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Can we as a school say a big thank you for all the ideas and and input that family and whānau has put forward around what our new school values could and do look, sound and feel like at home and in the community. This information is helping to shape the way in which we support positive behaviours to be fostered across our school and community. Walking through the grounds and classrooms I have noted the way in which our students show these towards each other and the adults in their contexts. When at times people can forget to use these values, it has been great to see and hear our students reminding each other about their positive use or seeking support from their teachers or duty staff. Keep up the good job team and remember to talk to your families about what they mean and how you put them into practice.

This term we have been actively involved in a whole raft of opportunities already. Keep an eye out for the upcoming events by checking in with the online calendar as this frequently changes. Just off the top of my head we have; Y 7-8 camp, Marlborough athletics and an assembly next week, followed by Technology challenges, Operation Teddy Bear, a group of visiting principals, speech competitions and a PTA meeting the week after. It's so good to see so many opportunities for students and families to get actively involved in our school and wider community.

School Pool and pool keys - we have heard from a couple of families that they would like to rent pool keys and be on a roster to look after the pool over the summer period. To make this viable we really need numbers and names confirmed as soon as possible. Please contact Amy in the office over the next week if you or your family would like to be part of this opportunity so that this can go ahead. We are so fortunate to have this amazing school resource and we want to see it utilised as much as possible. Given that, please start sending your child(ren) to school with their togs and towel starting Monday just in case they are able to get in each day, weather and time depending.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone, we're half way there.

Ngā mihi mahana

Nic Walker

Tumuaki - Principal

Term 4

WEEK 6 18 - 22 NOV		YEAR 7/8 CAMP	YEAR 7/8 CAMP	YEAR 7/8 CAMP	YEAR 7/8 CAMP
		MARL ATHLETICS (SENIORS)			ASSEMBLY - REWAREWA
WEEK 7 25 - 29 NOV			OPERATION TEDDY BEAR		INTER-SCHOOL SPEECH COMP
WEEK 8 02 - 08 DEC		YEAR 8 BOYS TO MBC			CUDDON TECH CHALLENGE
					ASSEMBLY - MANUKA
WEEK 9 09 - 13 DEC	Y8 DINNER		Y6 TECH TASTER		EOY ASSEMBLY
WEEK 10 16 -	WATERFIGHT	LAST DAY OF TERM 4			

Limited spaces now open

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Guitar

Ti Kōuka

Leah Waddington - Year 0 - 1

Kia ora Ti Kōuka whānau! We've had a very busy term 4, but have been cracking back into our learning. A few notes for families to please keep in mind...

Please ensure you are sending reading books back to school every morning, even if you have not read with your child the evening before. We are teaching from a relatively new reading program, and have a small amount of books to share between 3 classes. There have been several times where students need to share (meaning someone won't get a book sent home), or we've had to skip a book because there are not enough)

We will be swimming Monday next week. Please send your child to school with a tog bag, togs, towel and goggles. If your child doesn't swim, please send them to school with their swim gear anyway, as we will gently work on getting all children used to water. Please contact me if you have any concerns.

Reading/Writing: The students are focusing on asking and writing questions. We have written questions using the question words 'How', and 'What', and are looking at question marks. The younger students are looking at what a word is, and leaving a big space between every word.

Every day students will work with the teacher on their specific reading level. Along with reading groups, all students take part in a half hour targeted phonics program each day.

Maths: We have broken up into maths groups and are learning a variety of different topics. Some are learning about numbers 0-10 and what the addition sign means.

Another group is consolidating counting on and back from numbers 0-30, and practising addition/subtraction equations by counting on and back. The last group is practising their 5x table, and counting on and back from numbers 100-1000.

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Ngā Mihi,
Leah



Makomako

Caroline Abbott - Year 2 - 3

Kia ora Makomako whānau,

Tamariki wrote some fabulous speeches on a variety of topics last week. I want to congratulate Maddison, Koby, Meia and Tamaki who stood on the stage and presented their speeches to the school.

The judges thought that they spoke clearly and justified their opinion with good reasons.

It was a shame that both the Grovetown School and Springcreek School sports days had to be cancelled yesterday.

Whaea Sarah and I will endeavour to organise something within school nearer the end of term to make up for this event.

Having completed 2 weeks of assessment in reading, writing and maths it has been very pleasing to see the progress tamariki have made since the last reporting point at the end of Term 2.

As the school year nears an end and the after-school commitments for some families increase I am going to continue to provide a structured, learning focussed classroom for the next 3 weeks to maintain normality and stability for the class. Christmas craft and activities will kick off in Week 9.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi, Caroline



Rewarewa

Julian Mason - Year 5 - 6

Kia ora e te whānau,

A big congratulation to all the students from Rewarewa who got up in front of their peers and presented their speeches. Not only were they well written, but a lot of thought an effort went into the presentation to make it an impact with their messages. A special congratulations to Kate, Olive, Aaron, Lexie, Charlotte and Quinn who got to the next level and presented in front of the whole school, with Olive and Quinn taking out first place for their year level, and Olive first overall for the school.

A similar effort for athletics last week. All of the hard work in training paid off and they showed the confidence in to try their best on the day, and represented themselves and the school with pride.

On Tuesday we visited Brayshaw Park to take part in activities all based around safety and wellbeing. This has prompted a few activities, like making sure your family has a fire evacuation plan. The students have been drawing the layout of their house and will discuss an evacuation plan next week.

Have a great weekend - Julian



Kowhai

Aaron Harrison - Year 7 - 8

The Kōwhai students are diving headfirst into camp prep, picking up all the important skills they'll need for their big adventure! They've been getting the hang of setting up and packing down tents, so they're ready for whatever comes their way. To boost their stamina, they're tackling Cemetery Hill, with everyone lugging around packs filled with milk bottles.

They're also sorting out their meal plans, and fingers crossed many have brought their own food, as they work together to map out a menu for the week to keep their energy up. This trip is shaping up to be one for the books!

Plus, the kids have been practicing how to set up gas burners and light them safely, making sure they don't burn themselves.

Dates to remember:

Tech Challenge on the 26th of November at the Tech Centre

Year 8 boys visit to MBC 9am- 11am

Year 8 Dinner- 9th of December at Dodson's 5.30pm

End of Year assembly 13th Friday 6pm

Have a wonderful weekend- Mr H





An excited and enthusiastic Makomako class, had a surprise visit in the garden today. First, some pea straw was collected, next everyone planted out Kumera slips, watered them in and mulched with pea straw. 2 tomato plants were carefully planted as well as 6 cauliflower seedlings. All plants were mulched and watered in well. Kai Pai everyone.



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