

## 23 June 2017—Principal's News

Kia ora, Malo e le lei, Talofa, Ni hao, Namaste, Bula, Kia orana, Mauri, Greetings.

I am pleased to advise that our school has entered into a partnership with KidsCan. This is a charitable organisation that supports numerous schools across New Zealand.

As part of our "sign up" KidsCan is giving us a one off donation of free rain coats for every child in the school. These are expected over the next couple of weeks and as soon as they arrive they will be distributed to children and your child will bring home a new rain coat.

We will be giving away 580 similar raincoats so please clearly name the ones that belong to your family.

### READING TOGETHER

We have just completed our Term 2 workshops and everyone who attended enjoyed this valuable learning experience. The key message is that home reading should be an enjoyable and fun activity.

We will be running the programme again in term 3 and I ask that you contact Sandy Griffin to secure a place. I can tell you that the programme makes an immediate improvement in the reading achievement of every child of parents involved. Two quotes from parents who attended this term.

"They (children) enjoy reading now, it's not a chore. We can read together longer because we both enjoy the time together." "Excellent programme, wish I had done it sooner."

### MAKING MATHS COUNT

Many people have asked for parents' sessions about maths that reflect the messages given in Reading Together. Sandy Griffin and I have developed a new programme to assist parents to help children at home and to also develop an understanding of the key aspects of maths teaching at our school.

These evenings are planned for 9 and 16 August from 6.00—7.30pm. The group will be limited to 15 so if you would like to be involved please phone Sandy on 269 0250. We will have a crèche for children.

### TERM DATES 2018

Our Board of Trustees has confirmed term dates for next year as follows:

Term 1	Wednesday 31 January	-	Friday 10 April	(Easter break is 30 March to 3 April)
Term 2	Monday 30 April	-	Friday 6 July	
Term 3	Monday 23 July	-	Friday 28 September	
Term 4	Monday 15 October	-	Friday 14 December	

### CAN YOU HELP?

Last week we had two concerned members of the public telephone us about people crossing Hill Road at 3pm. We insist that children on their own use the pedestrian crossing at the lights. However, once children have been collected by an adult they are under the control of that adult not us. The police have asked that I suggest that everyone uses the traffic lights as walking across Hill Road is very dangerous at the end of school day.

Thank you  
L. Thew  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE

29 School Cross Country  
30 Funtime Lunchtime

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### JULY

3 Book week begins  
7 Term 2 finishes at 3pm  
10—23 July School holidays  
24 Term 3 begins  
28 Student reports sent home  
31 Cook Island language week  
31 Annual General Knowledge-a-thon begins

4 Next newsletter  
AUGUST 7 Board of Trustees meeting  
10 Parent/teacher interviews to discuss student reports

## Welcome

To pupils who have joined us recently

Gunawardep Singh Dadyal, Japjot Kaur, Nylah Vau, Cairo Friend, Kevin Ratahi, Terry Teulilo

## Happy Birthday

To people who have a special day about now.  
JUNE

23 Preceyis Samupo	24 Aporosa Viria	24 Lanita Toomata
25 Navroop Sangha	26 Kenneth Zhu	26 Wiremu Connelly
27 Rohan Klair	27 Dilveer Cheema	28 Matthew Lala
29 Lucian Maynard	30 Navneet Kour	30 Stephanie Solomona
30 Anshleen Kaur		

### JULY

1 Angelina Sheemar	2 Saluhi Al Sheikh	3 Arham Sandhu
4 Miller Stratford	4 Faofua Faalafi	5 Jade Tewhiu
6 Eliza Paul	8 Daniel Martin	8 Giselle Toilolo
8 Rajveer Kaur	12 Jay-Lynn Whatarangi-Shelford	
13 Azalea Tangitamaiti	13 Ashton Woodhouse	14 Andrew Tali
15 Nicole Mahongchai	16 Darcey Lauano	17 Liana Fransham
17 Trinity-Reine Spence	18 Seth Dutton	19 Maea Linaker
19 Raymond Ma	19 Arnov Verma	20 Tanna Coulson-Absolum
20 Lealofi Alesana	21 Fane Moala	21 Anaru Thomson
22 Raycheal Va	23 Zyrus Uatison	23 Arush Garg
24 Kayden Hoverd	25 Addison Baker	25 Anshika Chand
26 Navam Sharma	26 Susana Malewa	26 Sarah Pham
28 Naphnn Deng	28 Donny Kako	29 Phoenix Key
30 Jada-Cee Rakoia Brown		

### AUGUST

2 Kuldeep Singh	2 Vaiema Ah-You	2 Helen Leota
3 Tarandeep Singh		



The following students have been recognised by their class teachers for showing diligence and achievement in all aspects of their school and classwork.

