

A REMINDER - SCHOOL FINISHES FOR THE YEAR AT 12.30pm
THIS FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER. THE BUS WILL RUN AT THIS TIME.

2025 START DATE: 29 JANUARY

Kia Ora Tatou,

I was walking in the Plaza at the weekend, past the children's playground. It was a funny thing: all the kids happily playing on the gear and having a good time, and all the adults around them looking at their phones! It did seem like caregivers were missing an opportunity to interact in a fun way with their kids and enjoy each other's company. These holidays, can I prompt you all to look up, see what your kids are doing and get involved, have fun, enjoy the moments together. Social media will still be there late at night, and you will have had good memories created. Most of all, enjoy good times with your family.

This week is a week of good memories, and some farewells. The Prizegiving events being held are times to reflect and celebrate with each other. When you come to these events, be proud of the efforts you have made as a community member, helping on trips, camps, events, and seeing yours and other people's kids grow and develop. I hope that you can see the impact you have had to collectively help to make our students great people. We should all take a great deal of pride in all our pupils.

We have a final, relaxed assembly on Friday to farewell our Year 8s, and those who are leaving us, and to wish everyone an excellent and safe Christmas holidays.

Have fun with your families!

Alastair & The 'H' Team.

Prizegiving:

We hold two formal prize-giving events each year. These are to celebrate student achievements and farewell our Year 8 students. Here are the details for each:

Junior Prizegiving - TOMORROW

- Wednesday 11 December, starting at 1.30pm sharp. Will run through until approx. 2.30pm.
- For the students in Rooms 1/2/3/4.
- Parents and whānau are welcome to attend.
- Students can go home once prizegiving has finished.
- Please park legally, and not on the neighbour's lawn. Parking is available on both the front and back netball courts, and on the field.

Senior Prizegiving - THURSDAY

- Thursday 12 December, starting at 7pm sharp.
- For the students in Rooms 5/6/7/8.
- Students need to be seated by 6.55pm. Leave yourself plenty of time to get sorted - school is a busy place at that time.
- Parents and whānau are welcome to attend, though please be mindful of how many people you bring. Space is limited, and priority needs to be given to our Year 8 students.
- This event is not suitable for toddlers, as they stray from parents, or provide a distraction. Please be mindful that the focus must be on our students.
- Students are expected to wear their Number One's (nice clothes). Normal school rules apply regarding jewellery, hair and makeup.
- Please park legally, and not on the neighbour's lawn. Parking is available on both the front and back netball courts, and on the field.

Pool Keys

The school pool will be opened on 20 January 2025, and all families, including community members, are welcome to hire a key for \$40 each. Please come into the office, read the agreement and make payment. Proceeds from the key hireage go towards running the pool. **If keys are not purchased before the end of the year, they will not then be available again until the start of the school year on 29 January 2025.**

Classes for 2025

As normal, families will be emailed details of 2025 class placements in the week leading up to the beginning of the school year. Next year we have quite a few new families joining us, and this changes the numbers and year groups a little. In preparing your child for classes next year, any conversations with them are best had after a good rest (i.e. don't worry about it right now). The classes are likely to be:

- Room 1: New Entrant/Year 1
- Room 2: Year 1 & 2
- Room 3: Year 2 & 3
- Room 4: Year 3 & 4
- Room 5: Year 4 & 5
- Room 6: Year 5 & 6
- Room 7: Year 7
- Room 8: Year 8

Sports Uniforms

If our record keeping systems are correct, ALL sports uniforms have been returned by now. If we've missed something, and you have a t-shirt or another piece of school kit at home, please return it tomorrow.