



## Please note:

### TEACHER ONLY DAY - MONDAY 7 SEPT CANCELLED

We have decided that the planned teacher only day on Monday 7 September will be cancelled, school will be open for learning as normal on that day. We make this decision based on the additional pressure closing school will have on families so soon after the move to Alert Level 2, and we realise that students have had a significant amount of time out of the classroom this year.

### FODS MEETING - CHANGE OF DATE

The FODS meeting originally planned for Monday 31 August has now been **rescheduled to Monday 7 September** at 7pm in the staffroom. We'd love to see a good turnout of parents to this meeting.

### KARATE LESSONS

We have been advised that after school Karate lessons will re-commence on our return to school. We do ask that parents wait outside the school grounds to collect their children from these lessons – the requirement remains the same as for school pick-ups. Please do not enter the hall or school grounds.

### FODS CALF CLUB MUFTI DAY

The new date for our FODS mufti day is **Friday 11 September**.

## Principal's Reflection

Kia Ora Koutou.

I am sure that you will all join me in looking forward to the move to Alert Level 2 next week. With the Government's announcement of this move we can confirm that we will open to ALL students from Monday 31 August.

As this period of distance learning comes to a close, I want to thank you for working with our staff to support your children's learning over this very unusual time. We appreciate that distance learning at home is not as ideal as face to face learning, and that managing this and working from home is a challenge - this has been a learning curve for us all.

**This newsletter contains important information about the return to school – please read it carefully.**

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Malcolm - Principal

### ALERT LEVEL 2 PROTOCOLS

From Monday, at Alert Level 2, we will return to the protocols that we had in place after the return in May. These are based on advice given to us by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. The details of these protocols are as follows:

**Staggered pick up times will resume** at the end of the day:

- **2:45pm - Year 3-8 students** dismissed to collect younger siblings and/or leave the grounds
- **2:55pm - Year 2** children dismissed
- **3:00pm - Year 1** children escorted to exit point

⇒ **Room 6 and Room 1** students will exit via the Great South Road gate – please meet your child near the crossing.

⇒ **Room 3 and Room 11** students will exit via the main gate – please meet your child near the office on Young Crescent.

⇒ **Room 2 and Room 12** students will exit via the Room 2 gate on Youngs Crescent.

⇒ **Room 21** will exit via the Acorn 4 gate, just along from the main gate on Youngs Crescent.

**Parents are asked not to enter the school grounds at pick up and drop off times** (morning and afternoon), **except for Room 21 parents** who may escort their child to class in the morning via the Acorn 4 gate near the classroom. We ask that you do not enter the classroom. The reason for these changes is to avoid the need for staff to contact trace each adult on site, this is very difficult to manage.

If parents need to enter the school grounds for any reason, they must report to the school office to sign in. We do ask that you also download and make use of the Covid 19 Tracing App, codes are displayed around the school.

**School buses** will run as normal, we have been advised that students are not required to wear masks on school buses. We do keep a record of all students travelling by bus for contact tracing purposes. Murphy's Buses have informed us that sanitiser remains available on buses and that drivers will be required to wear masks during bus journeys.

**Drink Bottles** will once again be required, as fountains will be closed under level 2. Please ensure that your child brings a bottle of water each day.

**Handwashing and/or sanitising** will be required regularly for students and staff under level 2. Soap and paper towels are accessible in all toilets and sanitiser is provided in classrooms.

**Physical distancing** is required to the extent that children are staying out of the "**moist breath zone**" of others. That means we will be cautious about the choice of activities, such as events that require children to be seated closely together, while we remain at Alert Level 2.

**Year 7/8 Technology** will commence on Monday 31 August at Papakura Intermediate. Students will be required to maintain good hygiene practices such as handwashing and sanitising while on site. They will also be required to take their own stationery (pen/pencil/books) and devices as sharing such equipment will not be allowed. Papakura Intermediate have advised that when food preparation starts students will be asked to wear gloves when handling food.

**If your child is unwell they should stay home from school** and you should check with your GP or Healthline to see if your child needs to get tested (a reminder that Healthline is free to call - 0800 611 116 and they have people who speak many different languages). If you are recommended to get tested please do so – testing is free. We understand that seasonal allergies are around at the moment – again if this is an issue for your child we suggest that you seek medical advice on how to best manage this to avoid the unnecessary spreading of germs. A reminder that children are expected to be sneezing and coughing into the elbow – please practise this at home.

We can assure you that on our last return to school in May students quickly settled into the new routines and had a good understanding of why these were needed, thank you for your help in preparing them. Once again, we are sure that this return will go smoothly, we are all looking forward to having the students back in the classroom next week.

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## RETURN OF SCHOOL DEVICES

For those families that borrowed devices during Alert Level 3, please return these to the school office on Monday morning – it is important that we can quickly distribute these back into classrooms to support learning. Likewise, if you collected additional readers for distance learning, please return these to school with your child on Monday.

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## OXFORD PIE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to those families who were able to support the Oxford pie fundraiser. Orders will be delivered to school on Wednesday 9 September and sent home via the students.

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## 2021 ENROLMENTS

The Board have determined there will be a limited number of out of zone places for New Entrants (Year 1) and Year 3/4 students for 2021. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within our home zone.

- Parents of students starting school in 2021 who live within the school zone should ensure they have advised the school office no later than Wednesday 14 October.
- Siblings of current out-of-zone students who wish to apply for enrolment in 2021 need to complete an Out of Zone application form and ensure it is returned by the deadline date of Wednesday 14 October.

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## MATHS CHALLENGES

The answers to the questions in our last newsletter are:

Q1 The In-Between: You can put a decimal point in-between (that was a hard one!)

Q2 Big Spender: The hoodie costs \$125 and the shoes cost \$25

Q3 Pascal's Triangle: 6 is the missing number

We hope you enjoyed the maths challenges over the past few newsletters.



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