R1 Amelia Brown	R2 Jasmeet Singh	R3 Nimrat Dhillon
R5 George Woodthorpe-O'Donnell	R6 Jessica McGechie	R7 Ekamanreet Kaur
R8 Alexus Woller	R9 Holle Mason	R10 Lachlan Smith
R11 Michael Holden-Whiu	R12 Harleen Malhi	R13 Ashleigh Cooper
R14 Hector-Jack Saute	R15 Sukhpreet Kaur	R16 Taylor Baker
R17 Malachi Diack	R18 Yousif Shaba	R19 Rickard Peniamin
R20 Angelisah Vaigafa	R21 Lennox Nathan-Edmonds	R22 Yashan Naidu
R23 Felicia Goile	R24 Dayna Puru	

### CAN YOU HELP THE ANIMALS AT THE SPCA?

We will be collecting old blankets, (no duvet inners) sheets, balls of wool and soft toys. We will be making toys for the animals using the sheets and wool. The blankets are to keep them warm. There will be a collection box for your donated items outside room 14 or you can give them to Mrs Robertson in the office. We are very passionate about helping animals. Karla and Shawneqwa—Room 14



# Room News

### ROOM 2

We are learning about day time and night time. This is what we know. We live on Earth. It is a planet and it spins around and around. It never stops spinning. It takes all day (24 hours) for the Earth to spin around. When New Zealand is looking at the sun, it is daytime. When New Zealand spins around and is not looking at the sun, it is dark, that means night time. We have to put on our pyjamas, go to bed and get some sleep.

### ROOM 6

We have been learning about the sun. Did you know that the sun is what gives us light and heat. The sun makes shadows. A shadow appears when you block the sun's rays from hitting the ground. Your shadow changes size depending on the time of day. You can't get shadows at night time.

### ROOM 8

We are learning about Matariki.

The Maori new year is when the seven sister stars come out. You know that because the stars are sparkling in the sky. The seven sisters names are Matariki, Tupuanuku, Tupuarangi, Waiti, Waita, Waipunarangi and Ururangi. *Liana*

When the seven sister stars come up in the sky you have good luck if you see them. They celebrate Matariki by playing together, flying kites and eating feasts. *Lele*

We have been painting Matariki masterpieces as well so come and have a look.

### ROOM 10

Healthy living choices are not just about your correct eating diet. It is also about other healthy living choices like being active, exercising regularly, having enough sleep and drinking plenty of water to keep your body hydrated.

There are also other things like keeping your brain active, listening to music and how much you laugh. It is about living in an environment full of family and friends.

Your fitness is a big healthy living choice. But it is also very important to give your brain exercise. We are doing that in Room 10 with mental agility exercise such as solving lots of puzzles, challenges, brain teasers and 'wordles'. What does this 'wordle' mean? Here's a clue: mce, mce, mce *Kaitlyn*

### ROOM 12

We have been researching interesting aspects of food. Did you know that caffeine occurs naturally in more than 60 plants, plus coffee beans, and tea leaves. Also, eating too much fat is very bad for your precious body, but you need small amounts of fat to help your bodies function properly.

A nut is a dry seed inside a hard shell. Most nuts store large amounts of protein and fat. Lots of chocolate is high in fats and sugar. That's why eating too much chocolate can be bad for your health. However, it is a high energy food and it also contains a material called antioxidants, which is good for you.

### ROOM 14

Over this term we have explored the idea of "YOU GET OUT WHAT YOU PUT IN." We have focused on wellbeing, nutrition and systems that help our body function as well as finding reasons that hurt our health. We have started to share our understanding through making models of the different body systems, writing poetry and problem solving involving physical activity.

### ROOM 16

We have been learning about the different food groups and the roles they have on our bodies. For example fruit and vegetables give us lots of vitamins and minerals. Cereal and bread give us enough energy for the day so we can concentrate on our school work.

We have also done work around capacity and are getting good at converting litres into millilitres. Miss Newman taught us the Matariki makarena which is a fun way to remember each of the stars.

### ROOM 18

We are learning all about the benefits of healthy eating and exercise. We are finding out the different food groups, what we need to eat less of or more of. In Room 18 we now know which foods make us energetic and which foods make us slow. As part of health and physical education we have started cross country and our aim is to run the whole course without stopping.

We have been enjoying writing imaginative recounts. Our focus has been to use a catchy start that grabs the audience or reader. Please come and read some of our amazing recounts.

### ROOM 24

We have been doing AMAZING writing in Room 24. We wrote very exciting stories about a hawk and squirrel. The squirrel had a very lucky escape from the hawk. Please come and read our stories. We have also been learning our 2, 5, and 10 times tables. We are starting to get very fast at our ten times tables.

We have been learning about Matariki and are doing some art work with Room 14 making Matariki stars.