



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Whanau, welcome to Term 2

I trust you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with your children and that everyone is really refreshed and ready for an exciting Term.

A warm welcome to the new students and families who have joined our school. I would also like to welcome back our Junior Hub (New Entrant) Teacher, Leslie Babbott in Room 3. Welcome back to Joy Leigh who returns from maternity leave to teach in Room 1 and to Maryann Steel, our Deputy Principal, who returns from refreshment leave. Welcome to Charlene Keppler who will be taking over in Room 8 whilst Jess Bertelsen is on maternity leave. We wish Jess all the very best with the pending birth of her second child.

Term 2 is full of activities - sporting events including Ripper Rugby, Soccer and Netball Inter-school tournaments. ICAS examinations, the Auckland Writers Festival for the seniors, Year 6 Camp at Kawau Island and the Rangī and Papa Matariki Show. We also have the second of our fundraising events, a great night for the parents/caregivers and whanau to get together for a social evening. The PTA will also host the popular school disco for our students. We trust you will all get involved, come along and enjoy these events with us.

On Wednesday, 27th and Thursday 28th June, the second stage of our **Reporting to Parents** cycle takes place with Parent Interviews and Mid-Year Reports. A notice with booking details will be sent home in early June.

The back entrance to the school from the community car park is now complete and we encourage you to make use of it. Please be aware of children exiting from there into the carpark while you are moving around in your vehicles. Temporary signage is up while we wait for more permanent signage to be made.

From this term we will be trialling sending our fortnightly newsletter out digitally only. It will be emailed to you and can also be found on the school APP and on the website. If you would like to receive a paper copy please email the office and we will arrange for one to be sent home with your child.

Reminders:

- **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. It is disruptive to the whole class when students come in late. The main gate to the Kiss, Drop and Drive area will be closed from 8.45am, please park in the community carpark and then proceed to office to sign your child in to school.
- Please **do not park in the Bus Bay** at any time as this causes a real safety concern for our community when buses block Matakana Road and is a danger to children getting off buses. Also **do not park** in the **staff car park** or the **Kiss Drop & Drive** area, we have a great community carpark, please utilise it.
- Please **clearly label** all uniform items.
- Please **inform the school office** if your:
 - **child is sick** (use the school app, email or 24 hour phone answering service).
 - **contact details** have changed.
 - child has a new **health issue** or **medical condition**.

This should be a busy and invigorating Term. We all look forward to inspiring your children and our community.

Ka kite ano,

Darrel Goosen
Principal