

# 7 December 2018

## Issue 21

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Kia ora tatou

On behalf of the staff, I wish to thank the community for their wonderful help and support in a very successful 2018. A special thank you to our dedicated and skilful BOT, our hardworking committed PTA, the sports coaches and the many parents who volunteer in so many ways such as the bookroom/road wardens/camp parents/discovery helpers/gardeners/"taxi drivers"/classroom helpers etc. Without your goodwill and practical assistance we would have been unable to make the accomplishments we have!! We lose formal contact with a number of families who have helped and supported the school in many ways, some for many, many years. Thank you.

We farewell our fabulous Year 6 students. I congratulate them on a fabulous end of year operetta "What A Knight". We have such talented students (also teachers and parent helpers!!). Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday period.

Every blessing

Michael



- **School reports have been sent home with your child today.**
- **School closes 12 noon on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**
- **We welcome students back on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

### Class Placements 2019

Class placements is a complex task requiring consideration of a number of important factors. At the heart of all class placements, is our commitment to the very best education for all children, using the high quality resources available to us. Placement of pupils is a professional task of the principal and staff and is often affected by staffing level and number of students at each level.

The classes for 2019 are:

Y 5	—	Rm 17	Mrs Annette Chapman
Y 5	—	Rm 1	Mr Glen Howells
Y 6	—	Rm 3	Mrs Jo Maguire/Mrs Maria Evans
Y 6	—	Rm 4	Mr Del Hayward
Y 4	—	Rm 5	Miss Jan Pickett
Y 4	—	Rm 6	Mr Kevin Booth/Mrs Chris Booth
Y 4	—	Rm 7	Ms Vanessa Spence
Y 3	—	Rm 8	Mr John Dale
Y 3	—	Rm 9	Ms Samantha White
Y 2/3	—	Rm 10	Mrs Alina Rotaru
Y 2	—	Rm 15	Miss Pernille Struijck
Y 2	—	Rm 16	Mrs Cathy Carroll
Y 1	—	Rm 13	Mrs Laura Malone-Belliss
Y 1	—	Rm 12	Miss Hilary Slight
Y 1	—	Rm 11	Mrs Clemency Boyce
N.E	—	Rm 14	Opening Term 2-3

Principal: Mr Michael Fitzgerald

Deputy Principal—Junior School:

Mrs Alison O'Hara

Deputy Principal—Senior School:

Mrs Jo Maguire

Karearea Team Leader (Rm 1-4, 17):

Mrs Jo Maguire

Ruru Team Leader (Rm 5-8):

Miss Jan Pickett

Tui Team Leader (Rm 9-10, 15-16):

Mrs Cathy Carroll

Piwakawaka Team Leader (Rm 11-14): Mrs Laura Malone-Belliss

Based on information we currently have about enrolments for 2019 we have prepared class lists. On your child's report, you will be informed of the class and teacher for next year.

### Term Dates 2019

Term 1	30 January - 12 April
Term 2	29 April - 5 July
Term 3	22 July - 27 September
Term 4	14 October - 13 December



Waitangi Day 6th February, Queens Birthday 3rd June, Labour Day 28th October.



### Thank You

- A big thanks to our Rotary readers who have come along every Tuesday morning to assist students with reading.
- Thank you to our Bible in Schools teachers who ended the year with a fantastic concert on Wednesday.
- Thank you for the generous donations to Foodbank from our recent multi/wheels day.
- Thanks to all our newsletter sponsors.

### Avoid the Summer Reading Slide.

Research has shown that students who don't read over the summer holidays can lose gains they've made in their reading levels and fluency over the year. Children need to read everyday to maintain skills, even 10 minutes a day reading can make a big difference. Summer reading is all about reading for pleasure. Therefore it's important your child gets to choose what they read with the focus on relaxation and enjoyment.

To encourage your child to read over the long summer break, take the pressure off and keep it fun, provide a good variety of reading materials: books, magazines, brochures, recipes, e books, maps. Easy reading is okay— getting into the reading habit, enjoying what they're reading, and finishing more books is more important than difficulty level.



**Read together, read in fun places, have fun reading.**

### Congratulations

- Tyler Bisset has done many amazing things this year in Room 6 but his endeavours outside of school hours have blown us away. Tyler has been working hard to achieve 100 hours of volunteer work with St Johns Ambulance and this week he received a badge in recognition of his efforts. He is the youngest person to achieve this.
- Samara & Zariah Wong competed in the National Kiwi Kids Can Cook competition in Levin. Both girls won their age group competition and will represent Wanganui at the KKCC nationals in Palmerston North in early 2019.
- Ihaia Cooper competed in the Taranaki Junior Swimming Championships last weekend and returned home with two gold, two silver and a bronze and a Whanganui age group record after stopping the clock at 1:59.00 in the 100m breaststroke.
- Carter Hoskin spends time at RDA each week and was awarded the trophy for most confident rider recently.



Well done to all of you for showing outstanding dedication, commitment and determination.

We sadly farewell Kim Engelbretson (Teacher Aide) and Rebekah Wells (Specialist Teacher) at the end of the year. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to our learners.

### Senior Choir Performance — Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Our Senior Choir is performing at our school assembly on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 10am. Parents are welcome to attend.



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### End of Year Team Celebrations

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Thour Zone had an action packed fun day in! Our morning began with a scavenger hunt around the school grounds, calculating things like how many windows there were on classrooms, the perimeter of the school pool and what was Mr Fitzgerald's number plate amongst other things.

It wasn't easy! We then had a water fight in the pool. Even though we were told not to soak the teachers they both got pretty wet!

Next, it was the soapy water slide, followed by pizza. And as if that was not enough, we then had ice-cream with lots of yummy toppings from Mrs Chapman's husbands chocolate factory. We were so lucky and had the best day ever.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November was a Big Day Out for the Ruru Team.

A trip to Palmerston North to visit the Esplanade Playground and walkways and Cloud 9 Trampoline Park. The rain stayed away for the outdoor activities and students had a ball both at the Esplanade and Cloud 9. A fun time was had by all.

The Tui Team had an action packed day at Bushy Park on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. They went fishing, bush walking and worked through a rotation of activities which were enjoyed by the team. The children enjoyed the outdoor environment with the amazing Bushy Park volunteers.

The Piwakawaka Camp Out Day was a huge success. After an initial downpour of rain the sky cleared for lots of fun activities that were thoroughly enjoyed by our junior team. Rock colouring, sausage sizzling, sack races, shelter building and a bouncy castle kindly supplied by Mitre 10 were highlights of the day.

Thank you to the many parents, whanau and friends that helped with these end of year activities.

### Senior Production—"What A Knight"

We have had rave reviews and remarkable comments about this year's senior production. We can be proud of all who took part to produce wonderful drama, lots of laughs and action packed singing and dancing. Thank you to the many volunteers who created props, cut and sewed costumes, coached and cajoled actors to draw out their characters. It was a fantastic performance.



### Pool Keys

Pool keys are available for hire from Monday at a cost of \$40.00. At the end of the swimming season keys must be returned. When you hire a key, you sign a contract for use of the pool. Please read carefully when making this commitment. We have had a number of keys not returned this year. These are security keys and very expensive to replace. Therefore if they are not returned we will need to ask you to pay for a replacement at a cost of \$30.00.

### Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kids

Well done to the 196 students who attended the Tough Kids event today. A great day was had by all the students who participated in this fun event. Thank you to the parents and teachers involved in transport and supervision.

