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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

"My religion is very simple- my religion is kindness." Dalai Lama

TERM DATES TO NOTE

28 May	Technology Day (Year 7 & 8)
28 May	Board of Trustee Meeting 7:00pm
1 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
26 June	Bike-a-thon
3 July	Last Day of Term Two
20 July	First Day of Term Three

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is great to be back at school.

On the first day the kids were full of joy and delight as they caught up with their friends and played together. We are easing them into schoolwork, a bit like we do after the big summer break. This is following advice we have received from the ministry based on evidence from previous events such as the Christchurch earthquakes.

Thank you for your support during the distance learning time. It was an interesting time inventing a totally different education mode in a short time and expecting parents to implement it! We appreciate your efforts. The focus was, most importantly, on the children's well-being.

As mentioned in my last email, we have put in place protocols to improve hygiene and the children are following these well. If you have any questions, then do not hesitate to call the school. If you do need to come onto the school grounds, then you will need to sign in and out on the register at the office.

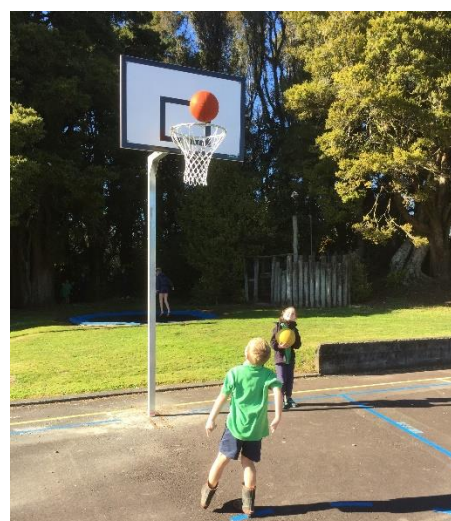
We have a very empty calendar for this term at present with all booked in visits and sports events being cancelled. However, this will not last as we start gearing up for a more normal school life. Consequently, this is a brief panui.

NEW BASKETBALL HOOPS

On Tuesday, Rex Pierce and Mr Starkey completed the installation of the new basketball hoops. They are looking very professional and are being well used by the kids. A big thank you to all the people who helped with their installation.



The backboards and hoops are installed



Ollie Wheeler and Hazel O'Donnell shoot some goals

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

There will be a BoT meeting in the staffroom on Thursday 28th May at 7:00pm. All welcome.

GITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS

Jessie Smith will be taking ukulele lessons and Ewan Starkey guitar lessons again on Tuesday afternoons. If you borrowed a school ukulele or guitar during the lockdown, please return it to school as soon as possible.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES RESUME

Technology lessons resume next week, on Thursday 28th May. There are a few changes under Level Two:

- Their 30-minute lunch break will be at 11am in a separate area.
- They will not be allowed to move freely about the school grounds or interact with high school students at any time.
- Upon arrival students should wait in the car park shelter (preferably on their bus) until 9:30 when Derise and Max will escort them to their rooms.
- The canteen will be closed so students will need to **bring their own lunch**.
- They will also need to **bring their own water**, not use the communal drinking fountains as they are closed too.

POOL KEY RETURNS.

The pool was closed in March. Please return your pool key to the office as soon as possible, for your \$20 refund.

INCIDENTAL PAYMENTS/REFUNDS TO PARENTS

As bank cheques are no longer accepted by many banks now, we want to set up parent banking details for when refunds are due for things like pool key returns and transport assistance etc. This will streamline our office procedures immensely. **Please supply the office with your bank account as soon as possible.** Then we can pay you any money owed. Thank you.

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

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