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## *Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers*

Kia Ora Tatou!

It has been a full-on start to the year, and I expect it has for families too. Even with all the COVID-responses, we have been in full-on action mode, with classes having assessments, planning for camps, running trips, and this week having four camps going on.

This makes for a very busy time for everyone. I want to thank our staff for all this organisation, and our teachers' willingness to provide a rich and determined education for our students. Without their eagerness to give their time in planning, motivating and organising our community, and then carrying out their plans, our children's lives would not be as full or fun. Thank you teachers and support staff for all you are doing.

We have four class camps on this week - two here at school, and two away at Kawhatau Valley. I love it that we are strong in this area, and try to provide such good experiences for our students. Thanks too, to the parents for volunteering their time and equipment in support. What a great school we have!

Have a great week.

Alastair & the 'H' Team.

### **Three-Way Conferences Coming up**

In Week Five (March 7th, 8th and 9th), we have our annual Three-Way Conferences, where every parent and child comes and discusses the year ahead with teachers. **School will finish at 12.30pm on March 7th, and buses will run at this time.** This is an important time where information is shared and goals are set, and we expect every family to come and be a part of it.

This year we will use an online booking system for you to do easily. You need to go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Click 'Make A Booking' at the top, and enter the **event code: ycra8**

You can then enter your details and select the teachers and time. An email will be sent to you to remind you of the details. If you have any trouble, you can ring or come in and we can make the booking for you

### **Beach Trip**

Last week's Beach Trip was wonderful. Conditions were great and the chance to relax and enjoy each other's company was important. Trips like this are about providing our pupils with enriching experiences, and the opportunity to establish good relationships for the year ahead. Thank you to all the parent helpers, especially the brave one who went deep! A special shout-out to our two bus drivers who got into the fun of the day too. We had a great time! Many thanks to the PTA for their support with the bus cost. This meant there was no extra financial pressure.

### **Swimming**

Our pool is heated, so even with cooling weather we have made conditions for our kids really good. Parents, please make sure you send your child along with their togs each day. Swimming is an important skill to have. In a time when some schools are closing their pools, we are fortunate to have daily swim lessons to equip our pupils to be safe in life.

### Pallet Coffee Table for Open Auction

Our wonderful caretaker, Alan Martin builds useful items out of pallets. He is crafty and clever in what he creates. In the foyer is one of Alan's creations - a coffee table with inlaid wood. Great size and height for any room, Alan has donated this to school for an open auction to occur. If you are after a quality table at a good price please place your bid on the sheet above the table in the foyer. Auction starts today, and ends next Friday.



### Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website. Your books are delivered to the classroom as usual. You can still send in cash. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### Community School Survey

Many thanks to all those who have responded to the Board Community Survey. If you have not yet done so, please do. Everyone's input is appreciated. The survey closes tomorrow afternoon.

### **Room 8 is having a great time in Kawhatau Valley**

