

Thursday 25th July 2019

Term 3 , Week 1

Welcome Back for Term 3

We hope you had a great holiday and everyone is back refreshed. This term we welcome back Laura Schnuriger and introduce Ann Pethybridge onto our staff. Together they will be job sharing for the remainder of the year, opening our New Entrant class in Room 12 starting in Week 3. We hope you will make them feel welcome when you see them around. You may also wonder where Mrs Pillay has disappeared to. She is having a much deserved extended break visiting her family in South Africa, she will be back in Room 16 in Week 4, in the meantime Mrs Kaka will be in to cover the class.

You may have noticed a change in the newsletter and that is because we have updated our [website](#)! Over the holiday's it has been given a makeover to freshen it up and it also has some great new features. Highlights of the changes include:

- Translation - whole site including the newsletter can be translated into a number of different languages.
- Enrolments - an online option is now available
- Calendar - linked directly to the site with a snapshot of the most upcoming events available on the Home page
- Facebook - Facebook page is linked directly to the site
- Updating Contacts - link to update your details through the site.

There are many other new features along with the ones above and more content will be added in the next month or so. We encourage you to jump on and have a look when you have a chance.

This term will be another busy one with the students participating in Gymnastics and the Year 4-6 students getting a taster at Badminton. Mid way through the whole school will participate in the Cross Country, with those qualifying moving to the Interschool a couple of weeks later. For those students who have signed up there is the RIPPAs & T-Ball Tournaments within school time and Netball, Hockey and Basketball all continue outside of school. In the last week of term we will also be putting on a Production this year's concept is 'Dance through the Ages' so keep an eye out as more information is sent home over the term.

Key Term Dates

- 23rd August - Speech Competition Finals
- 6th September - Whole School Cross Country
- 20th September - Interschool Cross Country
- 25th September - Production (TBC)
- 26th September - Production (TBC)

Lunches

We have signed up to lunchonline to have Pita Pit available to order each Friday from next week. To order you simply set up a profile at www.lunchonline.co.nz, adding your child/ren's details, topping up your account and placing an order. You can order in advance making it easy to order regularly over the term and orders can be placed up until 9am on a Friday morning. To launch this new initiative Pita Pit are offering a Promo Price of \$3 for the first week.



Carpark

Just a reminder that the staff carpark at the rear of the school is only for staff members and anyone who has spoken with the office about using the disabled carpark for pick up and drop off. We have had an increasing number of people coming down the driveway and this is a safety issue with students leaving via the driveway exit.

We would also like to remind parents about the front carpark and the bay out the front, please be considerate of others when using these carparks. Several parents have been pulling into the staff carpark driveway and sitting waiting for their child/ren, or stopping in the bay causing congestion which flows out onto the road and affects the crossing. Both of these practices are incredibly dangerous with students coming down the stairs to meet parents in the bay carpark and exiting onto the street. The Constable has advised that we can expect more regular visits from the parking wardens who will be issuing tickets to illegally parked cars in the second half of the year to assist with some of the traffic issues we have been experiencing.