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NEWSLETTER - 16 May 2019

Principal's Message

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.
Greetings Parents, Whanau and Community Members.

Lots going on!

There seems to be plenty going on at the moment with swimming for Year 2-4, Sharing the Learning last week and Cross Country. It was so wonderful to see our students trying their best for the cross country. Perseverance and resilience are two of the vital skills/attributes for our students need to thrive in society today and they showed aspects of these skills during their cross country run. Way to go team!

Thank you to those that made it into the Sharing the Learning session last week. If you were unable to make it, please touch base with your child's teachers and arrange another time to pop in. as mentioned previously on numerous occasions, students self reporting achievement and progress has a massive positive impact on improving their achievement levels. It would be great if every student had the opportunity to share with whanau :). I understand most of our students currently swimming are making great progress with their swimming ability and water confidence. This is the first year we have attempted to run swimming the way we are and the hope is that the 3 weeks of lessons for this age will really support them to be confident and safe in our rivers, streams and beaches. The year 1, 5 and 6 students will be involved with swimming (water safety etc) later in term 4.

BOT Elections- nominations close tomorrow at noon!

As mentioned previously, we hope many of you will consider joining our great team who govern the school. The Board are like the owners of a ship and I am like the captain of that ship. The BOT say where the ship is to go and my job is to get it there however I see fit. This is the difference between governance and management. You don't necessarily need any special skills however need to be interested in making things better for ALL students (not just your own), have an open mind and be prepared to work as a team. We have been exceptionally lucky to have such a dedicated team on our Board but several of them no longer have students here and will be looking to step down. If you have any questions about the BOT and the work they do, please contact one of our current Board or myself. If you have questions about the election process, please contact Deb Anderson (in the office) who is our Returning Officer. The process is as follows:

Nominations Close, noon May 17th, 2019

Voting Papers Sent by **May 22nd, 2019**

Voting Day (voting closes), noon **May 31st, 2019**

Votes counted **June 7th, 2019**

New Board takes office **June 7th, 2019**

Industrial Action

We are very sorry for the inconvenience that the school closing on 29 May will cause whanau. This is the Teacher Strike day that has been widely publicised in the media. With any luck, an agreement may be reached before this date to stop the strike. However, for this to happen, many teachers I talk with are looking for the Government to ensure greater support for our special needs students which in turn means more time and resourcing for every student. The world has changed and we are getting more students who require individual support than ever before. This needs to be addressed urgently!

Property upgrades

The building work on Space 5-6 is going particularly well and they are running slightly ahead of schedule, yeehaa! It is likely we will be able to have a opening and blessing in about 3 weeks time. The spaces are being made more flexible with breakout spaces, greater indoor outdoor flow and the ability to use the space far more flexibility. It is already looking very cool (a word never used these days but one that fits). We are still deciding who will move back into the space but it is looking increasingly likely that Year 3s from Space 15 and the Year 2s from space 3 will share the space with their 2-3 teachers. Once Space 5-6 is complete, Space 15-17 will also be upgraded with Space 17 likely to head to the Library to learn for the rest of the term and part of next term and Space 16 likely to head to Space 4. We will confirm the above details over the next few weeks.

We have had a colour consultant working with us to create the new colour scheme for the school and we hope to confirm the colours at the next BOT hui next week. Painting will commence when the weather warms up a little more.

In the next few weeks we are also expecting the all weather cover to be built over the sandpit which will allow our students sun and rain protection:)

Reminder:

Next BOT meeting- Thursday 23 May 2019 @ 6.30pm

Have a great week!

Regards

Andrew Sinclair.

What's on?

13 -17 May	Swimming every day Yr 2-4 students
17 May	Nominations close BOT 12.00noon
17 May	Pink Shirt day
20 -24 May	Swimming every day Yr 2-4 students
23 May	BOT Hui 6.30pm
24 May	Team Pito Mata Assembly 2.15pm
29 May	NZEI Teachers Strike
31 May	Kawaha House Stem Challenge
3 June	Queens Birthday (School closed)
6 June	School photos

