at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm. Kindly allow your child plenty of time in the morning to unpack their bag and settle into the classroom. A reminder not to park in the Bus Bay at any time. This causes a real safety concern for our community when buses block Matakana Road and is a danger to children getting off buses.

Please advise the School Office as a matter of urgency, if your contact details (address, email, phone, emergency contacts, secondary contacts), or child's medical condition has changed.

Wishing you a wonderful Term ahead.

Kind regards

Darrel Goosen
Principal