



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Whanau, welcome to Term 3

I trust you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with your children and that all the winter illness that besieged our school at the end of last Term is finally over.

A warm welcome to the new students and families who have joined our school. I would like to welcome **Mrs Denise Carter** who is taking over in Room 4 for this term whilst Mrs Joy McLeod is on leave, **Mrs Kim Thackray** who will be teaching in R15 with Ms Kavya Thomas and **Mrs Jill Parker** who will be teaching in Room 1 with Mrs Joy Leigh.

Term 3, as with other Terms, is very busy and full of exciting opportunities for our students. The school Cross Country and Inter-School Cross Country in August, final ICAS examinations, PPPs, Speeches, Hockey and more. **Please view our website, app and newsletter for the school event calendar.** I trust you will also be involved in the third cycle of Reporting to Parents, join in on the PTA gatherings and assist with the end of year fundraiser.

This **Integrated Study Unit** - *Life Cycles, Why do things look different as they get older?* - continues for the first five weeks of this Term, followed by our next Theme Week.

On Thursday, 30th August, the third stage of our **Reporting to Parents** cycle takes place with the popular **PPP's** (Pupil Progress Presentations). Students will take parents through their learning journey, discussing the progress they have made with their learning goals. A notice with booking details will be sent out in Week 3.

As you are aware, our **PRIME Mathematics** programme requires the use of student workbooks. Payment for these student workbooks is essential to ensure the continuation of the programme. If you have not yet paid for **Workbook A**, which was due in Term One, kindly make this a priority. I am sure this is just an oversight as students are shortly going to start **Workbook B**. Unfortunately we cannot provide your child with the new workbook until your payment has been made for the outstanding amount for **both** Workbooks A & B. Payment of \$9 for each book (Total \$18) can be made via Kindo now. A copy of the notice has been sent with this newsletter.

The planning for our next big fundraiser (this is replacing our usual Gala at Labour weekend) will be underway shortly. Please see the notices to be involved. We will be needing quite a few volunteers to help on the day. I am sure it will be a great event to end the year.

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 and unfair on your child who misses out on all the important classroom announcements at the start of the day.
- 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. Kindly use the Community Carpark.
- Please **clearly label** all uniform items, we have far too many sitting in the lost property box.
- 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.

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Darrel Goosen
Principal