SCHOOL FEES

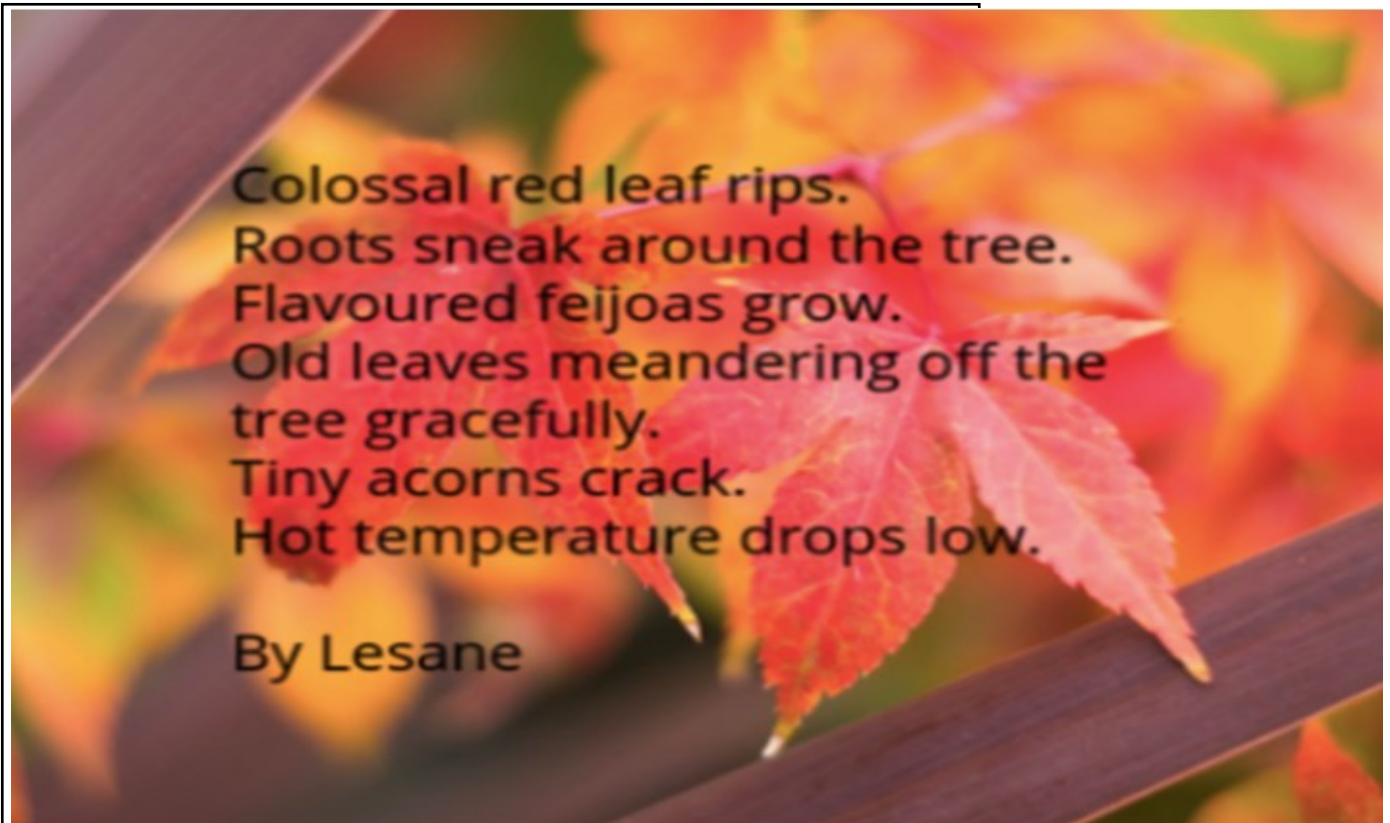
Thank you to all families who have their accounts up to date and have paid the 2019 fees already.

Our bank account number is **03 0415 0446573 00**

Our Activity/ Resource Fee is \$60 for the year (or \$15.00 per term) and our donation is \$15.00 for the year.

You are welcome to set up an automatic payment for this year's fees (use your family or child's name as a reference).

Please see Janine in the office if you have a query regarding your account.



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Student of the Fortnight

10 May 2019

Congratulations to the following students -

- Zuhayr Buksh
- Braxton Thompson
- Brooklyn Moses
- Livvy Little
- Sapphire George
- Levi McGregor
- Kalani Raharuhi
- Kelly-Anne Pinder
- Lance O'Sullivan
- Khryton Janssen
- Tahana Jackson-Williams
- Layton Waitoa
- Daejah Ohlson
- Anaru Hemana
- Che'cardia Taoho



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