

February 27th 2017

Kia Ora Koutou

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we look forward to our Goal Setting Interviews tomorrow and Wednesday after school. The School Interviews website will close Monday night and we look forward to meeting you all and looking carefully at personalising the learning for your children. If the times available have not suited you then please contact the teachers for another appointment that you mutually agree to so you have the opportunity to set goals to support your children's progress.



Tuesday is also our Open Morning and you are invited to come to school to see the rooms in action and move around the school to enjoy the atmosphere. We believe this is an opportunity for you to see what the children get up to on a regular school day.

This Friday we will have our second Full School Assembly starting at approximately 9.10am in Mahi Tahī. Parents are welcome to assemble in the staffroom by the office and have a cup of tea while you wait. Please join us for a chance to celebrate with the children.



This week we have also included a copy of the BOT Communication Survey. The Board have a very clear aim to make sure the school does its very best to communicate effectively and on time in the best way. We value your feedback and hope you will take the time to return the forms. We will be giving tokens to the children who return these because we believe this is an important way to say thank you for the Partnership shown. So every child who returns a form will get a partnership token given to them once forms are returned to the office.

Rippa Rugby - Year 3-8 Tournament

The annual tournament is being run in Ashburton on Tuesday nights in March and we have entered a team in each grade and now we are confirming your interest in playing. A note has gone home for years 3-8 today and we ask that the notice is returned by Wednesday. The van will be available and we will be looking for parental support on the night and I (Mark) will be available to referee and support the teams. Please consider this as a great way for the children to be active and involved in team sports for school.

Arriving at school early? - We seem to have a few children, as many as 6 or so, arriving just after 8am in the morning. This is too early and we do request 8.30am please. If there is a situation that requires them to be here early then they will need to assemble by the staff room so we are fully aware of who is onsite early.

Senior Class Suspension of internet privileges - This week the senior room have had their privileges suspended due to a search conducted on one of the i-pads. On Friday a student or group of students decided it was funny to search "sex" on an ipad. This rings alarm bells on our system and so we conducted a search to sort this type of behaviour out. We understand that children start to grow and this is a natural and normalised behaviour at some stages in our children's lives but we wanted to assure you we treat it seriously and we are continuing to talk with the students about their digital citizenship. If you have any questions please feel free to talk with Mark Ellis or Natasha Jenkins our ICT lead teacher.

Healthy Eating- we are working in Partnership with Canterbury District Health Board to promote healthy eating and wellbeing within our school and community. As part of this we will be looking at our school lunches and ways to ensure our children are getting nutritious and healthy options in their lunchboxes and when ordering lunches through the school.

School Support Group will be taking sushi orders for this Friday as an healthy alternative to Sausage sizzle and you can also order a healthy lunch for Thursdays from the Four Square. If you wish to order sushi please see form in this newsletter and for Thursday Four Square Lunch please order by Wednesday 9am, order forms available in office.

Sun Safe- please ensure your child has a named sun safe hat which is a full brimmed hat or bucket hat. These do not have to be school hats but must be sun safe and not a cap. Classrooms have sunscreen for the children to put on but we do not supply hats!

Ski Passes - Local Schools Season Pass Application forms are now available from the office for Mt Hutt.

We look forward to seeing you all throughout the week at the Open morning tomorrow, goal setting and assembly on Friday.